



Ordering our Days: God's Word

We continue looking at ordering our time around the peace of Christ. Last month we contemplated how order aids our hearing of God's Word. We are active hearers and readers of the Word, finding the Word of God profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training, we see Christ as our Savior from sin in all the Scriptures, and we hear both God's Word of Law and His Word of Gospel.

We also order our time around prayer. Prayer is the voice of faith, faith which God gives through the hearing of His Word. Prayer speaks back to God what He has promised to us. The content of our prayers and the confidence to pray to God are rooted in the words and promises of God.

How do we order our prayers? There is much freedom in this. We are not given mandates in Scripture about what times to pray nor are we given a specific order to our prayers. Yet we do have great treasures of prayer both in the Scriptures and in the history of the Church that have been handed down to us and by which we can take up this most godly task. We will look more into those resources and ways to order our days in reading and hearing God's Word and calling upon Him in prayer and praise in the months ahead.

Here I want to take a quick look at a simple method for praying which has been adapted from a work by Martin Luther titled, *A Simple Way to Pray*. This adaption is found in the 2017 edition of *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* on pages 360-361. Here are a few highlights:

"Martin Luther lays out a simple method for praying the words of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or any text from the Bible. To help you remember, you might think of it as 'I. T. C. P.' Instruction, Thanksgiving, Confession, Prayer. This method anchors prayer in the catechism or other biblical texts, but allows the Holy Spirit to prompt thoughts via the Word, which may be chased more freely by the mind at prayer. Praying in the way described by Luther requires a time of solitude and intentionality. It will also require a period of preparation . . .




. . . read the text slowly. What words are beginning to jump out at you? What words trouble you? encourage you? disturb you? comfort you? *What does this text teach you? What do you have to be thankful for in the text? What can you confess? Now pray.* . . . Instruction, Thanksgiving, Confession, Prayer. You can use it to pray with your family at home, with a group of Christians at church or elsewhere, or by yourself. As you practice it daily, it will become second nature and a great blessing for our meditation and prayer."

This is, of course, just one method to consider in adding to your prayer life and your meditation on Scripture. As we continue to consider how we can further order our times around the Word of God and prayer may we ask our heavenly Father to give us His Holy Spirit so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Rev. Samuel Wirgau



October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
19 9a Divine Service 10:15a ABC & SS 11:00 Pork Chop Dinner	2 7p Handbell Choir Practice	3	4 10a Chapel 5:30 Catechism Class 7p Divine Service Adult Choir Prac.	5	6	7	
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Fall Break—NO SCHOOL							
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29 9a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS	30 5:30p Board of Education Meeting 7p Handbell Choir Practice	31					

September 29, 2023

BETHLEHEM FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund (Home Fund) Account to Pay Operating Bills \$1,293.59

Savings Fund Balances

	Accrued Amount	Restricted Amount Borrowed	Account Balance
Improvement Fund	\$29,656.82	(\$ 0.00)	\$29,656.82
Scholarship Fund	\$ 6,846.02	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 6,846.02
Music Fund	\$ 1,954.61	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 1,954.61
Reserved (TBD)	<u>\$ 2,369.00</u>	<u>(\$ 0.00)</u>	<u>\$ 2,369.00</u>
TOTALS	\$40,826.45	(\$ 0.00)	\$40,826.45

Checkbook Balance \$ 1,293.59

Savings Account Balance \$40,826.45

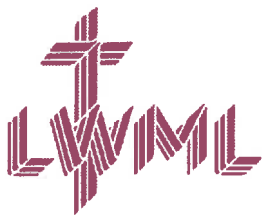
Total Savings and Checking Balance \$42,120.04

Borrowed Amounts

Restricted Savings Account	\$ 0.00
Operating Loan Amount	<u>\$19,750.00</u>
TOTAL BORROWED	<u>\$19,750.00</u>

Bills due week of October 1- \$5,000

Bills due week of October 8- \$12,000



The Decatur Zone LWML made a donation to the "LWML Church Worker Scholarship" in memory of Delores Scheumann, for her faithful membership in the LWML.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 14, is the LWML Fall Rally at Zion Friedheim. Registration begins at 8:30 AM in the Dahling Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be Pastor Michael Wakeland, head Chaplain of Lutheran Life Village.

