



A Look at the Church Year: What is Pre-Lent?

Bethlehem is beginning a time in the Church Year called “pre- Lent” or sometimes referred to as the “Gesima” Sundays. This is a time of transition in the church calendar between the season of Epiphany and the Season of Lent. *The Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Services* notes, The goal of this preliminary season is to strengthen faith in the hope and promise of the resurrection in preparation for the discipline of Lent. It thus maintains the benefit of the transfiguration as the disciples of Jesus descend the mountain with Him” (228).

For the next three Sundays we will prepare ourselves for the penitential season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22). These next three Sundays have historically been known by their Latin names: Septuagesima (within 70 days of Easter), Sexagesima (within 60 days fo Easter); and Quinquagesima (within fifty days of Easter).

But don’t be intimidated or burdened by the Latin names. The point is that even in this time preparing for Lent our attention is being directed to the events of Holy Week and Easter, what our Lord accomplished for us by His death and Resurrection. This is incorporated into our baptismal life in Christ as “We were buried with Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4).

What to look forward to in the coming Sundays’ Gospel Lessons:
Septuagesima (February 5): The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard.
Sexagesima (February 12): The Parable of the Sower.
Quinquagesima (February 19) Our Lord Foretells His Passion, Cross and Resurrection.

What else might you notice during this season? The color remains green until Ash Wednesday. Much like Lent and Advent the Gloria in Excelsis is put away until Easter. The same is true for the Alleluias which are put away until Easter. The Benedictus replaces the Te Deum Laudamus in Matins (which we pray in chapel at Bethlehem Lutheran School).

As with all things and in every season of the Church Year, in Pre-Lent we continue to be pointed to Christ and His Work for us, to be taught and catechized, and to be strengthened in our faith in the hope and promise of the Resurrection, even as we prepare for the discipline of Lent. May God bless the hearing and preaching of His Word and the reception of His gifts this season and always.

Rev. Samuel Wirgau



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February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:15 Chapel 7p Brief Spoken Service Adult Choir Prac- tice	2	3	4
5 9 a Divine Ser- vice 10:15a ABC & SS 11:15 Ladies Meeting	6 6p PTL Meeting 7p Handbell Choir Practice	7	8 10:15 Chapel 7p Brief Spoken Service Adult Choir Prac- tice	9	10	11
12 9 a Divine Ser- vice 10:15 ABC & SS 11:15a Board of Elders Meeting	13 7p Handbell Choir Practice	14 	15 10:15 Chapel 7p Brief Spoken Service Adult Choir Prac- tice	16 5:30p Board of Education Meet- ing	17 NO School Teacher In- Service	18
19 9 a Divine Ser- vice 10:15 ABC & SS Ladies Aid Soup and Bake Sale	20 NO School Presidents Day 7p Handbell Choir Practice	21	22 10:15 Chapel 7p Ash Wednes- day Service Adult Choir Prac- tice	23	24	25
26 9 a Divine Sev 10:15 ABC & SS 11:15a Church Council Meeting Ladies Aid 100th	27 7p Handbell Choir Practice	28				

February 3, 2023

BETHLEHEM FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund (Home Fund) Account to Pay Operating Bills \$18,131.69

Savings Fund Balances

	Accrued Amount	Restricted Amount Borrowed	Account Balance
Improvement Fund	\$17,101.54	(\$ 0.00)	\$17,101.54
Scholarship Fund	\$ 5,232.15	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 5,232.15
Music Fund	\$ 5,185.78	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 5,185.78
	<u>\$ 2,369.00</u>	<u>(\$ 0.00)</u>	<u>\$ 2,369.00</u>
TOTALS	\$29,888.47	(\$ 0.00)	\$29,888.47

Checkbook Balance

\$18,131.69

Savings Account Balance

\$29,888.47

Total Savings and Checking Balance

\$48,020.16

Borrowed Amounts

Restricted Savings Account	\$ 0.00
Operating Loan Amount	\$ 0.00
TOTAL BORROWED	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Bills due week of February 5—\$5,000

Bills due week of February 12—\$15,000



February 5, 2023 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-9; Matthew 5:13-20
“Beyond Our Imagination!” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9 Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer In a

world of self-created “gods,” the Good News of Jesus Christ stands apart as something immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. We are privileged to remember and revisit the Good News of a Savior whose sacrificial love and activity in our lives is Beyond Our Imagination!

