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Lenten Meditation on
 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (LSB 438)

The hymns we sing not only teach and confess the faith which we believe, but they also serve our meditation and contemplation of the truth of God's Word. This is a good practice all year long, but perhaps we like to increase our meditation and contemplation during the season of Lent. Our lenten hymns give us the opportunity to do just that. I would like to focus this month on the hymn, "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth," (LSB #438), appointed for Passion Sunday (April 2).

Paul Gerhardt (1607-76), an accomplished Lutheran hymn-writer of the 17th-Century, wrote this work as a pointed Passion hymn. Gerhardt himself knew many sorrows in his ministry and this hymn was composed toward the end of the devastating Thirty Years' War (1618-48). The crosses and sorrows that accompanied Gerhardt's life did not dissuade him from a clear confession of Christ; if anything they reinforced for Gerhardt God's faithfulness to His people in the midst of suffering.

To help guide our lenten meditation on the Passion of Christ I invite you to read (or sing) the text of LSB 438 and then read the following commentary for this hymn from Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns while also reading the Scripture references.

"A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth' is a profound example of Gospel comfort . . . [T]he core truth of the hymn: the love of God in offering His Son for our salvation. The four stanzas in LSB lead us through a dialogue between the Father and the Son that determines the final obedient sacrifice of the Son because of divine love. Such love leads the believer into an apostrophe to Love and an anticipation of union with the Lord as the Bride of Christ before the throne of heaven (stanza 4). Beyond all sin, suffering, pain or sorrow in this life, the Christian can anticipate salvation in Christ, leading to eternal joy in heaven."

Stanzas 1-3 sing "the love of God expressed in the sacrifice of the Lamb. The core themes of love and sacrifice are explained beginning with stanza 1, which reflects Isaiah 53:7-8 and John 1:29. It expands on the Communion hymn 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God' (LSB, p. 198). The dialogue of Father and Son reveals that God is love indeed (John 3:16; 1 John 4:8), and the Son's death is not due to God's fury but to saving love."

The final stanza emphasizes "the new life of the Christian. The blood, which flows from Christ's wounds . . . overcomes death's worst threats and leads the betrothed believer to anticipate the joy of heaven, where the Bride will stand with the Bridegroom, clothed in the royal purpose of the blood of Christ (Mark 2:19; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25; Revelation 19:7-8; 21:2)."

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March 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|-----|---|-----|---|----------------|
| | | | 1 10:15 Chapel 6p Lenten Supper 7p LentenService Adult Choir Practice | 2 | 3 | 4 9a Book Club |
| 5 9 a Divine Service 10:15a ABC & SS Pork Chop Carry out Dinner | 6 5:30p Board of Education Meeting NO Handbell Choir Practice | 7 | 8 10:15 Chapel 6p Lenten Supper 7p LentenService NO Adult Choir Practice | 9 | 10 6p Social Studies Fair | 11 |
| 12 9 a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS 11:15a Board of Elders Meeting | 13 6p PTL Meeting 7p Handbell Choir Practice | 14 | 15 10:15 Chapel 6p Lenten Supper 7p LentenService Adult Choir Practice | 16 | 17 Spring Break March 17-26 NO SCHOOL | 18 |
| 19 9 a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS | 7p Handbell Choir Practice | 21 | 22 10:15 Chapel 6p Lenten Supper 7p LentenService Adult Choir Practice | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9 a Divine Sev 10:15 ABC & SS 11:15a Church Council Meeting | 27 7p Handbell Choir Practice | 28 | 29 10:15 Chapel 6p Lenten Supper 7p LentenService Adult Choir Practice | 30 | 31 Teacher In Service NO SCHOOL 5:30p PTL – Parents vs Kids | |

March 3, 2023

BETHLEHEM FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund (Home Fund) Account to Pay Operating Bills (\$772.90)