October 21, at 8:00 AM the Lutheran World Relief Truck will be in the parking lot of St John Lutheran Church 729 West Washington Street Fort Wayne to collect items for World Relief.

The LWML will be having their Cookie Bake Sale at the Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 5. Your donation of cookies is greatly appreciated. All funds collected will be for LWML Mites for Missions.

Rev Zach Oedewaldt was installed by Rev Peter Brock as the new Pastoral Counselor of the Decatur Zone LWML.



Please welcome our newly assigned Fieldworker



My name is **William Bales** and I am a first year student at CTSFW. I have recently graduated from Concordia University Chicago with a degree in Lutheran elementary education. I grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, where I attended First Lutheran Church. This is the church I was baptized at in March of the year 2000. I have always had a desire to serve the church in some capacity, and began school at Concordia Chicago in the pre-seminary program before I switched to Lutheran education to gain some valuable teaching experience before seminary. My favorite hymn is "O Little Flock, Fear Not The Foe" because it reminds me that God is so much bigger and more powerful than Satan and God is on our side, so we don't need to fear anything Satan throws our way!



MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS TO BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR OR HYMNBOARD. Simply use the 2023 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, Cheryl Louison or Deaconess Wendy Boehm.

Announcements concerning the flowers should be given to the church office. Thank you



October 1, 2023 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 25:1-10; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Matthew 21:23-27 “By What Authority” – Sermon Text: Matthew 21:23 – Rev. Shayne Jonker By what authority? Jesus’ own words and works gave witness to His au-

thority. He told the religious authorities as much. If you don’t believe His words, then look at His works. Healing the sick, casting out demons, stilling storms, walking on water, raising the dead. These are the works that God does, and only one who is authorized by God can do these kinds of things. The Words and miracles of Jesus are His badge of authority.

October 8, 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 80:7-19; Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-46 “Faithful Vinedressers” – Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker In the parable of the wicked vinedressers Jesus recounts how God’s chosen people, Israel, were unfaithful to their calling. The Christian Church, which is the New Israel, is to be faithful to God’s calling by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

October 15, 2023 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 23; Isaiah 25:6-9; Matthew 22:1-14 “Kingly Love” – Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14 – Rev. William Mueller During His earthly ministry Jesus loved telling parables about banquets and parties. These parables are great ways to teach the truths of His kingdom. The truth we discover in the Parable of the Wedding Banquet is that attendance and participation in His banquet is on His terms. And His terms are lovely and gracious!

October 22, 2023 – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 96; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22 “Turned to God” – Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Psalm 96:1 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer Jesus Christ’s sacrificial death and resurrection turns our lives from sin’s despair and certain death to a living hope that awaits His return. We wait with a “new song” in our hearts and on our lips, a “song” of love for God and our neighbors whom He has entrusted to us. Yes, we are people who, through the Gospel’s power, are **TURNED TO GOD!**

October 29, 2023 – Reformation (Observed) Psalm 46; Revelation 14:6-7; John 8:31-36 “The Eternal Gospel” – Sermon Text: Revelation 14:6-7 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker Our God is consistent in all that He says and does. He has given to us an eternal Gospel. We know that this eternal Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, is an unchangeable truth promising the reward of life in heaven.

October



- 02) Kaden Laley
Gail Werling
- 03) Theodore Campbell
- 04) Tyson Flora
Lauren Schumm
Troy Smith
- 05) Rob Meyer
- 06) Holdon Eisaman
Jason Laley
- 07) Jeff Gresley
- 10) Maisie Patrick
- 11) Evan Delaney
Alex Fuhrmann
Alicia Krick
Emma Lesh
Jennifer Meyer
- 12) Allan Graft
- 14) MacKenzie Price
Mark Sauer
- 15) Maxine Nahrwold
- 17) Kyle Kleppinger
- 18) Noah Fowler
Grant Mishler
Shelby Todd
- 22) Avery Geiger
- 24) Ted Schumm
Ian Tolson
- 25) Evelyn Wanner
- 27) Kelly Collins
- 28) Katie Kleppinger
Brian Nahrwold
- 29) Larry Curry
- 30) Tisha Laley
Haley Williamson
- 31) Greyson Mishler
Susan Sauer



**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 July 31, 2023:

\$205,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009
192,883.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched
246,945.77 - Amount generated since 2009
-124,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009
\$521,256.59 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of July 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.

