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Easter Meditation on “Christians, to the Paschal Victim” (LSB 460)

Just as our lenten hymns help guide our meditation and contemplation through the season of Lent so do the Easter hymns of the Church aid us in meditation and celebration of Christ’s resurrection from the dead. Some Easter hymns sneak into other times of the year, including funerals as we, in the midst of death, sing out Christ’s victory over death.

The hymn “Christians, to the Paschal Victim” (LSB 460) finds its roots in a Latin hymn titled *Victimae Paschali*, and is commonly used as a sequence hymn. “Sequences are choral chants that historically followed the Gradual and the Alleluia and proceeded the Gospel for the day; not infrequently, they offered sung commentary on the Gospel about to be read” (*Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*, 1:338). This may be done responsively with “Christ Is Arisen” (LSB 459), with a choir singing 460 and the congregation singing the stanzas of 459. The responsive nature of these hymns well serves the text of “Christians, to the Paschal Victim,” which sings a dialogue between a narrator and Mary Magdalene, a witness of the resurrection.

The following text commentary is from *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. “In the Middle Ages, [this hymn] was used all over Europe as part of a drama performed on Easter morning outside the Mass itself. In the sequence, the narrator begins by calling Christians to join their voices in giving thankful praise. The risen Christ is identified as the Paschal Victim. The word *paschal* comes from the Greek *pascha* and ultimately from the Hebrew *pesach*, meaning ‘Passover’; but it was used as early as the second century to refer to Christ’s Passion and by the middle of the third century to His resurrection, as it is used today.

“In the sequence, the author connects the risen Christ with the Passover lamb. The language employed in the first stanza reminds the singer of the significance of the Easter Victory: ‘Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.’

“In stanza 2, the narrator addresses Mary Magdalene, , recalling the Easter events described in the Gospels. He asks Mary to tell us . . . what she saw on her way. Mary identifies Christ as her hope . . . and states that Christ will precede His disciples into Galilee.

“The concluding stanza reinforces the point of Easter as the ongoing way of life for the Church. Christ is our Lord, and we need the mercy of Him who reigns forever” (1:460).

This hymn is also adapted to rhyme in hymn 463, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia.” God bless our praises of the crucified and resurrected Christ.


Rev. Samuel Wirgau



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April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Palm Sunday 9a Divine Service 10:15a ABC & SS 11:15a Elders Meeting	3 7p Handbell Choir Practice	4	5 10:15 Chapel	6 7p Maundy Thursday Service	7 7p Good Friday Service NO SCHOOL	8
9 6:30a Easter 7:30 Breakfast 9:00a Easter No ABC & SS	10 NO SCHOOL 7p Handbell Choir Practice	11	12 10:15 Chapel 7p Spoken Divine Service Adult Choir Practice	13 7 p Womens Event	14 Grandparents Day 1/2 day school	15 12-1p NLSA Work Day
16 9 a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS 11:15a Church Council Meeting	17 7p Handbell Choir Practice	18	19 10:15 Chapel 7p Spoken Divine Service Adult Choir Practice	20	21	22 LWML Spring Rally
23 9 a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS	24 7p Handbell Choir Practice	25	26 10:15 Chapel 6p Lenten Supper 7p Lenten Service Adult Choir Practice	27	28	29 Book Club Annual Fish Fry at Lighted Gardens
30 9 a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS 11:15a Voters Assembly Meeting						

March 30, 2023

BETHLEHEM FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund (Home Fund) Account to Pay Operating Bills (\$5,366.30)

Savings Fund Balances

	Accrued Amount	Restricted Amount Borrowed	Account Balance
Improvement Fund	\$18,589.41	(\$ 0.00)	\$18,589.41
Scholarship Fund	\$ 6,546.02	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 6,546.02
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	\$32,690.21	(\$ 0.00)	\$32,690.21

Checkbook Balance (\$5,366.30)

Savings Account Balance \$32,690.21

Total Savings and Checking Balance \$27,323.91

Borrowed Amounts

Restricted Savings Account	\$ 0.00
Operating Loan Amount	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
TOTAL BORROWED	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

Bills due week of April 2, - \$5,000

Bills due week of April 9, - \$15,000



April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians
2:5-11; John 12:20-43 “Seeing
Jesus” – Sermon Text: John
12:20-21 – Rev. Thomas Eggold
The answer to the Palm Sunday
crowd, and to you and me, is
that to see Jesus, is to see the

cross. This is the message of Palm Sunday. That Jesus
knowingly, willingly, obediently, resolutely rode into
Jerusalem to the misguided shouts of “Hosanna” to do
for us what had to be done – and what only He could do
– by enduring an undeserved and unthinkable death in
our place to give us life.