Savings Fund Balances

| | Accrued Amount | Restricted Amount Borrowed | Account Balance |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Improvement Fund | \$18,356.01 | (\$ 0.00) | \$18,356.01 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$ 5,282.15 | (\$ 0.00) | \$ 5,282.15 |
| Music Fund | \$ 5,185.78 | (\$ 0.00) | \$ 5,185.78 |
| | <u>\$ 2,369.00</u> | (\$ 0.00) | <u>\$ 2,369.00</u> |
| TOTALS | \$31,292.94 | (\$ 0.00) | \$31,292.94 |

Checkbook Balance

(\$ 772.90)

Savings Account Balance

\$31,292.94

Total Savings and Checking Balance

\$30,520.04

Borrowed Amounts

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

Bills due week of March 6 - \$13,000

Bills due week of March 13—\$15,000



March 5, 2023 – 2nd
Sunday in Lent Psalm
121; Romans 4:1-8;
John 3:1-17 “Gospel in
a Nutshell” – Sermon
Text: John 3:1-17 –
Rev. Paul Shoemaker

John 3:16 is well known in the Christian community. But outside of the church this Bible reference has little meaning, if any. God, through the apostle John, has given us the words we need to clearly proclaim His Gospel message to all.

March 12, 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 95:1-9; Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-30,
39-42 “The Man at the Well” – Sermon
Text: John 4:5-30, 39-42 – Rev. William
Mueller John 4 gives us the beautiful de-
tails of an encounter a woman had with a
man at a well. In this encounter we enjoy a
window into the grace of God, and we ulti-
mately see this man at the well is no mere
man. He is the God-Man, Jesus Christ!

March 19, 2023 – 4th Sunday in Lent
Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-7,
13-17, 34-39 “The Measure of a Life” –
Sermon Text: John 9:3 – Rev. Dr. Thomas
Ahlersmeyer What makes for a good life?
One traveled on a smooth and successful
path? Or does Jesus have even something
greater in mind amidst the trials and strug-
gles we all face? We see what Jesus says
about The Measure of a Life.

March 26, 2023 – 5th Sunday in Lent
Psalm 130; Romans 8:1-4, 11; John 11:17-
44 “The Resurrection and the Life” – Ser-
mon Text: John 11:17-44 – Rev. Dr. Walter
Maier III Death is the enemy all of us must
face. We will, in fact, die. But more can be
said. Someone met and defeated Death for
us: Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life.

March

- 01) Dale Meyer
Cole Patrick
Sarena Wirgau
- 02) Jonathan Dathe
RieAnn Krinn
Arlene Werling
- 03) Kim Graft
Olivia Lambert
Lucas Werling
- 04) Jordan Flesch
Cynthia Hammond
Grayson Smith
Greyson Taylor
- 05) Betty Roembke
Vicki Schallhorn
- 06) Richard Brinkley
Jason Rekeweg
- 08) Kenneth Werling
- 09) Autumn Fisher
Michael Pursifull
Glen Werling
- 10) Brian Shelton
- 11) Lorie Bauermeister
Violet Boehm
- 13) Sheryl Bauermeister
- 15) David Flesch
- 16) Archer Todd
- 17) Preston Graham
Nicole Walda
- 18) Trent Aschliman
Adalyn Patrick
- 19) Sandra Graft
Diana Thorpe
Julie Werling
Tori Wiese
- 20) Burk Evans
Collin Laley
Phillip Werling
- 21) Donald Avey
Don Schueler
- 22) Vinny Fuhrmann
Makena Scheumann
- 25) Cindy Meyer
- 26) Landri Bauermeister
Nathanael Werling
- 29) Emily Anthony
- 30) Sarah Bauemeister
Debbie Coty
Chandler Green
- 31) Sheldon Meyer



**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 January 31, 2023:

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

177,883.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

226,515.45 - Amount generated since 2009

-104,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$490,826.27 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of January 31, 2023

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!

March 3 Andrew and Gay Stoppenhagen (22)

March 7 Don and Amy Schueler (19)

March 12 Brian and Kirsten Whitsitt (24)

March 14 Mark and Susan Sauer (42)

March 15 Mark and Kay Jackson (48)



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

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

March 18th Faith – Roanoke, Saturday Registration 8:30 AM.

9:00 AM. 2023 LWML Prayer Service “My Soul Rejoices”

A business meeting will follow with a luncheon served by the Faith ladies.