OCT. 21, 3:00 pm– DARTS TOURNAMENT AND FUNDRAISER for Redeemer Classical School at Redeemer Lutheran Church (202 W. Rudisill Blvd. Ft. Wayne). The tournament will be a blind draw round-robin Cricket tournament, with an adult division and an under 14 division. Beginners and experienced players are welcome! Admission for players will be \$15 (includes entry into the tournament, a ticket for a beer or root beer, snacks, one raffle ticket, and lots of good company!). Non-players are admitted for free. Hot dogs will be available for purchase. A raffle will take place at approximately 5:30 pm (must be present to win). Businesses are invited to sponsor a dart board or donate raffle items. For more information, please call Jane Casey at (260) 744-2585 or secretary.redeemer@gmail.com.

Circuit Forum – St. John, Bingen Sunday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m. Information on 2023 Synodical Convention. Everyone is invited to attend.

St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling) Anniversary Church Dinner – Sunday, October 8th from 10:00-1:00pm. Choice of Chicken or Swiss Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Drink and Dessert. Adults \$10 Children 12 and under \$5.00

Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim - second annual Women's Retreat, Saturday, October 21st in the Dahling Family Life Center. Registration is from 9-9:30am with the program starting at 9:30a.m. There will be a continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. The program ends at 1:30pm. There will be a minimal cost to attend. Please call the church office to register, 260-547-4248.

Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 6 Ron and Jean Anderson (55)
Oct. 7 David and Natalie Brege (16)
Oct. 9 Rev. Anthony and Betsy Dodgers (2)
Oct. 11 Nicole and Scott Williamson (20)
Oct. 17 Glen and Julie Werling (25)
Oct. 19 Dale and Janelle Klingenger (10)
Oct. 21 Jeff and Lisa Gresley (34)
Oct. 23 Bruce and Heather Bultemeier (30)



Elder Routes

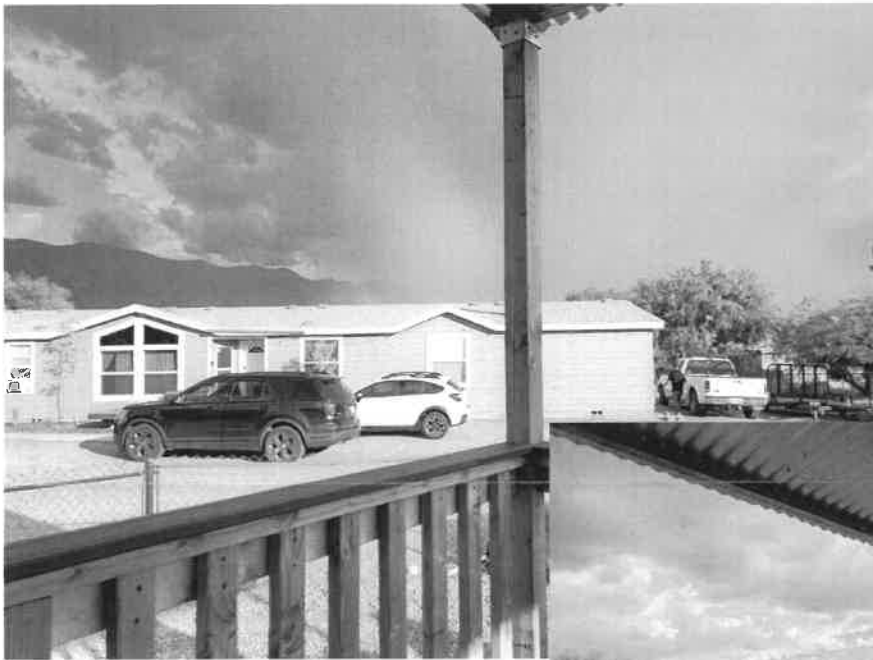
Bruce Werling	A-B
Glen Werling	C-F
Ted Schumm	G-K
Jerry Meyer	L-P
Steve Conrad	Q-S
Dave Flesch	T-Z

Dear Friends,

Katie, Basil, and I have made our way to Tucson, Arizona and have settled into life at Catalina Lutheran Church. The weather here is beautiful! It doesn't feel as hot as we expected and the area we're living in has lots of greenery scattered around. After a month of bouncing around the mid-West, its nice to have somewhere to call home again. I've settled into my duties quite comfortably. I'm working about 60 hours a week, but it doesn't feel like work at all! I'm doing my best to get used to cowboy boots and a cowboy hat...