February 12, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Psalm 125; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-30 “The Choice” - Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 30:1-20 Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III There is a choice confronting all of humanity. This is the choice Moses set before the Israelites when he told them to choose between “life and good, death and evil.” On our own we could not choose correctly. But thank God, he leads us to make the right choice.

February 19, 2023 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9 “Listen to Him” - Sermon Text: Matthew 17:5 Rev. Thomas Eggold The Transfiguration of Jesus was not only an encouragement to Peter, James, and John as they faced the horrible reality of the cross, but it is, in the present, an encouragement to us as we bear our own.

February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent Psalm 32:1-7; Genesis 3:1-21; Matthew 4:1-11 “Two Temptations” - Sermon Text: Genesis 3:1b Rev. Shayne Jonker Today is a tale of two temptations: of Adam and of Christ, the first Adam and the second Adam really. The first fell, and with his fall came sin and death for all. The second stood firm, and with His stand comes righteousness and justification for all.

February



- 01 Joyce Schaper
- 03 Jennifer Lukins
- 04 Denise Schumm
- 05 David Brege
- 06 Joshua Boehm
- 08 Keith Krick
- 09 Pat Meyer
- 10 Ralph Bauermeister
- 11 Cynthia Nahrwold
Deb Patrick
Dean Stoppenhagen
- 12 Michael Bultemeier
- 13 Linda Bultemeier
Jason Glisson
Judy Moehring
Melissa Tolson
Bruce Werling
- 14 Rick Meyer
- 15 Megan Morrow
Leon Werling
- 16 Christine Biggs
Nick Fuller
- 18 Judy Clausen
- 19 Milton Gallmeyer
- 20 Martha Bauermeister
- 22 Charlotte Bultemeier
- 24 Hildegard Bauermeister
- 25 Stephanie Conrad
Jonathon Fuhrmann
- 26 Emily Sands
Leah Werling
- 27 Wellesley Brege
Rick Krumma
- 28 Rylee Werling



**The Endowment Committee thanks the Lord and the congregation
for the generous gifts to the Endowment Fund.**

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation that just became available today. The following information is accurate as of December 31, 2022:

\$190,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009

177,883.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

213,954.44 - Amount generated since 2009

-104,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$478,265.26 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2022

Enjoy the convenience of Electronic Giving!

Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

If you wish to make a single online donation or set up recurring donations, you may do so on our website, www.bethlehemossian.org through our third-party provider-Vanco Payment Solutions. Online giving may be done as a credit card payment or ACH bank transfer. Please note, the church will incur a \$0.45 processing fee on each online transaction. Credit card transactions will be charged at least 2.75% fee. For ACH bank transfers, there is a fee of 1% of each dollar charged. This may affect how you wish to direct your online donations. You may also elect to increase your gift to cover the cost of the transaction fees.

2023 ALTAR SCHEDULE has been posted on the bulletin board or see Amy Schueler or Tisha Laley to sign up. Please consider helping prepare the altar for a few weeks or a month. We are happy to show you how to do this. Thank you.

2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW POSTED Members are reminded to sign up for flowers to be placed on the Altar or Hymn board table. Simply use the 2021 flower chart posted on the bulletin board to sign up on the date you wish to have flowers. Purchased flowers should be brought to church before the designated date to be sure they are placed properly. For help in placing the flowers, please contact Tisha Laley or Amy Schueler. **Announcements concerning the flowers should be given to the church office.** Thank you

Happy Anniversary!

Feb. 3 Dave and Ronda Flesch (39)
Feb. 11 Doyle and Laura Werling (61)
Feb. 12 Tom and Colleen Patrick (51)
Feb. 14 Randy and LeeAnn Steele (27)
Feb. 21 Ryan and Kari Baker (14)
Feb. 25 Charles and Melissa Tolson (28)



Elder Routes

Bruce Werling	A-B
Glen Werling	C-F
Ted Schumm	G-K
Jerry Meyer	L-P
Lloyd Meyer	Q-S
Dave Flesch	T-Z