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

Registration is now available online at LWMLindiana.org>Upcoming Events>Spring Retreat 2023 Registration cost \$ 55.00. Room reservations average \$89 to \$139 per room. (suggest you share expense with roommates.) Registration deadline: March 6th . Space available for 190. For questions you may contact Marilyn Bulmahn 260-919-5007

April 22nd Bethlehem-Ossian Saturday, Decatur Zone Spring Rally. Reg. @ 8:30; Rally- 9:00 A.M. Speaker: Tomra “Tomi” Cardin – Redemption House

This is a transition home for women that serves as an alternative to incarceration. Programs are based on Christian principles. There will be an in-gathering of cleaning supplies.

September 16th St John-Bingen Saturday, Decatur Zone SRD Workshop. 9:00 A.M.
Project: Sewing cancer pads for Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana

October 14th Zion-Friedheim Saturday, Decatur Zone Fall Rally. Reg @ 8:30; Rally- 9:00 A.M.
Speaker: Pastor Michael Wakeland, Head Chaplain, Lutheran Life Villages

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 57tiger22@gmail.com Make checks payable to LWML Indiana District. Thank you.

Dear Friends of Bethlehem!

Thanks to all who sent a card, along with personal notes, for my 90th birthday. It was so good to hear from many of you. I have many fond memories of our time spent there. (I received over 100 cards)

A little family update! I have 6 children; 4 boys and twin girls all but one live in this area.

Grandchildren number 11 with 5 boys and 6 girls, most of them are in the area. Great-grands now number 20; ages 4 months to 16 years.

I’m involved in LWML and Ladies Aid. We make quilts for O.G.T. and L.W.R, also some for local organizations. We made pillowcase dresses this year which was a District Project from last convention. They will be taken to the convention in April. Our Ladies Aid helps at the Braille Center in Effingham once a month. I’m involved with that too.

My health is good for which I am thankful.

God’s blessing to all!

Irma Mellendorf

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Bethlehem annual FISH FRY: Mark your calendars today! Saturday April 29th from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. at Lighted Gardens.

This year there are some changes: Offering both dine in and carry out. Fish Only. Meal will consist of Fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, & dessert. A volunteer sheet will be put out later for needed helpers. Also, either monetary donations or GFS gift cards maybe given to Pat Meyer. Proceeds will benefit the "Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today Back-Pack Program and Bethlehem Lutheran Church Project Fund. Further questions, contact Kathy Nahrwold 260-705-6257.

St. John Bingen Annual Fish and Tenderloin will be held March 19,2023 at Wyneken School Cafeteria from 10:30 - 1:00. Dan's Fish will again be catering. Price is \$12.00 adults; children 6-12 \$6.00; 5 and under free. Dine in or Carry Out. Cash or Check only; no credit cards.
In conjunction, St John Bingen Ladies Guild will hold their annual Bake Goods Sale.

Poe Volunteer Fire Department Sausage and Pancake Brunch will be held Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 9am -1pm at the Poe Fire Station. Adults \$8.00, Children 6-12 \$4.00, Children under 6- eat free. All proceeds will go to a Life Pak 15 Monitor loan for our Ambulance. Carry out available.



21st Annual Pro-Life Legislative Forum

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana in the afternoon Saturday, March 11th at The Historic Woman's Club at 402 W Wayne St, Fort Wayne. Event will run 2pm-3:30p, doors open 1:30p.

Confirmed Panelists include: Senator Liz Brown and Senator Tyler Johnson, with other invited panelists expected to confirm closer to event.

What to expect at the Legislative Forum:

- Pro-Life Legislative Briefing
- Q & A
- Opportunity to speak informally with elected officials

This event is free, but registration is requested. Visit www.ichooselife.org/forum or call 260-471-1849 to register.

Sidewalk Advocacy Training

Have a passion for helping women choose life? Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Friday, March 24th for Sidewalk Advocate Training and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana.

The training, provided by [Sidewalk Advocates for Life](http://www.ichooselife.org/sidewalk-advocates-for-life), will take place at our Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9am- 3pm. Learn how to peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. This one day training will empower you to turn your passion into action.