April 9, 2023 – The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter
Sunrise) Psalm 118:15-19; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John
20:1-18 “Christ Is Risen!” – Sermon Text: John 20:17 –
Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, Jr. Christ is risen! He is risen
indeed! Alleluia. We shout these words joyfully and tri-
umphantly because the resurrection of Jesus shows us
that the work of salvation is complete. As those he has
called by name, we rejoice that we, too, will rise, just as
he did.

April 16, 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Easter Psalm 148; 1 Pe-
ter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 “Words and Wounds” – Ser-
mon Text: John 20:19 – Rev. Shayne Jonker Jesus’
Words and His wounds make every Sunday a little East-
er. With His words and His wounds, Jesus brings peace
to His fearful disciples. With His words and His wounds
He sends them to speak forgiveness with His own breath
and Spirit. And with His words and His wounds He
reaches out to an unbelieving disciple and to each of us.

April 23, 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Easter Psalm 116:1-14;
1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35 “A Walk With Jesus” –
Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker
Two disciples were walking to Emmaus. They knew of
Jesus’ death but not His resurrection. They were de-
spondent. They lost all hope. But when the risen Jesus
revealed Himself hope was restored. Let’s keep our eyes
on Jesus, even in the midst of trying times, so our eyes
may be opened and we may have hope in Christ.

April 30, 2023 – 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd
Sunday) Psalm 43; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
“Wanted: Good Shepherd” – Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:19-
25 – Rev. William Mueller If a job description were
written for a shepherd, how would it read? What things
would be identified as critical items for a shepherd to
perform? How would the job description of the Good
Shepherd read? Dig deep into Scripture to discover and
celebrate how Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

April

- 01) Andrew Glisson
Chloe Lesh
- 02) Blair Werling
- 03) Jay Werling
- 04) Patty Baker
Lee Braselton
- 05) Barbara Werling
Wade Lambert
- 06) Emma Wirgau
- 09) Denny Nahrwold
- 10) Brittany Conrad
Bailey Meyer
Mike Nahrwold
- 11) Cora Patrick
- 12) Joel Stoppenhagen
- 14) Jody Kraatz
- 15) Gina Graft
Andrew Messmaker
- 16) Jonah Bultemeier
Jill Holtzclaw
Ryan Ottinger
Lindsay Wright
- 17) Imogene Bultemeier
Adam Nahrwold
Grant Shelton
- 18) Margaret Whitesel
- 19) Michael Schumm
Doyle Werling
- 21) Donna Schumm
- 22) Brock Werling
- 23) Marlee Brege
Denis Glisson
Grady Meyer
- 24) Kyle Adams
Hadley Smith
- 25) Mason Baker
Heather Bultemeier
- 27) Ted Graft
- 30) Amy Aschliman
Peter 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 February 28, 2023:

\$190,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009
177,883.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched
220,994.19 - Amount generated since 2009
-104,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009
\$485,305.01 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of February 28, 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!

April 5 Brian and Jennifer Bultemeier (15)
April 8 Ted and Susan Graft (45)
April 12 Terry and Shalynn Saalfrank (26)
April 18 Logan and Marissa Geiger (8)
April 21 Ralph and Hildegard Bauermeister (66)
April 27 Allan and Sandra Graft (49)
April 30 Brian and Sheryl Bauermeister (29) 

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 DATE

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 6 th . Space available for 190.
For questions you may contact Marilyn Bulmahn 260-919-5007

Bethlehem will host the Decatur Zone LWML Spring Rally on Saturday, April 22. Registration will begin at 8:30 and at 9:00 the program will begin. Tomra Cardin from Redemption House will be the speaker. Redemption House is a transition home for women that serves as an alternative to incarceration. Following the presentation there will be a meeting and lunch served by our Bethlehem ladies. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
We will be collecting cleaning supplies for Redemption House. A table is in the entryway for your donations. Thank you.

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
57tigger22@gmail.com Make checks payable to LWML Indiana District. Thank you.

To all the women of Bethlehem Women's Group – The summer 2023 trip will be on Monday, June 12th. It is an all-day coach bus trip to the The Ark in Kentucky. We will leave Walmart, Decatur parking lot at 7:00 am and return to the same area at 9:00 pm. The cost is \$89.00 for adults and seniors. This is for the admission and coach ride. All meals are on you own. We have a limited number of seats. After those seats are filled then we may be able to add more people if room is available on the bus. At that point men, children and friends can be added. There is a price break for children. Payment needs to be received at time of reservation. Deadline for first 25 people is April 12. Make checks payable to Patty Baker.
Call to Joellen Meyer 260-273-9114 or Patty Baker 260-760-6056, if you have questions.