This is the time of year when Bethlehem Lutheran School looks to encourage all its friends to consider taking advantage of the SGO tax law by making significant gifts. Since 2010, the State of Indiana has permitted a direct, 50% tax credit, for residents who donate to create guaranteed scholarships for students in

need. In effect, your Indiana tax bill can be reduced by an amount equal to half of any gift you give for scholarships. That keeps tax money in your hands to be given to the school of your choice. Your gifts are used by schools to provide tuition dollars for students to attend their school of choice. Like all regular tuition payments, SGO tuition scholarship dollars help fund the school's budget. Gifts for SGO scholarships need to be sent through The Lutheran SGO of Indiana. Visit their website at www.lutheranSGO.org for online/stock giving or send a check with "Bethlehem Lutheran School" in the memo line to PO Box 5174, Fort Wayne, IN 46895. Thank you

LWML NEWS

Registration now open for the LWML National Convention to be held in Milwaukee June 22 – 25, 2023 at lwml.org/2023-convention.

Also, it is not too late to GET ON THE BUS for traveling to the convention. Full bus information is available at lwmlindiana.org or you may contact Marilyn Bulmahn at 260-919-5007.

SAVE THE DATES...more information to come.

March 18th Faith – Roanoke Saturday 9:00 AM Decatur Zone Prayer Service.

April 14-15th LWML Indiana District Retreat at The Brown County Inn, Nashville, Indiana.

April 22nd Bethlehem-Ossian Saturday, Decatur Zone Spring Rally

September 16th St John-Bingen Saturday, Decatur Zone SRD Workshop

October 14th Zion-Friedheim Saturday, Decatur Zone Fall Rally

Send all money collected for mites, Quarterly, scholarship and all donations to the newly elected Financial Secretary: Rachel Huebschman, 241 E Robert E Lee Day Road, Santa Claus, IN 47579 57tigger22@gmail.com Make checks payable to LWML Indiana District. Thank you.

As you may know, the LWML Mission Goal for the 2021–2023 biennium is \$2,150,000.

We have great news!

We are filled with gratitude and joy as we announce that God has worked through your generosity and stewardship to **surpass this goal**. The Mite offerings you have shared now total \$2,154,511! Let's break this BIG praise report down into small but mighty details:

Each time you choose to give to LWML Mission Grants, you are directly pouring God's mercy and message into the lives of others – some you may know and others you may never meet. The people you are helping range in age from little children to the elderly, and their homes are located across the globe. Some recipients may be right in your neighborhood, others are men, women, and children living abroad. No matter their age, or how near or far, God knows the needs of every single person.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

We continue to praise God for His provision and for your generosity in stewarding the gifts you have been given. Thank you for coming alongside LWML as together we proclaim Christ, support missions, equip women, and serve others!

If you would like to take a look at the various ministries the 2021–2023 Mission Grants are supporting, please visit our website: www.lwml.org/mission-grants.

Warm a Seminarian's Heart, by helping the Seminary Guild of Concordia Theological Seminary warm his meal. The Guild's adopted project for 2023 is to provide four industrial microwaves for the students – two for the Dining Hall and two for the Student Commons. Cost of this project is \$1400. If you would like to contribute, please send your check, payable to Concordia Theological Seminary Guild, to: Concordia Theological Seminary Guild, Box 8, 6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Mark the memo line of your check "annual adopted project." Thank you for supporting this project as you are able.

Women's Group sponsored Book Club: If you like murder mysteries you're in for a treat! Join us for a thrilling book club adventure reading "Murder at the Vicarage" by Agatha Christie. Check out the flyer in today's newsletter for more information. We will have a **group** message going throughout the **book** for comments/questions then meet in person at Crimson House on Saturday March 4. (anyone can join)