There is no cost to participate. Lunch will be provided for those in attendance. Visit www.ichooselife.org/advocate or call 260-471-1849 to register.

BETHLEHEM LYF



**Spring Cleaning
Just Ahead**

March 2023

BY DEACONESS WENDY BOEHM

Over President's Day Weekend the youth went on a Ski trip to Bittersweet, Michigan along with Soest and New Hope. We also have been working hard on updating the youth room with new paint and some furniture.

Starting on Wednesday, March 1st, the youth will begin having light suppers before services every Wednesday. On Sunday, April 9th we will have an Easter Breakfast in between services.

There is a bulletin announcement if anyone is seeking some spring cleaning services the youth and others who are interested in volunteering are able to help.

Thank You!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Donuts:

Greyson T. and Grant M.

March 12:

LYF Bible Study at 6:30

March 26:

LYF Bible Study 6:30

"Where are they now?" Field Worker Edition

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

Greetings in Jesus name from Skiatook, Oklahoma!

I served as field worker at Bethlehem from the Fall of 2007 to the Spring of 2009 and have wonderful memories of my time there.

From the seminary I received a call to serve a dual parish in Kansas in towns of Hepler and Erie. Much like Bethlehem, the larger of the two congregation was out in the country surrounded by farmland. While in Kansas, I served as the Pastoral Advisor for the Kansas District LWML. I also served a short, yearlong stint as Circuit Visitor before taking a call back to my home state of Oklahoma.

I served those two congregations from the Fall of 2011 until the Fall of 2019 when I received and accepted the call to serve Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Skiatook, OK. The congregation had been a recent mission plant established in 2011 and has been a delightful and faithful congregation to serve.

I married my wife Angelyn shortly before being ordained and installed in 2011 and we now have four children, Julius, Amelia, Ezra, and Lydia.

Thank you Bethlehem for serving the church at large by helping men become faithful Lutheran pastors. May the Lord continue to bless you richly as He sustains you by the preaching of Christ and Him crucified.

In Christ,

Pastor Jay G. Hobson

Pastor Jay Hobson





2021-2023 LWML MISSION GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS

Give All Thanks and Praise to God!

2021-2023 LWML Mission Goal: \$2,150,000



| NO. | MISSION GRANT | DISBURSED | STILL NEEDED | NO. | MISSION GRANT | DISBURSED | STILL NEEDED |
|-----|--|-----------|--------------|-----|--|--------------------|--|
| 1 | Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch | \$81,680 | --\$0-- | 16 | Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp | \$25,000 | --\$0-- |
| 2 | Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses | \$95,000 | --\$0-- | 17 | Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru | \$56,750 | --\$0-- |
| 3 | Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children | \$75,000 | \$25,000 | 18 | "Ends of Earth" Scholarships | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| 4 | Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life | \$92,000 | --\$0-- | 19 | Sharing Jesus' Love in India | \$100,000 | --\$0-- |
| 5 | Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach | \$50,000 | --\$0-- | 20 | Mission & Outreach to the Least of These | \$34,000 | Reallocated* |
| 6 | Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients | \$70,000 | --\$0-- | 21 | Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus | \$100,000 | --\$0-- |
| 7 | Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | 22 | Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone | \$70,000 | --\$0-- |
| 8 | Light of Christ in Eastern Europe | \$56,000 | --\$0-- | 23 | Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque | \$98,000 | --\$0-- |
| 9 | Propelling the Gospel | \$65,000 | --\$0-- | 24 | Reaching the Homebound with God's Word | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| 10 | Educating Pastors in Africa | \$100,000 | --\$0-- | 25 | Missionaries to America Project | \$88,000 | --\$0-- |
| 11 | Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion | \$100,000 | --\$0-- | 26 | Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho | \$100,000 | --\$0-- |
| 12 | Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania | \$68,182 | --\$0-- | 27 | Expanding God's Love in Uganda | \$92,000 | --\$0-- |
| 13 | Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia | \$100,000 | --\$0-- | 28 | Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach | \$78,364 | * Reallocated funds of \$8,156 paid to complete original proposal request. |
| 14 | Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People | \$100,000 | --\$0-- | | | | |
| 15 | The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas | \$42,000 | --\$0-- | | | | |
| | | | | | TOTAL DISBURSED | \$2,061,976 | |