We're very grateful for all of the love and support given us by the souls of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and certainly miss all of you. Our prayers are with you and your fieldworkers. Thank you for the wonderful two years we got to spend with you. We were blessed to worship with you during my first two years of seminary.

We'll see you in a year!



In Christ,

Isaac, Katie,

& Basil Spangler

14820 N Appleton Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85739



Join us for this fun Autumn Painting!

“Fall Vintage Truck”

Sunday afternoon

October 29th at 2 p.m.

Cost for the class is \$15.00

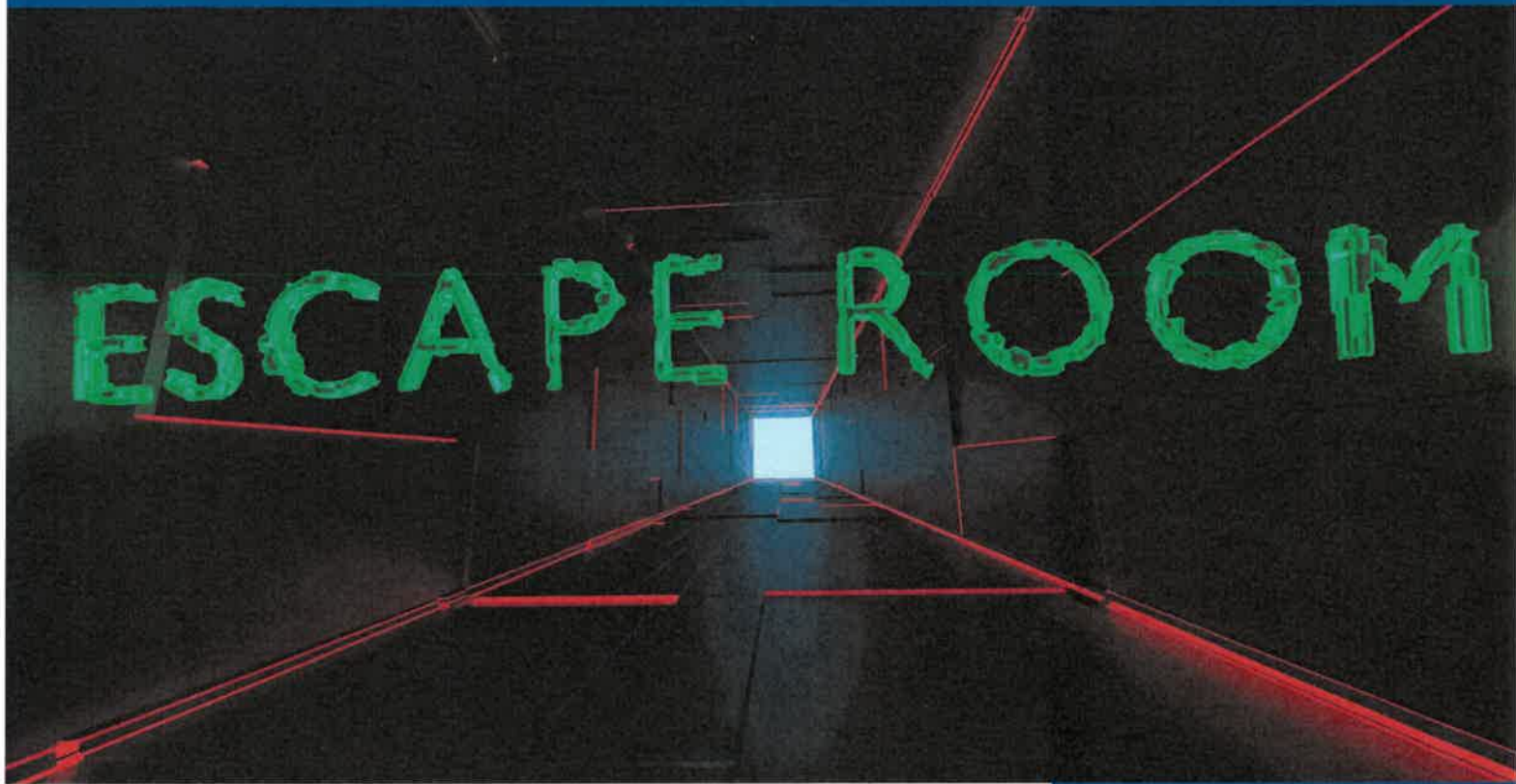
All supplies provided.