Attention Women of Bethlehem - Caroline Fenker, a doctor of Occupational Therapy specializing in women's health, will be coming to speak at Bethlehem on Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm. She is the daughter of Mr. Peter Meyer, the 5th & 6th grade teacher at Bethlehem School. All are welcome to attend this Women of Bethlehem/LWML sponsored event.

Upcoming EVENTS

Book Club sponsored by Women of Bethlehem
"A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle

Out of this wild night, a strange visitor comes to the Murry house and beckons Meg, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe on a most dangerous and extraordinary adventure—on that will threaten their life and our universe.

Winner of the 1963 Newberry Medal

We will meet in person at Crimson House on Saturday, April 29th to discuss the book!
Contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm if you have any questions, 260-415-8526

Spring Rummage Sale
St. John Lutheran Church, Flatrock
12912 Franke Rd
Monroeville, IN
In the gymnasium
Friday, April 28th, 8-5 pm.
Saturday, April 29th, 8-noon
Bag sale on Saturday
Priced items not included in bag sale
Priced items half price on Saturday

Greetings Fellow Redeemed:
Once again St. Paul Ladies Aid will be putting Gently Used Items for sale as well as some of our delightful baked goods! We invite you to join us for this sale on Friday, April 21st from 8-4pm and Saturday, April 22nd from 8-11 am with \$2 a bag on Saturday. We are not advertising noodles currently! We are located at the corner of 750 N and 450 W in Adams County. Thank you.

Men's Decatur Circuit Lutheran Fastpitch League reunion.

Thank you to all which attended and the fellowship. This was a good day and thankful to our Father in Heaven for granting us this opportunity. We are blessed as a community. We were able to cover the cost of the venue and we were able to make a \$200 donation to Compassionate Ministries in Berne, IN. God Bless

Assignment and Call Services at CTSFW

Dear Friends in Christ,
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, is busy preparing for assignment and call services in late April. Details are below. We invite you to join us if you can and to share the details with others who might be interested.

Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignment Service
Monday, April 24th at 7 pm.
Preacher, Rev. David Nehrenz, LCMS Oklahoma District President

Candidate Call Service
Tuesday, April 25, at 7 pm.
Preacher, Rev. Dr. Allan Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President

Both Services will be available via livestream from Kramer Chapel.

April 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS: I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing (Ezekiel 34:26b).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Palm Sunday, wave a palm branch. Donate 25¢</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Read the Passion story, John 18:1-19:42. Donate 82¢</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pray that all will know and love Jesus. Donate 40¢</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Explore walking/hiking trails. Donate 25¢</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Maundy Thursday, attend Holy Communion. Donate 60¢</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Good Friday! Thank Jesus for His sacrifice. Donate 75¢</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Is this your birthday month? Donate 50¢</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Easter Sunday, wear a hat to church. Donate 50¢</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Dance with joy in the Resurrection. Donate 20¢</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Thank Jesus for all the blessings in your life Donate 15¢</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Enjoy grilled cheese sandwiches with friends. Donate 25¢</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Put a puzzle together with a friend. Donate 45¢</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Learn how to scan pictures. Donate 10¢</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Paint rocks with children. Donate 20¢</p>
<p>16</p> <p>FaceTime with your family Donate 85¢</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hide painted rocks around your neighborhood Donate 35¢</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Have a karaoke night with friends. Donate 15¢</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bike ride outside or use a stationary bike inside. Donate 65¢</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Cook/bake something new. Donate 10¢</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Babysit for a Pastor or a Church Worker. Donate 20¢</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day! Plant flowers. Donate 45¢</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Thank God for the blessing of His creation. Donate 75¢</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Take or paint a sunset picture. Donate 25¢</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Invite family/friends for an indoor picnic. Donate 40¢</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pretzel Day! Learn how to make or just eat pretzels. Donate 10¢</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Meditate on God's blessings. Donate 30¢</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Arbor Day! Visit a park or plant a memory tree. Donate 55¢</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Look for new things on the LWML website. Donate 15¢</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Open the windows (if possible). Donate 45¢</p>						

2021-2023 Biennium
Mission Goal:

\$2,150,000

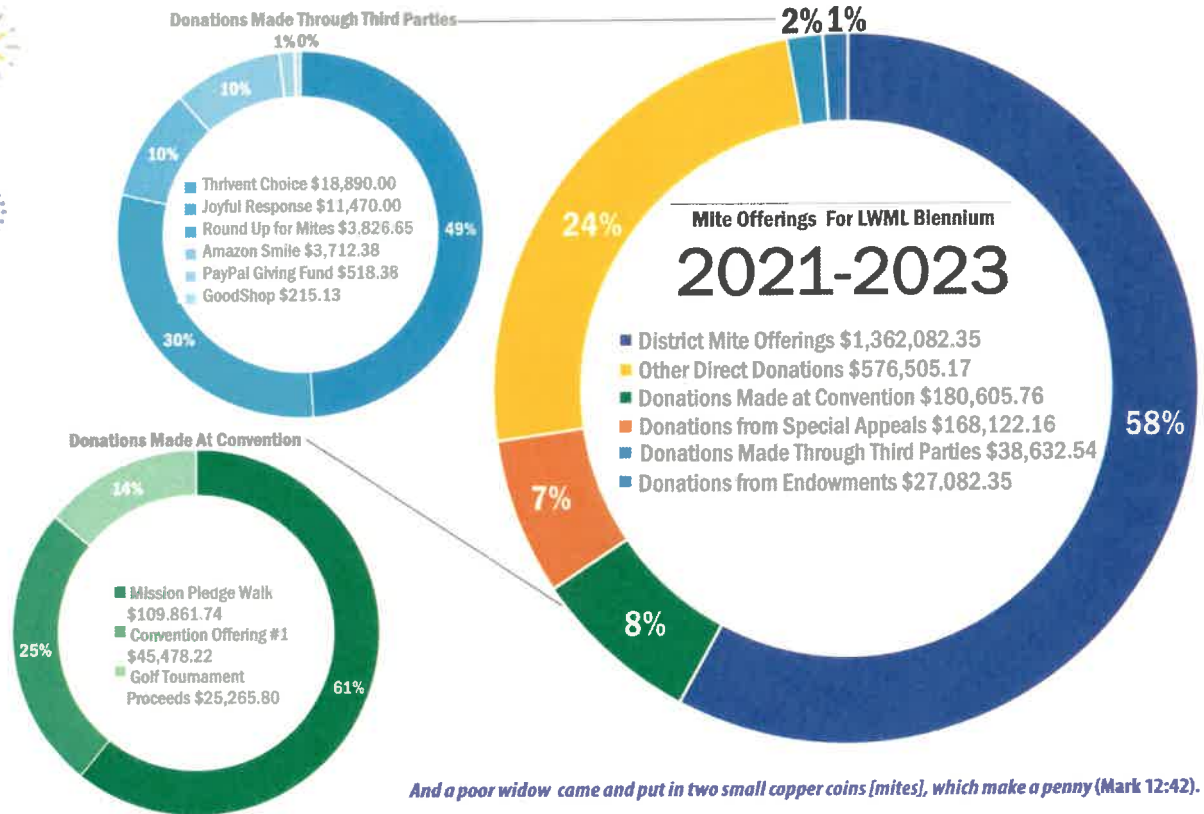
Total Mites Received:
\$2,353,030.33
**LWML MISSION
GOAL EXCEEDED!**



Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

February 28, 2023

Overall Mite Sources



Monthly Gifts Received To Support Our Mission Grants

MONTH	MONTHLY MITE OFFERING RECEIVED	CUMULATIVE MITE OFFERING RECEIVED	CUMULATIVE BUDGETED MITE OFFERINGS	CUMULATIVE OVER/(UNDER) BUDGETED MITE OFFERINGS	TOTAL MITE OFFERINGS STILL NEEDED	MONTH	MONTHLY MITE OFFERING RECEIVED	CUMULATIVE MITE OFFERING RECEIVED	CUMULATIVE BUDGETED MITE OFFERINGS	CUMULATIVE OVER/(UNDER) BUDGETED MITE OFFERINGS	TOTAL MITE OFFERINGS STILL NEEDED
Apr 2021	\$79,467.09	\$79,467.09	\$89,583.33	\$(10,116.24)	\$2,070,532.91	Apr 2022	\$107,323.25	\$1,428,125.44	\$1,164,583.33	\$263,542.11	\$721,874.56
May 2021	\$64,574.90	\$144,041.99	\$179,166.66	\$(35,124.67)	\$2,005,958.01	May 2022	\$84,379.75	\$1,512,505.19	\$1,254,166.66	\$258,338.53	\$637,494.81
Jun 2021	\$136,829.26	\$280,871.25	\$268,750.00	\$12,121.25	\$1,869,128.75	Jun 2022	\$85,339.19	\$1,597,844.38	\$1,343,750.00	\$254,094.38	\$552,155.62
Jul 2021	\$62,195.89	\$343,067.14	\$358,333.33	\$(15,266.19)	\$1,806,932.86	Jul 2022	\$49,014.08	\$1,646,858.46	\$1,433,333.33	\$213,525.13	\$503,141.54
Aug 2021	\$208,122.84	\$551,189.98	\$447,916.66	\$103,273.32	\$1,598,810.02	Aug 2022	\$93,641.78	\$1,740,500.24	\$1,522,916.66	\$217,583.58	\$409,499.76
Sep 2021	\$92,978.28	\$644,168.26	\$537,500.00	\$106,668.26	\$1,505,831.74	Sep 2022	\$94,623.28	\$1,835,123.52	\$1,612,500.00	\$222,623.52	\$314,876.48
Oct 2021	\$80,269.10	\$724,437.36	\$627,083.33	\$97,354.03	\$1,425,562.64	Oct 2022	\$90,080.86	\$1,925,204.38	\$1,702,083.33	\$223,121.05	\$224,795.62
Nov 2021	\$93,554.19	\$817,991.55	\$716,666.66	\$101,324.89	\$1,332,008.45	Nov 2022	\$123,180.82	\$2,048,385.20	\$1,791,666.66	\$256,718.54	\$101,614.80
Dec 2021	\$161,011.44	\$979,002.99	\$806,250.00	\$172,752.99	\$1,170,997.01	Dec 2022	\$106,126.55	\$2,154,511.75	\$1,881,250.00	\$273,261.75	\$(4,511.75)
Jan 2022	\$140,683.95	\$1,119,686.94	\$895,833.33	\$223,853.61	\$1,030,313.06	Jan 2023	\$121,173.00	\$2,275,684.75	\$1,970,833.33	\$304,851.42	\$(125,684.75)
Feb 2022	\$99,551.37	\$1,219,238.31	\$985,416.66	\$233,821.65	\$930,761.69	Feb 2023	\$77,345.58	\$2,353,030.33	\$2,060,416.66	\$292,613.67	\$(203,030.33)
Mar 2022	\$101,563.88	\$1,320,802.19	\$1,075,000.00	\$245,802.19	\$829,197.81	Mar 2023					