* Additional reallocated funds of \$9,200 will roll-over to 2023-2025 Mission Grant total

updated 01/03/2023



March 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar

BE COURAGEOUS: *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:6).*



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | | 1 Color an LWML encouragement notecard. Donate 20¢ | 2 Read Psalm 27:1. Donate 40¢ | 3 Did you have fish for dinner? Donate 35¢ | 4 Pray for our church leaders. Donate 60¢ |
| 5 Serve coffee during fellowship time. Donate 10¢ | 6 Read a story to a child. Donate 25¢ | 7 Alexander Graham Bell Day! Do you have a landline? Donate 15¢ | 8 Pray for hospital workers. Donate 60¢ | 9 Donate to your local food pantry. Donate 35¢ | 10 Have lunch with a friend. Donate 45¢ | 11 Sing LSB hymn #595--O Blessed Spring. Donate 25¢ |
| 12 Remember to spring your clocks forward! Donate 50¢ | 13 Pray for paramedics. Donate 20¢ | 14 Pi Day! Enjoy your favorite slice of pie! Donate 35¢ | 15 Pay it forward! Buy a cup of coffee for someone! Donate 55¢ | 16 Post your favorite LWML picture. Donate 75¢ | 17 Sing LSB hymn #604 I Bind Myself Unto Thee Donate 40¢ | 18 Make cookies for a fire station. Donate 60¢ |
| 19 Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. Donate 25¢ | 20 Count the flower buds in your garden! Donate 1¢ each | 21 Take a spring walk. Donate 65¢ | 22 Pray for firefighters. Donate 45¢ | 23 Get your green thumb going; Plant something. Donate 15¢ | 24 Sing LSB hymn #763--When Peace, Like a River. Donate 50¢ | 25 Pray for your pastor. Donate 45¢ |
| 26 Sing LSB hymn #850--God of Grace and God of Glory. Donate 75¢ | 27 Put water out for the mailman. Donate 60¢ | 28 Pray for your local precinct. Donate 10¢ | 29 Read Joshua 1:9. Donate 35¢ | 30 Donate a book to the library. Donate 30¢ | 31 Pray for your church staff. Donate 60¢ | |



Springing Forth New

LWML Retreat Registration Form

Friday, April 14, 7 pm – Saturday, April 15, 3 pm

Check-In 3:00 – 6:45 pm, Friday

Brown County Inn
51 State Road 46 East
Nashville, IN 47448

Registration Cost: \$55

Registration Deadline: March 6, 2023
Space available for 190

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?* Isaiah 43:19a

Featured Speakers: Rev. Lewis King and Joy King

Rev. King is Pastor of Urban Outreach for Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. He serves on the Fort Wayne Mayor's Opportunity Advisory Council. He founded King's Community Outreach in 2012 and is Director of N.I.N.E. (Northeast Indiana Neighborhood Engagement). Rev. King's wife Joy is the Founder and CEO of The Reinvented Network and The Reinvented Woman brand. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army. She expresses her passion for Market Place Ministry in a way that teaches the Christian believer how to combine ministry and business.

Registration includes Saturday lunch, Bible study, materials, music, fun, and fellowship.

Ingathering: Monetary donations to King's Community Outreach.

Hotel Registration/Housing is separate. See below for reservation information.

Please use this form when paying by check. To register and pay online, please visit [Springing Forth New LWML Spring Retreat](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/springing-forth-new-lwml-spring-retreat) on Eventbrite.com.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

You will receive confirmation and any updates via email.

Church _____ Zone _____

Price of registration is \$55. Make check payable to LWML Indiana District and mail with this registration form to LWML Registrar Arlene Wolfgang, 440 S 325 E, Lagro, IN 46941.

Questions? Call Christine Wittman 812-479-5185 (Home), or JoAnne Furniss 812-204-9058 (Cell).