RIGHT TO LIFE
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

Save the Date

MARCH 10TH, 2023

6:30 PM

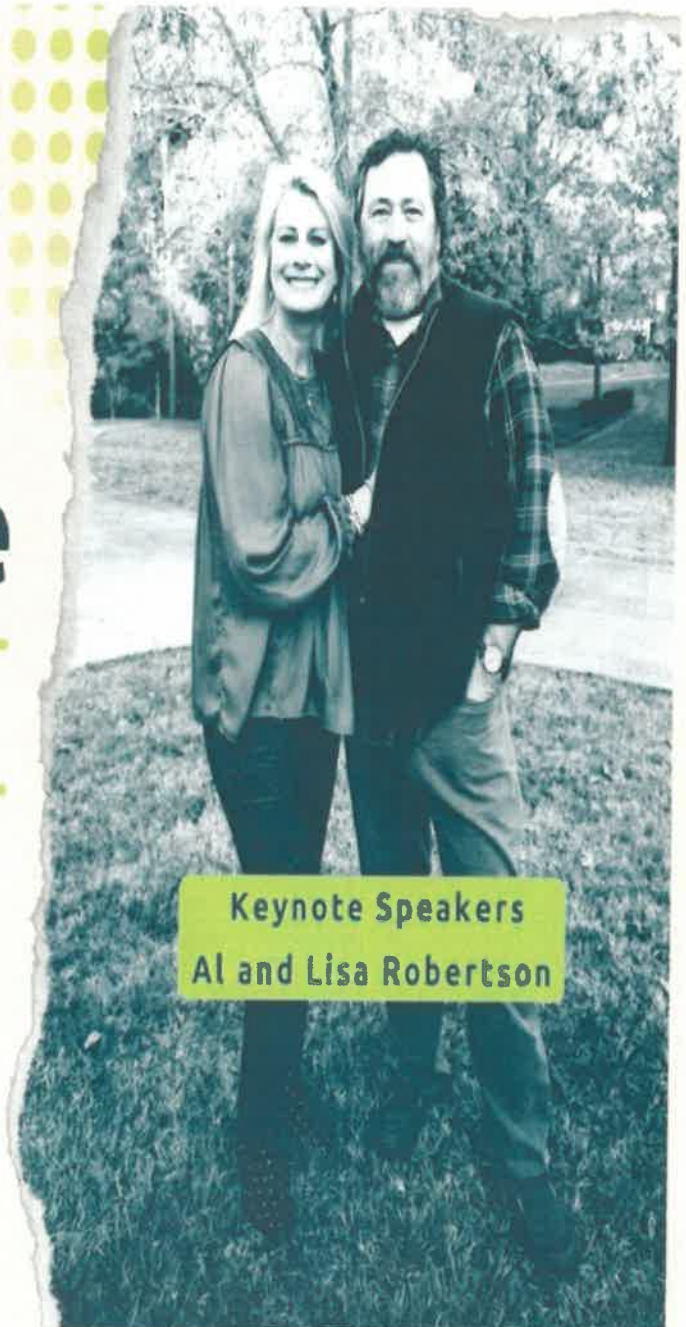
WELLS COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY CENTER



**FOR MORE
TICKET INFORMATION**

260-471-1849

www.ichooselife.org



Keynote Speakers

Al and Lisa Robertson

Mite Challenge Calendar



THEY SHALL SEE GOD: *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (Matthew 5:8)."*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>List five names or attributes of God!</p> <p>Donate 95¢</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Read Mark 8:18</p> <p>Donate 35¢</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Look through your favorite photo album.</p> <p>Donate 60¢</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Rest your eyes and say a prayer of thanks for them.</p> <p>Donate 75¢</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Make your annual eye exam appointment.</p> <p>Donate 25¢</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sing "Open My Eyes That I May See".</p> <p>Donate 40¢</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Put on sunglasses and go for a walk.</p> <p>Donate 50¢</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Play "Peek a Boo" with a baby.</p> <p>Donate 50¢</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Thank God for the people you see around you!</p> <p>Donate 25¢</p>	<p>14</p> <p>What is the color of the eyes of someone you love?</p> <p>Donate 95¢</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Look out the window. Do you see His sunshine?</p> <p>Donate 30¢</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Clean your eyeglasses.</p> <p>Donate 90¢</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bring a new picture book to a small child.</p> <p>Donate 20¢</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Visit shut-ins and bring them valentines.</p> <p>Donate 85¢</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Share your favorite Gospel story with a child.</p> <p>Donate 55¢</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Read about God's work through the LCMS missionaries.</p> <p>Donate 40¢</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bring a cup of 'eye opening' coffee to a friend.</p> <p>Donate 60¢</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ash Wednesday! Read an LWML Lent devotion.</p> <p>Donate 45¢</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Read the first chapter of a new book.</p> <p>Donate 50¢</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Random Acts of Kindness Day. Help a friend.</p> <p>Donate 25¢</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bake your favorite recipe. Share it with a friend.</p> <p>Donate 80¢</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Offer a prayer for your congregation.</p> <p>Donate 65¢</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Eat an eye healthy dinner.</p> <p>Donate 35¢</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Read Matthew 13:16.</p> <p>Donate 55¢</p>		<p>23</p> <p>Read Matthew 5:16.</p> <p>Donate 20¢</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Read about the upcoming 2023 LWML Convention!</p> <p>Donate 75¢</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Sew an eyeglass case for Most Ministries.</p> <p>Donate 25¢</p>