All ages welcome



YOUTH GROUP

OCTOBER 2023



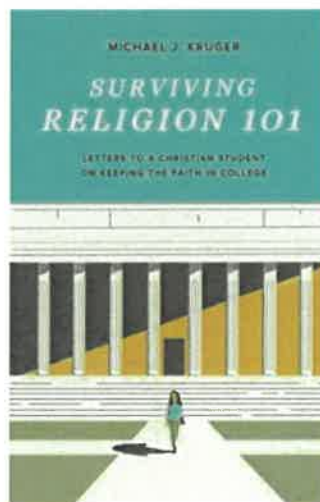
Kick off Event

BY DEACONESS WENDY BOEHM

in September, we had our first bible study with the group. We are discussing the book “Surviving Religion 101” by Michael J. Kruger, which focuses largely on apologetics. Those who have not received your book yet, they are in the youth room available for you to pick up. We will continue our bible study discussion throughout the year.

At the end of October, we will have a costume contest and take a trip to an escape room.

Look for future events regarding fundraising for our 2024 Higher Things Trip.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 8:

Fall Festival

LYF Bible Study 6:30pm

Sunday, October 22 :

LYF Bible Study 6:30pm

Sunday, October 29 :

Escape Room & Costume Contest

**Doughnut
Duty
Grant M. &
Molly**

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN & NEW HOPE LUTHERAN

Free Event

TRUNK

or

TREAT

REF1517

PLACE YOUR VOTE FOR THE
BEST DECORATED TRUNK.
RAIN LOCATION IN THE GYM.



SATURDAY

21 OCTOBER
4-6 PM 2023

New Hope Lutheran Church
8643-8691 IN-1, Ossian, IN 46777

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

6514 E 750 N Ossian, IN 46777



and

Swiss Steak Dinner

Sunday, November 5, 2023

11:15 to 1:30 pm

in the school gym

*Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Dessert*

*Adults \$13.00
Children 12 & under \$6.00
Hot Dog meal \$4.00
DINE IN or Carry out*

*Don't forget to shop at our
holiday booths
and the LWML Cookie Walk*

Proceeds will go to Women of Bethlehem project fund.



TIGER TALES

"Connected to Christ"



Bethlehem participated in the Ossian Day's Parade on Saturday, September 16th. It was nice to see several of our families there and walking in support of our school.

CALENDAR

Oct. 1 Pork Chop Dinner
Oct. 6 End of 1st quarter
Oct. 8 Fall Festival
Oct. 9 Picture Retakes
Oct. 10-12 Parent Teacher Conf.
Oct. 9-13 Book Fair
Oct. 16-20 Fall Break—NO SCHOOL
Oct. 23 PTL Meeting
Oct. 26-27 INPEC—NO SCHOOL
Oct. 30 K—Fieldtrip
Oct. 30 Board of Ed Meeting

OCTOBER 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
29	30	31				

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 10 Maisie Patrick
Oct. 11 Alex Fuhrmann
Oct. 19 Anthony Tolson
Oct. 19 Natalie Yoquelet
Oct. 23 Gabriella Campbell
Oct. 25 Evelyn Wanner



As a parent, you probably know that keeping your kids from spending all day (and night!) on their devices can be a challenge, and you're not alone. But finding a quick and easy way to manage screen time and filter the web doesn't have to be mission impossible — or cost an arm and a leg.

Bethlehem has partnered with Bark to offer our families a **free Bark Jr subscription (\$60/year value)** for life!

Use the URL below to activate your free Bark Jr account:

<https://www.bark.us/bark-jr/signup?ref=JFK944B>

What am I getting with a free Bark Jr account?

- Ability to manage screen time on mobile devices
- Set different rules for school time and bedtime
- Filter which websites your kids can visit
- Keep up with kids with location check-ins



What is Bark?

In addition to screen time, Bark can help parents proactively monitor text messages, YouTube, emails, and 30+ different social networks for potential safety concerns, so busy parents can save time and gain peace of mind. Bark currently helps protect over 5.6 million kids in the US.