Choice of Hotels

Brown County Inn

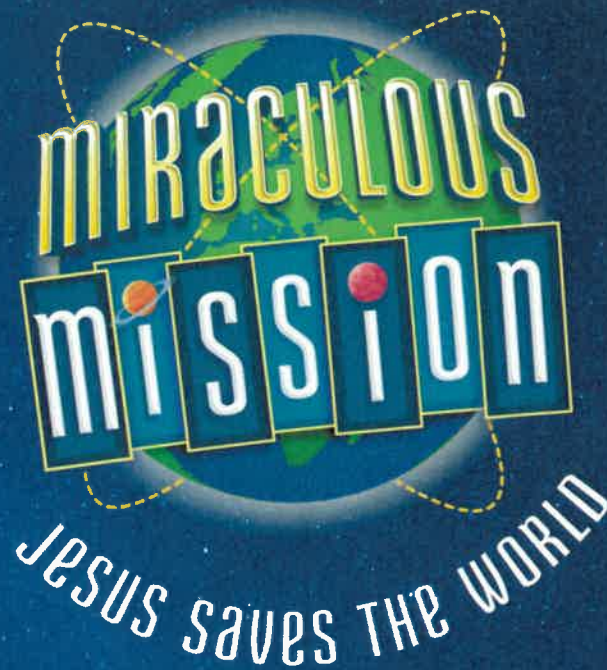
51 St Rd 46 East
Nashville, IN 47448
1-800-772-5249
At this location, use the
Promo code: 0533

Quality Inn Nashville-Bloomington

51 Chestnut St. West
Nashville, IN 47448
1-844-985-5518

The Seasons Lodge

560 St Rd 46
Nashville, IN 47448
1-800-365-7327



VBS 2023

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
6514 E 750 N
OSSIAN, IN 46777**

MONDAY, JUNE 26–THURSDAY, JUNE 29

9:00AM–12:00PM

CLOSING CEREMONY: THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 6:30PM

FOR MORE INFO GO TO: BETHLEHEMOSSIAN.ORG/VBS



**STUDENT
REGISTRATION**



**VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION**



TIGER TALES

"Making Disciples for Life"



Mrs. Amelia Phillips, our Kindergarten teacher and her husband, Sem. Morgan Phillips are expecting their first child in April. Mrs. Phillips will be on maternity leave after April 6th. To wish her and the baby well, we would like to have a school wide "Baby Shower Ingathering" during the month of March. Mrs. Phillips is registered at [babylist.com](https://www.babylist.com) for ideas if you wish to participate. A table will be set up in the school foyer beginning March 6th. (They will be using cloth diapers and would like to keep the items gender neutral) Please contact the school office if you have any questions. Thank you



CALENDAR

Mar. 5 DC Pork Chop Dinner
 Mar. 9 5-8 Field Trip to Ohio Air Base
 Mar. 10 Social Studies Fair
 Mar. 12 Gym Cleaning
 Mar. 13 PTL Meeting
 Mar. 16 Birthday Pizza Lunch
 Mar. 17-26 Spring Break
 Mar. 25 PTL Progressive Dinner
 Mar. 29 Alive and Well
 Mar. 29 Kindergarten Roundup
 Mar. 31 NO SCHOOL
 Mar. 31 Parents vs Kids PTL Event

MARCH 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 1 Sarena Wirgau
 Mar. 3 Lucas Werling
 Mar. 20 Mrs. DeFrain
 Mar. 22 Vinny 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. Days 6-7 packets are being sent home this week.

A reminder that Bethlehem will NOT be following the Northern Wells Community Schools 2 hour delay on Wednesday, March 15th. Therefore, unless a weather related delay or closing comes along, Bethlehem will operate on a regular schedule. Morning bus service will NOT be provided. The 7-8th grade students will be excused from their NW morning classes and are asked to be at Bethlehem by 9:15 am. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Bethlehem will be closed March 17-16 for Spring Break and March 31st for a Teacher In-Service Day.



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.