Book Club

sponsored by Women's Group

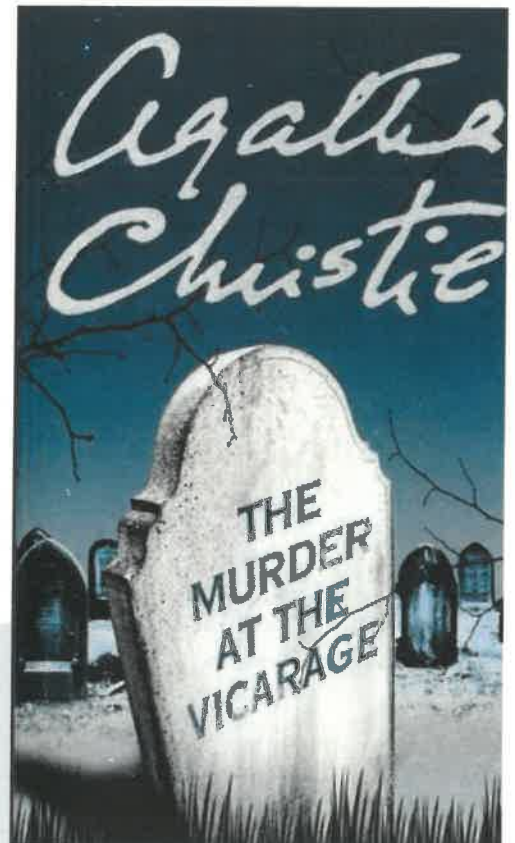
**anyone can participate*



THE MURDER AT THE VICARAGE BY AGATHA CHRISTIE

Miss Marple encounters a compelling murder mystery in the sleepy little village of St. Mary Mead, where under the seemingly peaceful exterior of an English country village lurks intrigue, guilt, deception and death.

Colonel Protheroe, local magistrate and overbearing landowner is the most detested man in the village. Everyone--even in the vicar--wishes he were dead. And very soon he is--shot in the head in the vicar's own study. Faced with a surfeit of suspects, only the inscrutable Miss Marple can unravel the tangled web of clues that will lead to the unmasking of the killer.



HOW IT WORKS

- PURCHASE THE BOOK (AUDIO, EBOOK OR PHYSICAL COPY)
 - WE WILL HAVE A GROUP TEXT GOING TO BOUNCE BACK QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.
 - WE WILL MEET IN PERSON AT CRIMSON HOUSE **SATURDAY, MARCH 4** TO DISCUSS THE BOOK IN PERSON.
- CONTACT DEACONESS WENDY BOEHM TO JOIN: 260-415-8526**

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Otsego, Michigan



February 2023

BY DEACONESS WENDY BOEHM

January has quickly come and gone, we have had our regular bible studies. As February approaches, we are planning a ski trip with a few of the other youth groups in the area. Details will be provided soon. Finishing out the year there will be a lock in/lock out in March, Cedar Point in May and VBS this summer.

We are also planning some future fundraisers including Lenten suppers and Easter Breakfast. Funding received will help to aid the youth in future events and updating the youth room. We will be painting and updating in the near future.

Thank You!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Donuts:
Ian Tolson

February 12:
LYF Bible Study

TBD:
Ski Trip

February 26:
LYF Bible Study

"Where are they now?"

Field Worker Edition

In honor of Delores Scheumann and in memory of Rev. William Brege

Wow! It certainly doesn't seem like it, but it has been 30 years since my fieldwork experience with the saints at Bethlehem – Ossian. So much has happened in that time. Here's a short sketch: Sara and I were married in July of 1994 just prior to my ordination (preached by Pastor Brege!) and assuming my first call to Zion Lutheran in Tomball, TX. The Lord has blessed us with 2 wonderful sons. Matthew is now 27. He graduated from Simpson College, Indianola, IA in 2018 with a BS in Physics and then from Iowa State University in 2020 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He's living in Osage, IA and is the packaging engineer / production manager at A to Z Drying – a company that produces agricultural insecticides. Benjamin is 20 and in the middle of his sophomore year at Iowa State, pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering. Right now, he is serving a Co-op / internship at Champion Spark Plug in Burlington, IA. His claim to fame is being on TV when ESPN had their College Game Day program on campus in Ames before the Iowa State – Iowa game in 2021.