Thank you

Bethlehem Lutheran School

With Gradelink you can stay updated on your child's academic progress at school and get information on upcoming assignments such as assignment descriptions and due dates. Login information is available from your child's teacher or from the school office.

The following information is available to you when you **log in to Gradelink**:

- Current Grade in each class
- Current GPA for the term, if applicable
- Descriptions, Grades, and Teacher Comments for graded assignments
- Descriptions and Due Dates for upcoming assignments
- Assignment handouts or documents (attachments)
- Email Alerts you can configure for grades and attendance
- Attendance Information
- Transcript Information, if applicable
- Billing Information, if applicable



To access this information go to www.gradelink.com and click on the green Log In button.

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU NEED ANY HELP

This is the student portal Mr. Meyer maintains that gives the students quick access to a lot of our programs. Parents may also access this site to see what is going on in grades 3 - 8 grades. <https://sites.google.com/bethsossian.org/bethlehemstudentportal/home>

PRIVACY NOTICE

We all love to share pictures of our child's school activities and accomplishments. However, we have to be very careful where those pictures are posted and respect that other students might also be in the picture. Parents please remember to respect do not post pictures that may have students in them other than your own child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office before posting anything. Thank you

School Gym Use after school hours – Before using the school gym after school hours, please be sure to contact our current Athletic Director, Josh Boehm. Please call or text him at 260-258-3998 to make arrangements. Thank you



School picture RE-TAKES Monday, October 9th
Please return the original order packet.
Classroom composites will be sent home after all retakes are completed.

PTL NEWS

PTL Meeting—October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL! Please join us, Sunday, October 8th from 3:30-6pm! This is a great evening of fun games, food and fellowship. We will need lots of volunteers to help with preparing and serving food as well as running some of the games/activities. We will begin contacting people very soon to help with this event!

Black Tie Gala and Blue Jeans and SILENT AUCTION! Mark your Calendars! Saturday, November 4th! Bethlehem Lutheran School will be having our 4th annual Gala and Silent Auction at The Lighted Gardens in Ossian. This year's theme is Around the World! More details and tickets are attached to this newsletter!

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.

Bethlehem **WILL NOT** be following the Norwell Professional Development 2 hour Delay on Wednesday, October 4th. Morning bus service will NOT be provided. Parents are asked to be sure your Bethlehem student arrives at 9:00 a.m. The 7th & 8th graders will be excused from their Norwell Classes. Please be sure to call the school office if transportation is an issue.



NO SCHOOL—Oct. 16-20 Fall Break

NO SCHOOL Oct. 26-27 INPEC Teacher Conference (E-learn days)

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.



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



First Quarter

Chapel Mission Project

Chapel Offering for the 1st Quarter ends October 6th: Please continue to send your offerings to help a seminary student, studying to be a pastor, at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Thank you

During the 2nd quarter (Oct. 9-Dec. 22) our school families will be supporting the Northern Wells Food Pantry.

Along with our weekly chapel offerings, we will be collecting different items and there will be a school-wide reward if we reach our collection goals.

October 9—25 Canned Goods 150 cans
 October 30— November 10 Personal Hygiene items 50 items
 November 13-December 1 Boxed Food 100 items
 December 4— December 22 Paper Products and Snack Foods 100 items



Thank you



To God, to Parents, and to Teachers

Martin Luther said, “To God, to parents, and to teachers we can never offer enough thanks and compensation” (Large Catechism I.130). We tend to overlook parents and teachers because we’re so used to having them around, but really we should be so grateful that God has provided us with people to take care of us and teach us. This is one reason that God gave us the Fourth Commandment: “Honor your father and your mother.” This command is not just limited to our biological parents. It covers all earthly authority, because all earthly authority extends from parents. God has given parents the authority to rule their children and teach them. But parents share their authority with others to better serve their children. Parents support and obey the government which shares their authority to rule people and keep people safe. Parents also share their authority with teachers who help to teach their children.

So, the church has often maintained schools to help educate children. In fact, Christians were the first people to provide schools for everyone, rich and poor, boys and girls. We understand the importance and worth of schools, not only because God commands us to teach children, but because we know how much schools benefit home, church, government, and society. Martin Luther also said, “If we wish to have excellent and able persons both for civil and Church leadership, we must spare no diligence, time, or cost in teaching and educating our children, so that they may serve God and the world” (Large Catechism I.172). Raising and teaching children is a work that pleases God and benefits the church and society. For this reason (and for many more) we should give thanks.