For more questions, or to learn more about us, 1-800-252-5965 or lwml.org

BETHLEHEM LYF



April 2023

BY DEACONESS WENDY BOEHM

A big thank you to everyone who has participated in the lenten suppers! We appreciate all those who have spent time making food, coming to the suppers and enjoying fellowship time before services. We look forward to the Easter Breakfast coming up and hope to see everyone there!

Also a reminder there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone interested in receiving/helping with spring cleaning.

Some upcoming activities the in April will be our end of the year party for our graduates/fieldworker. Instead of a lockout in April we will have a outing to get ice cream and possibly go karting or some other fun thing that afternoon.

Thank You!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Donuts:

Isaac H.

April 9:

NO Bible Study

April 23:

LYF Bible Study 6:30
(Last bible study, grad party)

April 30:

Ice Cream outing

**SPONSORED BY:
WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM**



5K RUN & WALK

ARCHBOLD-WILSON PARK PAVILLION

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

**8:30 AM REGISTRATION, RACE BEGINS AT 9:00 AM
\$20 ENTRY FEE, \$25 DAY OF THE RACE**

**PROCEEDS TO GO TO MAKAYLA BERKEY FAMILY
THIRD GRADE STUDENT AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL-OSSIAN
RECENTLY DIAGNOSED WITH HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA**

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

**KATHY NAHRWOLD
260-705-6257**

**RHONDA FLESCH
260-438-9725**



**TO REGISTER VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.BETHLEHEMOSSIAN.ORG/5-K](https://www.bethleheмоssian.org/5-k)**



Dan's Fish Fry

Dine-In or Carry-Out

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Time: 4:30 to 7:00 pm

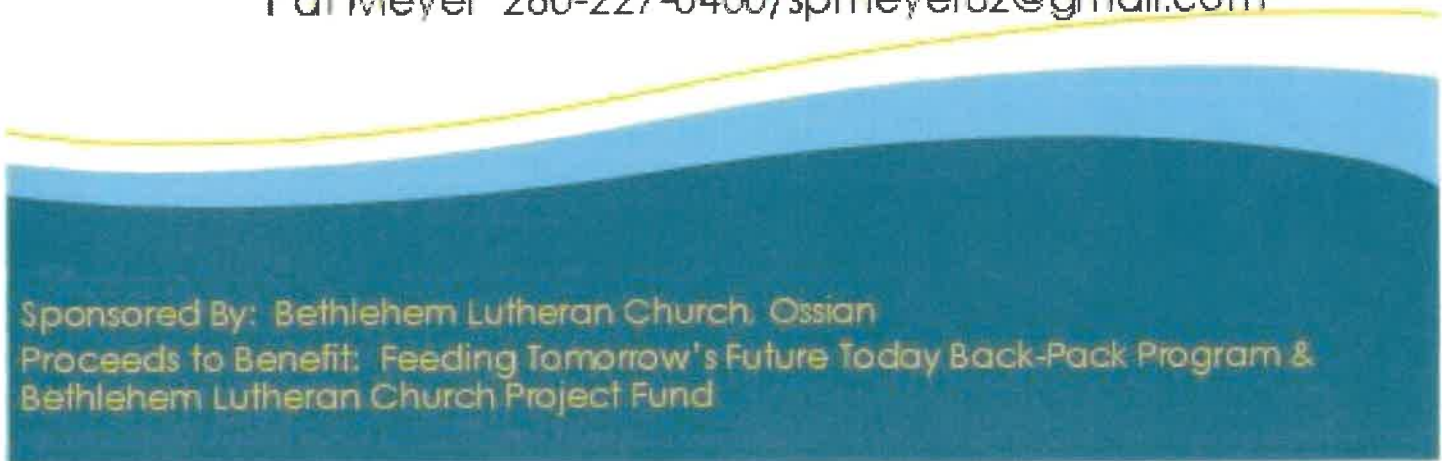
Place: *Lighted Gardens - 10794 N St. Rd. 1, Ossian, IN*