Sara continues as the director of our preschool at Faith Lutheran and manages to keep track of her 3 "boys." I am in my 17th year as pastor of Faith Lutheran here in Mt. Pleasant. After 3 years in Texas the Lord called me to serve in Marshalltown, IA (1997-99). Then as some might remember, we came back to Ft. Wayne where I served in the Admission Office at the seminary. What a joy it was during that time to be able to fill-in, on occasion, for Pastor Brege! We then moved to Mt. Pleasant in June of 2006.



The family pic is just a year old. The scene is Sara's parents' driveway in New Albany, IN; about Christmas 2021. Left to right there is Ben, Matt, Sara and myself. The picture on the left is of the church I serve. It was taken December 25th, 2022. We had a white Christmas!

I will always treasure my time serving, working with, and learning from, the saints at Bethlehem – Ossian, especially the tutelage of Pastor Brege. God's blessings to you all and on your service in His kingdom. I look forward to gathering with you (and Pastor Brege!) around heaven's throne (if not before ☺).

Rev. Michael R. Scudder

Rev. Michael R. (Mike) Scudder
Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA
Bethlehem – Ossian Fieldworker, 1990 -1992



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& DRINKS

FREE WILL
OFFERING

PROCEEDS TO
DEBT
REDUCTION

SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SERVING 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

**AT ZION, FRIEDHEIM'S
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
10653 NORTH 550 WEST
DECATUR, INDIANA**

CARRYOUT WILL BE AVAILABLE

**PLAN TO SHOP AT THE
CRAFT SALE**



VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**Support Your
Community On Your
Time Schedule**

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**To Join Our
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Contact Us Today!**

**Jenna Monhaut
Volunteer Coordinator**

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By volunteering and giving your time, you can make a significant impact on the quality of life for others. Our volunteers provide a variety of supportive services in different settings and are indispensable members of our team.

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In the home, volunteers may:

- Visit patients and provide companionship
- Read or sing to patients
- Help with light housekeeping
- Provide emotional/spiritual support
- Work on life-history projects
- Sit with patients to relieve caregivers

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In the office, volunteers may:

- File and do light office work
- Answer the phone & make calls to patients

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TIGER TALES

"Making Disciples for Life"



The 7th and 8th grade students along with Pastor Dodgers took a fieldtrip to the Northern Wells Food Pantry to deliver the items collected by the school for a chapel service project. The students helped to unload and carry in all of the items along with organizing some of the shelves. The staff at the Food Pantry were very appreciative of their help. Please see the letter attached thanking the students and staff of Bethlehem.



CALENDAR

Feb. 1 Spelling Bee
Feb. 6 PTL Meeting
Feb. 17 No School-Teacher In-Service
Feb. 20 No School President's Day
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
Feb. 27-Mar. 10 K-6 Achievement Testing

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 17 Madeline Schumm
Feb. 25 Jon Fuhrmann



Weather permitting the students will be going outside for recess time. Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather.

Potential delays and cancellations for Bethlehem will follow the same as Northern Wells Community Schools. Sign up for text alerts at www.wane.com/text-alerts.



Elearning will be assigned on designated closings.

Bethlehem will be closed February 17 for a Teacher In-Service and February 20th for President's Day. No E-learning assigned.



Please help our school. Bethlehem Lutheran School has begun a fundraiser through SchoolStore.net. If you wish to donate directly to the school, purchase gift cards to multiple online shopping sources, or purchase many gift items use this link: <https://bit.ly/3Wn7U8c> to access our specific SchoolStore account. YES, you can also apply SCRIP purchases to the gift cards you buy here, doubling your benefit to the school. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Meyer @ pmeyer@bethlsossian.org Thank you for your support.

PTL Events

Please plan to attend the PTL meeting scheduled for Monday, February 6th at 6:00 p.m. with a meet and greet afterwards with Pastor Dodgers.

The 6th/7th/8th Grade Washington DC Group will be selling Pork Chop tickets for Sunday, March 5th. We will begin selling tickets on February 12th. The cost is \$11.00 per meal, which includes an Ossian Meats Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Applesauce, Roll and Cookie. Thank you so much for your support!

Bethlehem families who shop at Kroger are encouraged to Sign up today!