Winners left to right by grade:

(1) Aralee Price (2) Ellie Leamon (3) JT Holtzclaw (4) Hunter Householder
(5) Lucas Wering (6) Vinny Fuhrmann (7) Rachel Werling (8) Luke Harkless



Runner-ups left to right by grade:

(1) Aralee Price (2) Ellie Leamon (3) Emma Campbell (4) Matthew Rekeweg
(5) Paizley Price (6) Kyndal Fuller (7) Ellie Bales (8) Sarena Wirgau



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!



PAPERGATOR
KEEPING THE EARTH GREEN

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 DC group is still collecting aluminum cans to recycle towards their trip. Don Schueler is getting ready to take in a truck load soon. There is a green trash bin on the northside of school for small loads to be dropped off or please contact the school and we will arrange for a pick up of large loads. Thank you**

The third Quarter Chapel offering is for the Weber Fund.



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.

Self-Examination in the School & in Lent



Some of you may know that our school is embarking on our third accreditation process with National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA). This is a regular process we go through every five years, and over the next few months we will be involving people from both the church and school. All of us together—staff, parents, board members, and church members—help to make Bethlehem Lutheran School a place for our children to grow in wisdom and virtue, knowledge, faith, and love. The accreditation process is not so much a judgment from the outside as an opportunity for self-examination. In our committees, we will learn to know ourselves better as a school, discovering where we do well and where we can do better. It's no good to merely rely on past achievements. Not many athletes are content with winning just one game or one season. They keep training and striving to win the next one too. We should always be ready to improve, especially when it comes to the education of our children. A process of self-examination helps us find these opportunities for self-improvement.

There is a parallel between the accreditation process and the season of Lent. Both are times of self-reflection and self-examination. The Small Catechism teaches: "consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments." Lent is a time when the Church gives particular attention to this kind of consideration. In what ways have we broken God's Law? In what ways have we fallen short of His glory? What do we need to confess? In what areas of our lives do we need to seek help from God? These questions show us our sin. But now we need a solution that goes beyond our own efforts for self-improvement. So we recognize our answers to these questions and take them to our pastor. We confess them to God before the pastor so that he can pronounce God's forgiveness and fulfill God's will. Therefore, Lent is also a time when the Church gives particular attention to the evangelical practice of individual confession and absolution. Having uncovered our failures to love God and love our neighbors, we receive forgiveness from our merciful God on account of the holy precious blood and the innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our sin is covered and we are given new strength by the Spirit to resist sin and bear good fruit.

We never need to fear honest, self-examination or what we might uncover in the darkness of our hearts. The confession of our sin is not a danger to us, but the first step in the process of healing. Only after the diagnosis can the sick be healed by the doctor's care. Only sinners who confess their sins can be forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness. So, self-examination leads us to the good word of the Lord's absolution. Self-examination can also set us on the path to good things for our school. Through all of it, our identity is secure as the children of God redeemed by the blood of His Son.

Blessed Lent!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Dodgers



ACHIEVMENT TESTING for grades Kindergarten– 6th will take place the February 28– March 10th. Please be sure your child is well rested and gets a good breakfast



Social Studies Fair

March 10 is our annual curriculum fair. This year we are highlighting social studies. The students have prepared a variety of projects about important national and international monuments, icons, structures, and customs. Please join us at 6:00 pm in the school gym. The students will be on hand to explain and discuss their project. Light refreshments will be available.



February / March Birthday Pizza lunch with the Principal

Thursday, March 16th

Students celebrating birthdays:

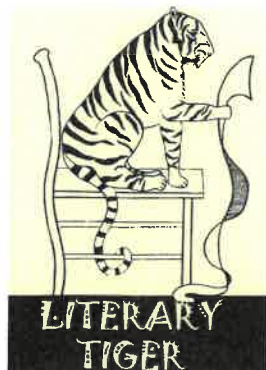
Madeline Schumm, Jon Fuhrmann,
Lucas Werling, Vinny Fuhrmann, Sarena Wirgau

PTL News

Gym cleaning has been changed to Sunday, March 12 at 4:00 pm. Help from all our families will be needed to give the gym and kitchen a good cleaning. Please consider joining us! The more help we get the faster it will go. Kids are welcome to come help! Thank you

Monday, March 13 is a PTL meeting to be held at 6:00 pm.