Rev. Anthony Dodgers



Beckett Daniel Streeks was born September 18th. He weighed 7 lbs and 15 oz and was 21 inches long.

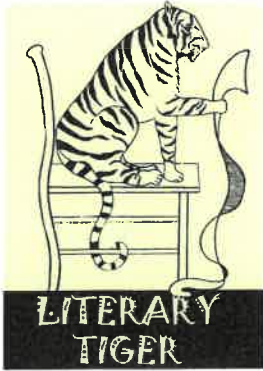
The school children along with family and sponsors got to witness Beckett being baptized during the Chapel Service on September 27th.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church and New Hope Lutheran Church will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" event together on DATE from 4-6 p.m (rain location in the gym). If you are interested in hosting a trunk, there are forms in the church narthex or online on Bethlehem's website (church/school members only). A prize will be given out to the

best decorated trunk. This is a FREE event; everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm for more information 260-415-8526 or wboehm@bethlsossian.org. Hope to see you there!

Here is a link to the form to sign up online: <https://forms.gle/tJegouevFyVERqMi6>



Tales for Tigers

Tuesdays are one of our favorite days, because we get to spend the morning in the school library! We love to see the students each week, and especially love hearing about their favorite books. All students are welcome to contribute written book reviews for the Tiger Tales. Written or typed reviews can be submitted to Ms. Heidi or the librarians at any time.

This month we have a review from Bethlehem graduate, Sarena Wirgau.



Eragon By Christopher Paolini

When Eragon – a young orphaned farm boy from the Palancar Valley – encounters a mysterious blue stone while hunting, his life is turned upside down. He learns that he is one of the fabled Dragon Riders of legend. When his uncle is brutally killed and his home destroyed, Eragon sets out, along with his dragon Saphira and the old village storyteller Brom, to hunt down his uncle's killers. Along the way he battles the monstrous Urgals, soldiers of the Empire, and even a mysterious and evil Shade. But as Eragon travels, he soon learns that things, and people, are not always what they seem.

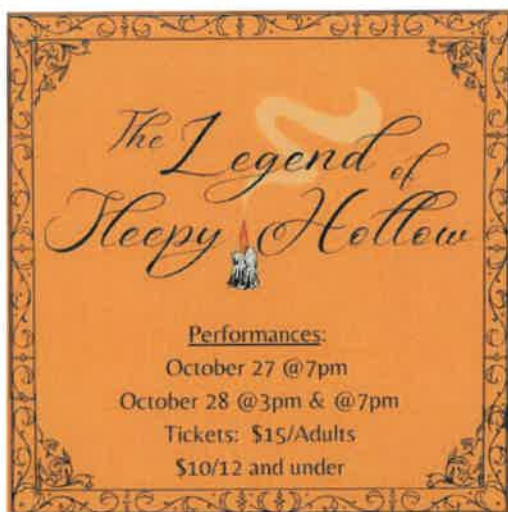
Middle school and junior high readers are sure to enjoy this action-packed first installment of the Inheritance series and will not find themselves disappointed with the rest.



Talented Tigers

Many Bethlehem students regularly participate in music, dance, theater, and other arts activities outside of school. We would love to share information about upcoming performances and recitals featuring Bethlehem students! Contact the school office with any details you wish to be shared in future issues of Tiger Tales.

Upcoming Events:



Creative Arts Council of Bluffton Presents:
"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

October 27 & 28

Featuring Tiger: Jonah Bultemeier ("Rolf")
and Sarena Wirgau (Margaret)

For more information on both events, visit:
<https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/>



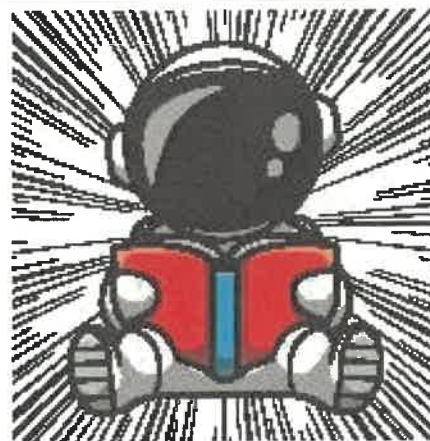
A few of our Talented Tigers were spotted in the parade walking with Jeanette Lundeen's Music Studio.