Shop at Kroger and help the Bethlehem Lutheran School tuition assistance fund with the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com, be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with Bethlehem Lutheran School as your organization for the reward. **The NPO number for Bethlehem is WG595#.**

If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered card when shopping for each purchase to count.

PLAN TO USE SCRIP FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS Parents are encouraged to use the online "ShopwithScrip" app to buy and reload gift cards or for orders, contact our Scrip coordinator, Melissa Price at 260-433-5307. Over the years, we have been able to financially support the church general fund and participating school families who have applied credits toward their child's tuition.



Box Tops for Education - Use the app (BTFE.com), and scan your receipt to give credits to the school. Thank you



Help our 7th and 8th graders raise funds for their Washington D.C. class trip!

Please save your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, old phone books, office/school papers and hard/soft cover books. Along with cereal type boxes (NO CARDBOARD). Bring your recyclable paper to school and dispose of in our "PaperGator."

The recycling company pays by the ton so the more you feed our Gator, the more funds we can collect!

If you need help with pick up for large amounts, please call the school and we will make arrangements to help you.

Let your family, neighbors, and friends know!

Thank you



The third Quarter Chapel offering is for the Weber Fund.

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The John Weber Memorial Teacher Support Fund is a fund created in honor of John Weber, principal at Central Lutheran, New Haven. This fund is established to help new teachers in the Northeast Indiana partnership of schools. Mr. Weber was a strong supporter of Lutheran Education and future church workers. Money given to this fund is awarded to new teachers to help with moving and living expenses as they begin their careers in church work.

Principal's Message



It's great to be at Bethlehem Lutheran School!

Lutheran Schools Week was off to a great start last week! On Monday, we celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up like we were 100 years old. I doubt there has ever been that many canes in the school at the same time. We ended the day with our chapel families completing a Bible verse scavenger hunt throughout the school. On Tuesday, we dressed in our favorite colors and in the afternoon students showed off their storytelling and acting talents by improvising skits. Each chapel family was given a box of props and a sentence to set the scene. We saw some very creative and funny performances.

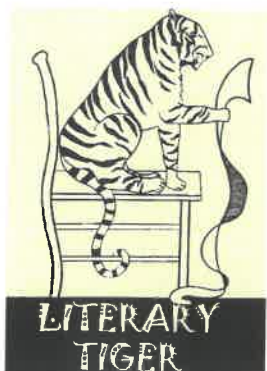
But then, the snow came. And Wednesday was cancelled. And Thursday was cancelled. And Friday was cancelled. However, we couldn't bring ourselves to completely cancel Lutheran Schools Week, because we love our school. So, this week, we're finishing our celebrations. As I write this on Tuesday, we had fun with books today. We dressed up as favorite book characters and in the afternoon students read books to each other in their chapel families. On Wednesday, we will "dress our best" for chapel and our annual spelling bee. Finally, on Friday, we'll end the week with a school-wide game in the gym.

Being gone from our school for three snow days didn't feel right, because it really is great to be at Bethlehem Lutheran School. Lutheran schools are not just places where you pass tests and get grades. And even though we do have lots of fun here, like the activities for Lutheran Schools Week, it's also not just a place where you kill time playing games. A Lutheran school is a place where Jesus Christ is at the center of what we say and do. It's a place where the Bible is read, where we pray every day, and where the love of our Savior is shared with all. A Lutheran school is where God's children are taught within the family of the Christian Church. So, it's definitely great to be here.

Let us pray for Bethlehem and all our Lutheran schools:

O God, Source of all abiding knowledge, through Your Word and Spirit You both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom You draw to Your service. Look with favor on the schools of the Church, blessing those who teach and those who learn, that all the baptized may apply themselves with ready diligence to their tasks and faithfully fulfill their service according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Dodgers



Tales for Tigers

This month we are sharing book reviews from Mr. Meyer's 5/6th graders! The students each chose a mystery novel to read, and built a diorama representing a key scene from the story. They were told not to give spoilers, but many of these book selections were found in our school library, so if you are intrigued you can check out the book and find out "whodunit" for yourself.