Dine-In Menu: Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce,
Roll, Dessert and Drink

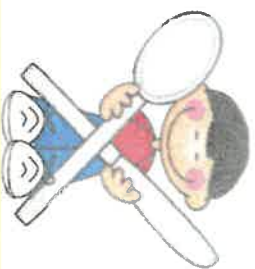
Carry-Out Available

Tickets: Adult, \$14.00 pre-sale thru April 23rd / \$15.00 at the door
Children ages 5 to 10, Dine-In only, \$7.00 pre-sale / \$8.00 at the door
Children age 4 and under are free

Contact: Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526/clouison@ymail.com
Pat Meyer 260-227-0400/spmeyer82@gmail.com



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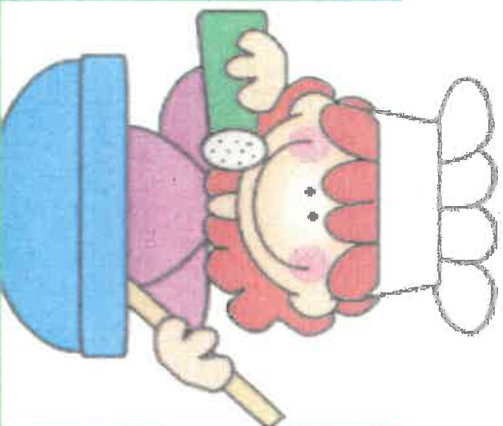


New Hope Lutheran Preschool Spring Fundraiser

Thursday, April 20, 5:30-7pm

All you can eat menu includes:

- *Salad**
- *Garlic Bread**
- *Pasta**
- *Desserts**



Free will donations will be accepted to help New Hope Lutheran Preschool replace old or broken items, purchase new educational materials, and provide various art and craft supplies throughout the school year.

The children of New Hope Lutheran Preschool will sing in a short program at the fundraiser!

5:45 p.m.—3/4 year old class

6:15 p.m.—4/5 year old class





TIGER TALES

"Making Disciples for Life"



INTERN OF THE WEEK

Norwell High School

MAR 13, 2023

RieAnn Krinn, was selected to receive the Norwell High School Intern of the Week award. She did her first semester experience at Bethlehem Lutheran School with 5th/6th grade teacher Mr. Peter Meyer. This semester RieAnn is interning at Parkview Medical Center in pediatrics with supervisor Jennifer Wulpi. RieAnn is the daughter of Matt and Shelley Krinn and a Bethlehem graduate.

With Mr. Meyer, RieAnn got to observe classroom and behavioral management styles. She helped students one on one and actually led some activities with the entire class. At Parkview peds., Rieann gets to job shadow with nurses and technicians who give care to patients ranging in age from infants up to 18 years of age. Most patients are recovering from surgeries or specific illnesses.

After graduation, RieAnn plans to attend Indiana University at Indianapolis to study health sciences. Her ultimate career goal is to become a pediatric doctor.

CALENDAR

April 7 No School
April 9 Easter
April 10 No School
April 14 Grandparents Day
April 20-24 DC Trip
April 29 Church Fish Fry

APRIL 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
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 6 Emma Wirgau
April 10 Bailey Meyer
April 16 Jonah Bultemeier
April 23 Mr. Meyer



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.

A reminder that Bethlehem will NOT be following the Northern Wells Community Schools 2 hour delay on **Wednesday, April 12th**. 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 Friday (Good Friday) April 7th and Monday (Easter Monday) April 10th.



In 3rd/4th Grade we have a very special guest who has been visiting us on a regular basis, Georgelina is a very special monkey who is keeping MaKayla's chair occupied while Makayla is out receiving treatment or is unable to come to school.



There's a Monkey in My Chair is a wonderful program that has helped our class stay connected to MaKayla when she is not able to be at school. As you can see Georgelina works just as hard as the students.



Although we enjoy having Georgelina in class we can't wait for MaKayla's treatment to be over and when she is able to be back with our class.

