

Ordering our Days: Order in Prayer and Orders of Prayer

*Ordering our time around the peace of Christ, hearing His Word and calling upon Him in prayer comes into our daily lives both individually and collectively. Ordering our time means finding opportunities to hear and read God's Word and to pray each day and throughout the day, from sunrise to sunset. As the psalmist writes, "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night" (Psalm 92:1-2).

Order and intentionality serve these efforts. Being intentional, setting a time and place, and having an order surrounding our reading and prayer provides us encouragement and direction. God's people have done this throughout history. In the early Middle Ages the seven canonical hours of prayer were developed: Vigil, Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers, and Compline. Some of these find their way into corporate worship services of prayer in our hymnal. We do not make a law about this and we don't look at our devotion as the thing which sanctifies us (that is God's Word), but we can see much benefit in having time and order to our days around the Word of God and prayer.

Many of us do this already around the table before and after meals. What we already have established can easily be expanded upon, incorporating with our meal prayers the reading and hearing of God's Word and prayer, not just for the food but other petitions as well. The same is true for our morning and evening prayer, even the simple prayer we have can be expanded upon.

To surround these prayers with order also proves beneficial. We do not need to start from scratch on these matters, nor do we have to invent things of our own. We have a rich treasury in the Church not only of prayers, but of orders to prayer, as noted above. Luther provides some of these simple orders in his appendices in the Small Catechism titled "Daily Prayers" (see pages 327-328 in *Lutheran Service Book*). Likewise the *Lutheran Service Book* provides various short orders of prayer and readings to order our days in the peace of Christ (see pages 295-298).

Lastly I would remind you of what is provided every week in our Sunday bulletin. The "recitation and prayer for school and home" is a short order of prayer and devotion for individuals and families. Included with it are sections of Scripture and/or the Small Catechism for daily taking-to-heart and meditation. This order follows along the same lines of simplicity and order that Luther provides in the *Small Catechism*.

I encourage all members to consider where it is beneficial to use these resources. God has given us freedom in our orders of prayer and hearing His Word, but He has also commanded that we do hear His Word and call upon Him in prayer. He commands this because this is the best for us; He hears our prayer and His Word does not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:11).

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November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a Chapel 5:30 Catechism Class No Choir	2	3	4
5 9a Divine 10:15a ABC & SS 11:15 Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 Holiday Ba- zaar	6 7p Handbell Choir Practice	7	8 10:00aChapel 5:30 Catechism 7p Divine Service Adult Choir Prac- tice	9	10	11
12 9a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS 11:15a Voters Assembly Meet 6:30p LYF Bible	13 7p Handbell Choir Practice	14	15 10:00aChapel 5:30 Catechism Class 7p Divine Service Adult Choir Prac	16	17 6p Square Dance at Lighted Gardens	18
19 9a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS	20 7p Handbell Choir Practice	21	22 NO SCHOOL 5:30 Catechism Class 7p Divine Service Adult Choir Prac	23 NO SCHOOL 9 a Thanksgiving Service	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26 9a Divine Service 10:15 ABC & SS 6:30p LYF Bible Study	27 7p Handbell Choir Practice	28 6p Board of Christian Ed Meeting	29	30		

November 3, 2023 (un-audited)

BETHLEHEM FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund (Home Fund) Account to Pay Operating Bills (\$9,620.83)

Savings Fund Balances

	Accrued Amount	Restricted Amount Borrowed	Account Balance
Improvement Fund	\$30,063.12	(\$ 500.00)	\$29,563.12
Scholarship Fund	\$ 6,846.02	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 6,846.02
Music Fund	\$ 1,954.61	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 1,954.61
Reserved (TBD)	\$ 2,369.00	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 2,369.00
TOTALS	\$41,232.75	(\$ 0.00)	\$40,732.75

Checkbook Balance (\$9,620.83)

Savings Account Balance \$40,732.75

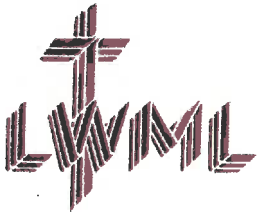
Total Savings and Checking Balance \$31,111.92

Borrowed Amounts

Restricted Savings Account	\$ 500.00
Operating Loan Amount	\$25,750.00
TOTAL BORROWED	\$26,250.00

Bills due week of November 6—\$14,000

Bills due week of November 13—\$10,000



The Women of Bethlehem will be collecting Christmas gifts for our field workers, Morgan Phillips and William Bales. Donations of gift cards can be given to Judy Moehring or placed in the LWML mailbox in the church office. Gifts can be placed in the box in the church entry.

Thank you to everyone who supported Mites for Missions on LWML Sunday, \$190 was collected.

The Decatur Zone Fall Rally was held at Zion Friedheim on Saturday, October 14, with 28 people in attendance. Pastor Michael Wakeland, head chaplain at Lutheran Life Villages was the guest speaker. He thanked everyone for their support through mites given to the Indiana District LWML Grant and the National LWML grant. Pastor Oedewaldt installed Marilyn Bulmahn who was elected President of the Decatur Zone LWML and Vicki Schallhorn who was elected as Secretary/ Treasurer.