From Emma Wirgau,

"Murder on the Orient Express" by Agatha Christie

A man is murdered on the Orient Express. M. Poirot and M. Bouc have to find out who murdered Samuel Edward Ratchett. The train is stuck in the snow and the only clues are a pipe cleaner, a handkerchief with the letter 'H' on it, and that the murdered man was stabbed 12 times with a knife. The suspects are Hector MacQueen, the conductor Piere Michel, Edward Masterman, Mrs Hubbard, Greta Olrsan, Princess Dragamiroff, Count Andrenyi, Countess Adrenyi, Colonel Arbuthnot, Mrs Hardman, Antonio Foscarelli, Mary Debehram, and Hildegard Schmidt. After lots and lots of thinking and finding more clues M. Poirot discovers that the murderer is . . . READ THE BOOK!



From Kyndal Fuller, "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie
The book I am reading is called "And Then There Were None." It is a murder mystery. And this group of people are taken to an Island. This Island is abandoned and only has one single mansion.

There is a pathway right out of the sea that leads to the mansion. The group of people go to the mansion. Then during their stay they die ONE by ONE. A nursery rhyme will come and when it comes they die.

From Savannah Fuller, The Black Stallion

Alec and Henry go to Spain to find out more about a horse. They meet this guy and he is really creepy. They find something out and then they ask and the guy drops them off in a place with cliffs. They are scared.



From Paizley Price, "The Clockwork Sparrow"

This room represents the exhibit hall, which the Clockwork Sparrow and other jewels were displayed before a robbery took place where the Clockwork Sparrow and the jewels went missing. The night of the robbery a boy was shot. He was taken to the hospital and as he was starting to get better someone unplugged his monitors, resulting in him dying. The night he was shot, Sofie was in the exhibit hall late because she left a friend's jacket that she was supposed to wash for him and went back to get it, so he didn't get in trouble, she dropped her pin while in there. The next day she was accused of murder and theft.



The other room is the room Sofie was locked in by the bad guys. They gassed her and kidnapped her. Before she was gassed, she heard the bad guys talk about how the clock maker, who was murdered in the beginning of the story, helped them. Sofie found a secret tunnel and got out of the room and went to the stores opening party because she heard the bad guys talking about setting off a bomb at the party. She put one and one together and found the bomb was in the clock. She told some people at the party and quickly got the clock and bomb out. Now I'm not going to tell you the rest the book to find out where the Clockwork Sparrow and jewels were taken and who murdered the boy read the story!



From Lucas Werling, "Green glass House" by Kate Milford From CH. 5:

"Now Mrs. Hereward was at the table with Georgie and Wilbur. Milo and Meddy were by the tree making plans to find the thief that stole Milo's chart. Mrs. Hereward told a story called 'The Roamer and the Specter.' Wilbur and Georgie listened to her talk around the table."

Milo listened to Mrs. Hereward and she said, 'There once was a guy named Julian who hated getting stones in his shoes because of the broken road. He wished he could be the mayor so he could fix the broken road. Right then, a shooting star came by and asked, "You want to be a mayor just because of a broken road? That seems a little too much of a wish Julian."'

Read the book to find out if Julian became mayor or not.

From Vinny Fuhrmann,
"The Hound of the Baskervilles" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle





Additional 5-6 book report diorama's as pictured left to right:
Ivan Bales, Caroline Haiflich, Micah Leamon, Daisy Glisson

Basketball has now come to an end with a fair season for both girls and boys. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time in helping at the tournaments. This was our 25th annual with a lot of positive feedback from other schools. A big thank you to our AD, Mr. Andy Price for all the hard work he put into scheduling teams and refs. Thank you to our coaches for their time and efforts in coaching our students. Thank you to everyone for your support and help in making this another successful tournament season. Players are reminded to please turn in uniforms to the school office as soon as possible.

Here are a few highlights from Lutheran Schools Week so far. Due to the snow cancellation days, events will continue throughout the following week. Stay tuned for more highlights!





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Dear Students and Staff of Bethlehem Lutheran School,

Thank you so much all the food and supplies you brought to the Northern Wells Food Pantry. Thanks for sending the young people to unload and shelve the goods, too! We served 25 families through the pantry last month. Because of your donations, these families were blessed in the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being the arms of God to these families. We are encouraged by your generosity!

No goods or services have been provided in exchange for your donation. We appreciate your support of our ministry.

Thank you for your contribution.

*Thanks!
We loved having the
8th graders helping
us with shelving
all the food!*

Betty Maloney, Secretary on behalf of
Northern Wells Food Pantry, Inc.



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Have a question? Contact our coordinator at: Melissa 433-5307