Please continue to keep MaKayla, her family and our class in your prayers as we all try to support MaKayla during this difficult time.-MAKAYLA STRONG! One TOUGH Cookie!



The faculty is excited to announce this year's school musical: "Are We There Yet"

Miriam tells the story of the Exodus, how her brother Moses was called by God to lead his people out of slavery and to the promised land.

Join our students for this musical odyssey Friday, May 12, at 6:30 pm in the school gym.

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. 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 4th Quarter Chapel offering is for the Orphan Grain Train.

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Mission Statement

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

What is Orphan Grain Train?

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

Present Day

Since 1992, Orphan Grain Train's 27 regional locations have delivered more than 45 million fortified-rice meals and 4,230 shipments of humanitarian aid to needy people in several states and 69 countries on 5 continents. Orphan Grain Train built a mobile chapel with help from a grant funded by LCMS Disaster Relief division for St. John's Lutheran Church in Pilger, NE after their church was demolished by a F4 tornado. In October 2017 hurricane Michael ravaged the shoreline of Texas and a majority of Houston. Michael left behind homes and businesses in ruins and lives lost. Orphan Grain Train purchased and delivered 15 shipments of building construction materials and 5 semi-loads of groceries to help stock shelves in a food pantry feeding volunteers and those that have lost everything. In October 2018 OGT had 400 turkeys delivered for Thanksgiving meals to those still living in desperation a year later. The mission of Orphan Grain Train is uniquely dependent upon dedicated volunteers, many of whom have given numerous years of service for the sake of others. Since 1992, more than 4 million hours have been volunteered!

Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Many shipments have been in cooperation with Lutheran Hour Ministries, LCMS World Mission, LCMS World Relief, and other Christian ministries.

info found on <https://www.ogt.org/our-story/>

Thank you to everyone who donated to our 3rd Quarter Chapel offering to the John Weber Memorial Teacher Support Fund which was 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.

Grandparents Day – Invitations will be coming home soon
Please join us 9:00 a.m. Greet and meet in the Fellowship Hall for donuts
9:45 a.m. Chapel Service
10:15 a.m. Visit Classrooms
11:00 a.m. Meet in the school gym for special music
11:30 a.m. A special picnic lunch served by our PTL
Dismissal after lunch – students will need transportation.

Principal's Message

Easter means Forgiveness and Peace

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith. St. Paul even says that *if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain (1 Cor. 15:14)*. That means, if Jesus didn't really rise from the dead then Christianity is a false religion. He goes on to say, *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins (1 Cor. 15:17)*. So, if Jesus didn't really rise from the dead then Christianity is also a useless religion. If Jesus didn't really rise from the dead then we are still under the power of sin and death.

What this means is that the message of Easter is more than just "Jesus is alive again." The message of the Easter is bigger and more powerful than just the fact that one man came back to life. The resurrection of this one Man means something. It means forgiveness and peace.

On the evening of that first Easter day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord (John 20:19-20). The very first words out of the risen Lord's mouth are "Peace be with you." Jesus can say that because of what His death and resurrection accomplished for us. His death paid the price for our sins and His resurrection destroyed the power of death. So, the full message of Easter is that Jesus died and rose again, and because He lives our sins are forgiven and we have peace with God.

But this forgiveness and peace is not limited to our personal relationship with God. Jesus shared His peace with the disciples as a group, a community, a family. And He gave them the power to share His forgiveness within that holy community, known as the Church (John 20:22-23). So, the forgiveness and peace of Jesus is spread among us. We share it with one another. This means that the life of Easter, the new life of forgiveness and peace is lived out by Christians in the Church, in our homes, and even in our school. Everything we say and do should be filled and motivated by these three parts of the Easter message: Jesus lives. Sins are forgiven. Be at peace.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Your servant in Christ,

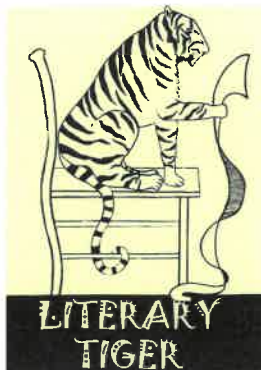
Pastor Anthony Dodgers

On March 9, the 5th through 8th grades went on a field trip to the Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio, Neil Armstrong's hometown. It was an interesting visit with group activities, a guided tour of the museum, a video, and free time to explore. Highlights in the museum included the Gemini VIII shuttle and a replica of the spacesuit Armstrong wore when he became the first man to walk on the moon.



The 7th and 8th graders were interviewed by the Kindergarteners about what kinds of buildings are in their communities. This helped the Kindergarteners with their Social Studies Fair projects.