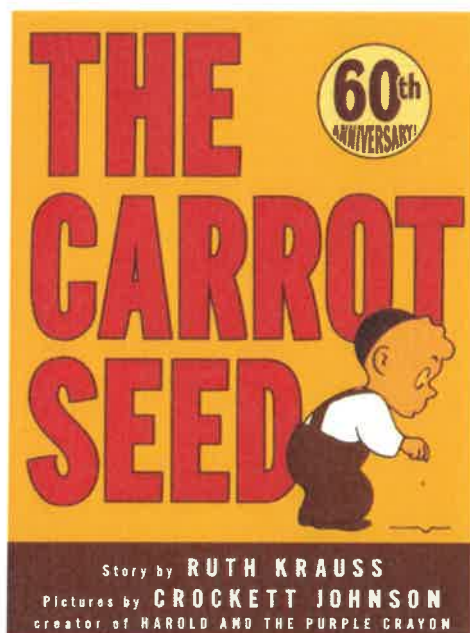
Friday, March 31st from 5:30-8 pm will be the rescheduled "Parents vs Kids" Basketball games and athletic awards. PTL will be serving Pizza and drinks that evening for dinner. This is a great time for all!



Tales for Tigers

From Your Bethlehem School Library

Winter is almost finished, and we are looking forward to the first day of spring, March 20. Many of us are ready for warmer weather, or at least for spring break (even though the weather doesn't always cooperate)! We've picked a couple of delightful "spring-ish" picture books that are perfect for this time of year.

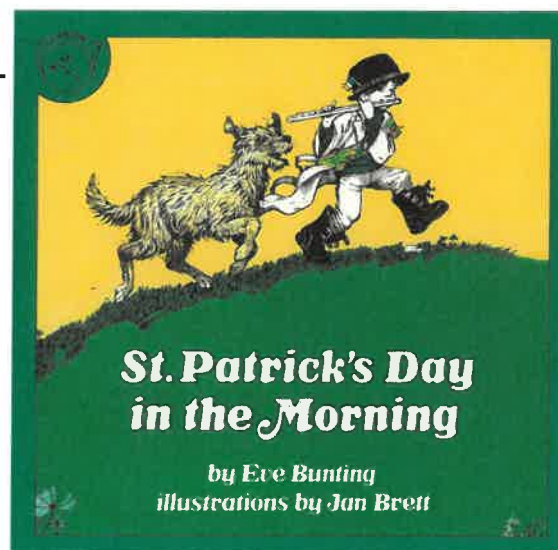


"The Carrot Seed" by Ruth Krauss is about a little boy who plants a carrot seed. His whole family insists the tiny seed will never grow, but nonetheless the little boy faithfully tends it, and waits patiently.

What do you think will happen? The ending may be a bit unexpected!

This story reminds us that sometimes we have to work hard and wait patiently, without knowing if anything good will come of it. Though this is an easy to read picture book, big kids and even grown-ups will appreciate it's charm.

"St. Patrick's Day in the Morning" is by well-known children's author Eve Bunting, and the pictures are drawn by one of Mrs. Wirgau's favorite illustrators, Jan Brett. The story takes place in Ireland, and follows a boy, Jamie, and his dog on a St. Patrick's Day adventure. Jamie's big brothers say he is too little to participate in the town parade, because they don't think he can make it to the top of the high hill. So Jamie sets off on his own to prove them wrong. Do you think he can make it?



Your librarians would love you to read both of these new-to-our-library books, and then tell us what they have in common.

Happy Reading!

Additional Highlights from Lutheran Schools Week



Kindergarten Round Up

**Come and experience
the Bethlehem
difference! See how we
still embrace the basic
fundamentals of
education in a small
classroom setting!**



**Our Mission
Statement:
Embracing,
Nurturing, and
Equipping
Christ's
Children for Life.**



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

If you have a student or know of a student who will be attending Kindergarten next year, please join us

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Kindergarten students must be age 5 by August 1, 2022

All students entering K-8 and their families interested in our school are also welcomed to come for a tour at this time!

Appointments are also available for a private tour.

For more information, please contact us

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