June 21-23, 2024 will be the Indiana District LWML Convention in Danville, Indiana. Each congregation can send 2 voting delegates to the convention. If you are interested in being a delegate from Bethlehem, contact Vicki Schallhorn or Judy Moehring. Ruth Armel Scholarships are available for anyone who has never attended the District Convention. Contact Marilyn Bulmahn if you are interested in this scholarship. The theme of the convention is Rooted in Christ- Ephesians 3:17b



Dear Pastor and Church Community of Bethlehem Lutheran,
Thank you for taking the time to attend our Fall Banquet with Dr. Ben Carson!
We are very blessed to have Pastors and church communities becoming involved with our mission to protect life from conception to natural death!
As we continue to battle the evils of this world, we are thankful for the hope that Our Lord is protecting us!
May God continue to bless you all and look forward to seeing you all soon!
Best Regards,
The staff of Right to Life of Northeast Indiana

A big thank you to the anonymous donor for sponsoring 4 tables.



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



Our True Hope November 5, 2023 – All Saints' Day
Observed Rev. Jeremy Swem In the midst of hardships, struggles, and persecution it is easy to lose hope and falsely be-

lieve that God has abandoned us. He has not. John in his Revelation provides us the sure and certain hope that our Savior brings us through all these things finally giving to us His victory. Sermon Text: Matthew 5:1-12 Readings: Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Last Day Hope November 12, 2023 – Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III We learn from the Apostle Paul about Last Day realities, which mean for us present-day hope. These truths about that Day move us to encourage one another now as brothers and sisters in Christ. Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Readings: Psalm 146; Zephaniah 1:7-16; Matthew 25:14-30

Good and Faithful Servants November 19, 2023 – Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost Rev. Thomas Eggold In Christ, God's wrath has been satisfied, and we have been liberated from sin and freed to serve; freed to use the talents God has given us; freed to be the people Christ died to create. And in Christ, the Master call us "good and faithful servants" as we carry out His work in the world. Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30 Readings: Psalm 95:1-7a; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-46

Sheep and Goats November 26, 2023 – Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost Rev. Shayne Jonker The sheep go to the right, the goats to the left, but take note of the terms of separation. They are sorted on the basis of what they are, not what they do. And this is precisely what the apostle Paul means when he says that we are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ apart from works of the law. Final Judgment is made not on the basis of what you did, but on the basis of what you are. Sermon Text: Matthew 25:32

November



- 02) Whitney Smith
- 03) Raeann Stoppenhagen
- 04) Andrew Roembke
- 06) Brian Scheumann
Dalene Springer
- 09) Victoria Bennett
Ashley Bultemeier
Shalynn Saalfrank
- 10) Amber Corwin
- 11) Joyce Bauermeister
- 13) Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Evan Springer
Ryan Werling
- 15) Bruce Bultemeier
- 16) Laura Meyer
- 19) Austin Miller
Greg Mishler
Tonya Pynaert
Tiffany Roose
Dean Scheumann
Ben Schueler
- 21) Kathy Nahrwold
- 22) Daniel Buchinger
- 24) Jeffrey Holtzclaw
- 25) Jerry Meyer
- 26) Addison Roembke
- 27) Lydia Harkless
- 28) Haley Green



**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 August 31, 2023:

\$205,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009
192,883.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched
243,525.78 - Amount generated since 2009
-124,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009
\$517,836.60 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of August 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.

St. Joe Hessen Cassel Craft Show
Saturday, November 11th 9am -2pm
11521 Old US 27 S
Fort Wayne, IN 46816
Support local and shop over 90 booths!



**SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCH
AND PROGRAM at New
Hope Lutheran Church**

Thursday, November 16th beginning at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Peter Brock will speak on efforts to protect albino children and spread the Gospel in Tanzania. A free will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of food. RSVP to Diane Garrett 260-415-1462 or Carol Schumacher 260-223-4830

Happy Anniversary!

Nov. 4 Brad and Amanda Meyer (5)
Nov. 14 Kim and Gina Graft (43)
Nov. 16 Jay and Cheryl Louison (32)
Nov. 20 Rory and Tina Geiger (30)
Nov. 20 Stan and Pat Meyer (41)
Nov. 23 Landon and Emily Sands (4)
Nov. 25 Neil and Susan Stoppenhagen (34)
Nov. 27 Morgan and Amelia Phillips (2)
Nov. 27 Brian and Janice Scheumann (24)
Nov. 28 Lane and Jeni Harkless (25)
Nov. 28 Seth and Natalie Wanner (8)
Nov. 29 Steve and Clara Conrad (27)
Nov. 29 Ted and Denise Schumm (37)
Nov. 29 Leon and Arlene Werling (48)



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



Welcome
New
Member

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.