Tales for Tigers

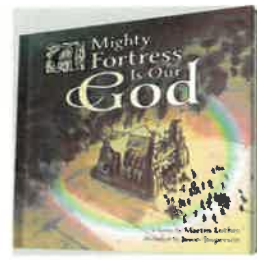
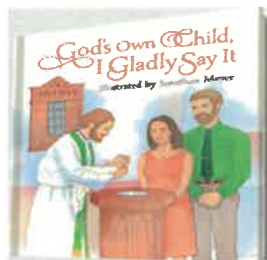
From Your Bethlehem School Library

Think about your favorite hymn. Maybe one we sing at Chapel time, or one you sing at home before bed. Now, close your eyes, and visualize pictures for the hymn. You'll probably imagine some beautiful images!

The words of hymns are like poems, and they can paint a picture in our minds of what we are singing about. It's easy to think of a picture for familiar phrases like "a mighty fortress" and "trusty shield". Some things we may have to ponder for a while to choose an image, especially if the words are a little complicated or we aren't sure what they mean. But that's good brain work – and helps us understand, and enjoy, the hymns even more!

Everyone imagines something a little bit different (your "trusty shield" may be red painted wood, but the one in my head is silver), and some of the new books in our library give us a chance to see what some artists imagine for their favorite hymns. These beautiful books are a nice way to practice and learn the hymn, and may inspire you to make your own hymn illustrations.

Happy Reading! (And singing!)



Book Review by Emma Campbell, 3rd Grade

The book Bright Valley of Love is sad and happy. It's about a boy named Gunther. He had a bone disorder. He lived with his grandparents. He didn't leave his room until he was six. Then he left his home and went to Bethel and he made a friend and learned how to sing from hymnals. A fun fact, it is a real story and the author met Gunther. I hope you read the book!



On behalf of the Wells County Farm Bureau, the book "I Love Strawberries", has been donated to our library.

Pictured: Jennifer Bultemeier (Librarian)
Lee Werling (Farm Bureau) Pastor Dodgers (Headmaster)

Meet Mrs. Moore

Hello,

My name is Maggie Moore! I grew up in Mequon, Wisconsin. A fun fact about me is that my husband Joe and I just moved here a few weeks ago! I am a former Nanny and Certified Nurses Assistant. I am so excited to be Mrs. Phillips substitute teacher while she is taking care of her newborn baby! I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.

My favorites:

Desserts: Ice Cream and Dark Chocolate

Hobby: Cooking & Baking

Stores: Target & Trader Joe's

Color: Yellow

Sports Team: Green Bay Packers

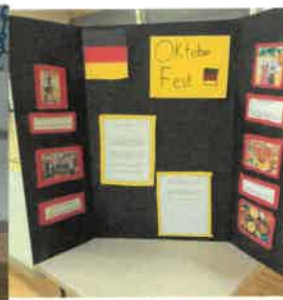


Dear Bethlehem School Families,

We just wanted to thank everyone for all the gifts and well wishes as we are about to welcome a little one into our family. We are so grateful for all the support and generosity as we transition into first time parents. God's Blessings,
Seminarian and Mrs. Phillips

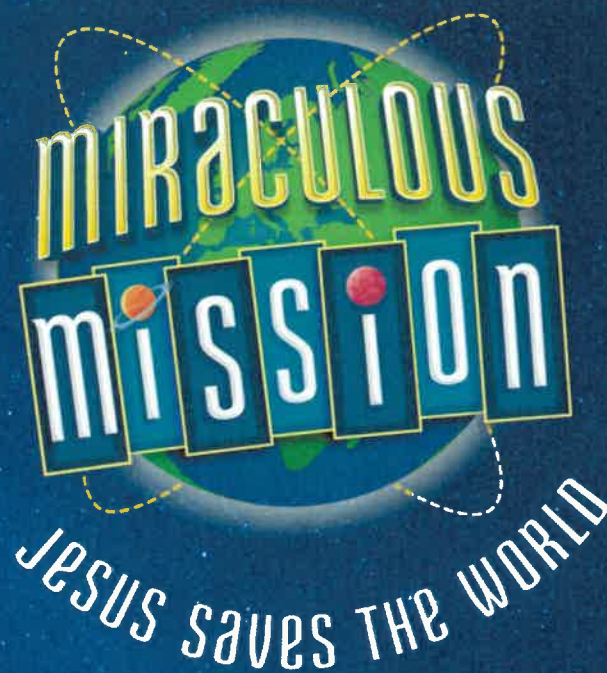
The kindergarten thru 8th grade students participated
in a Social Studies Fair on Friday, March 10th.

They presented their projects in the school gym for parents and families members to enjoy.
Great job students!



Around the World Progressive Dinner was a new event held on March 27th and was a big hit!
Thank you to everyone that came out! We hope to do this again next year!





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