Jonah Bultemeier, Jacob Bultemeier and MaKayla Berkey



Talented Tigers, Jonah Bultemeier and Alex Fuhrmann dancing "Snow White" during story time at the Bluffton Library.

To the Book Fair & Beyond: Blast Into Reading



Ready to **EXPLORE** the world of fabulous fiction, non-fiction that takes you **OUT OF THIS WORLD**, or want to **FUEL UP** some fun with awesome art & activity books? The **UNIVERSE** is yours with books!

We will be **BLASTING OFF** with Good Books at the Book Fair where Books help us **REACH FOR THE STARS!!** At the conclusion of our Reading Challenge, join us from Sunday, October 8th, 2023 through Thursday, October 12th in the hallway outside of the library (preview day, Friday, October 6th in the afternoon). Each class will have it's opportunity to shop and the Book Fair will be open during our Fall Festival and Conferences.

We're very excited to share these books and the fun of reading with you. Our school benefits and earns books from every purchase, so we appreciate your support!! Usborne and Kane Miller books offer wonderful, quality books on a wide range of topics, including amazing chapter books and early readers, outstanding non-fiction, and the best activity books to get kids excited about reading! We also offer hands-on STEAM learning with SmartLab Toys.

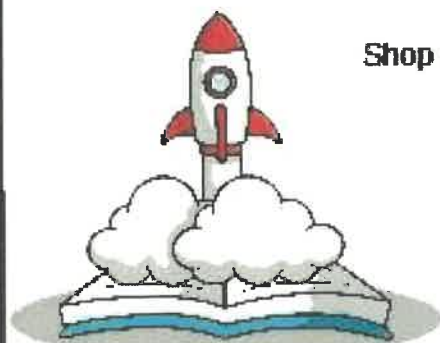
Can't make it? Shop the on-line bookstore and support our school!

Visit <https://j9063.paperpie.com>, select our school, and shop! Share our link with family and friends!

To the Book Fair & Beyond!!

Showing your child that reading truly matters is one of the best examples you can possibly set.

Shop our E-fair: <https://j9063.paperpie.com/2570663>
(click on our school before shopping)



Come and join us for Bethlehem's Fall Festival!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023
4:00-7:00pm
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
6514 E 750 N, OSSIAN

HOMEMADE PIES AND ICE CREAM BY THE LADIES AID!

KETTLE
CORN!

SHOP AT OUR
BOOK FAIR!

LOTS OF FOOD!
Dinner served
4:00-6:30

FIRE TRUCK FROM
THE OSSIAN FIRE
DEPARTMENT!

CARNIVAL
GAMES!
4:00-

FACE
PAINTING!
4:00-5:30

HAPPY CLOWN BOUNCE HOUSE!

JOIN US BEHIND THE
GYM (weather permitting)
AT 6:30 TO SEE WHICH
TEACHER HAS THE BEST
PUMPKIN CARVING
SKILLS!

BINGO!
6:00-6:30

TRAIN RIDES!
4:00-5:30

Bethlehem Lutheran School
Around the World
Silent Auction and Gala
~ Featuring comedian Glen Tickle ~

Adventure awaits as you travel with us for a night of fun...

all while raising money for our wonderful school!

November 4, 2023

at The Lighted Gardens ~ 10794 St Rt 1, Ossian, IN

**Doors open & Silent Auction begins at 5:30pm ~ Dinner served at 6:30pm
Silent Auction ends at 7:30 ~ Glen performs at 7:45**

Ticket Prices

\$60 individual ~ \$110 couple ~ \$440 table of 8 (guaranteed seated together)

If purchasing a table, please have everyone at your table fill out a registration.

*****Purchase your tickets by October 8th and your name will go into a drawing to win \$100 to spend at the auction!*****

Last day to purchase tickets is October 22nd! ~ Seating is limited!

**Contact Jennifer Bultemeier 419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307, or the school office
260-597-7366 for tickets**

Please fill out the section below and return with payment. Thank you!

Silent Auction Registration 2023

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ **Number of tickets:** _____

Email Address: _____



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