Chad and Megan Dunham transferred to Bethlehem on Oct. 9, 2023. Their daughter Eva Faith Dunham was born on July 25, 2023 and was baptized on October 15, 2023.

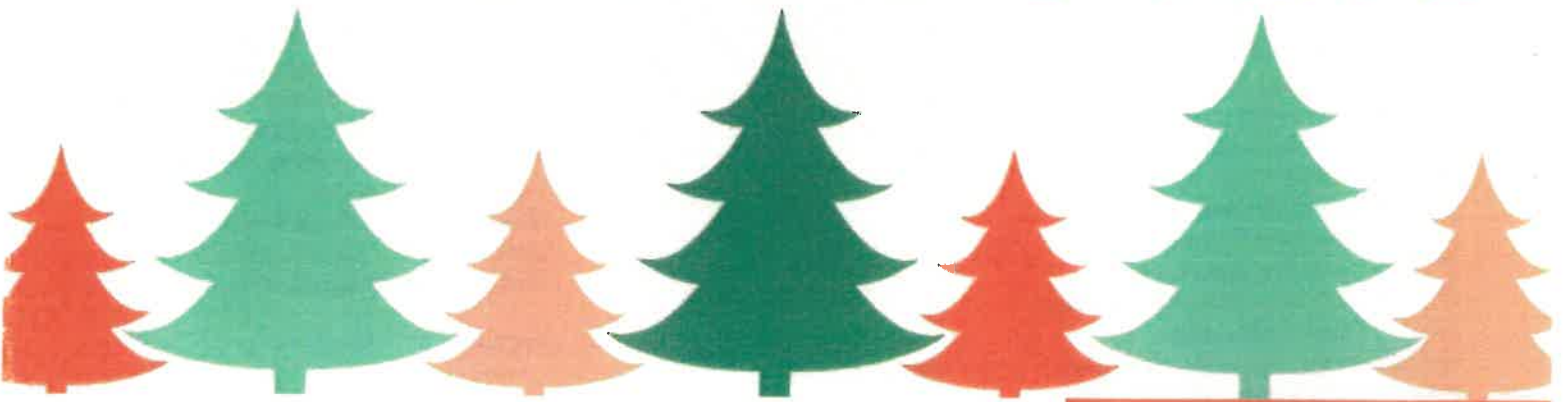


Brandon and Erin Schumm along with their three children; Madeline, Vincent and Emersyn transferred to Bethlehem on October 8, 2023

YOUTH GROUP

NOVEMBER 2023

Youth Group Cheeseballs



Kick off Event

BY DEACONESS WENDY BOEHM

We have been meeting regularly for our bible study time during the month of October. Our escape room has been rescheduled and will most likely be on Saturday, November 11th. This will be a wonderful opportunity to bond more over activity.

In November, we will be selling cheeseballs at the Holiday Bazaar in order to help raise funds needed for our Higher Things trip in 2024. Come check out our booth for some samples. We will also have cheeseballs available throughout November. There will be a Higher Things meeting in November (TBD) to go over information for our 2024 trip.

Keep a look out in the bulletin for upcoming fundraiser information including information about Wednesday evening Advent Suppers.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 4:
Make Cheeseballs

Sunday, November 5:
Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, November 12:
LYF Bible Study 6:30pm

Sunday, November 26
LYF Bible Study 6:30pm

**Doughnut
Duty
Eden**

Celebrating 85 Years!

CTSFW Seminary Guild Sets \$8,500 Goal for the Legacy Project

The Seminary Guild of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), is celebrating 85 years of service during the 2023-24 academic year. Throughout these years, individual members and congregational organizations have generously supported Guild projects to positively impact CTSFW students and their families. For that, we are most thankful.

Your support in prior years has provided four industrial microwaves for use by the students, an upright freezer to facilitate distribution of frozen items to students through the Food Co-Op, and four water bottle filling stations.

This academic year, in celebration of our 85th anniversary, the Guild asks that you consider giving your financial support to the Legacy Project. Contributions to this fund are used to purchase a *Pastoral Care Companion* (PCC) for each first-year seminarian, first-year deaconess student, and Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) student. All students use the PCC at their fieldwork congregations, and it continues to be a vital resource during their lifetime of service. Though the book has "Pastoral" in the title, it provides all church workers with prayers, readings, and hymns that



guide them in caring for the people they serve in their respective vocations.

Making a donation to the Legacy Project is a way of reaching out with

a helping hand. By providing even a small gift, you can be part of an effort to show your support to your future pastor or deaconess in the LCMS. Please send your check, payable to CTS Seminary Guild, to Box 8, 6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Please note on your check that the donation is for *Pastoral Care Companions*.

You may also donate online at ctsfw.edu/LegacyProject.

You are invited to our monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of the month at the Seminary. This is a superb time to enjoy fellowship with other Guild members. For more information about the Guild and our service to Seminary students and their families, please visit ctsfw.edu/semguild.

In Christ,

Phyllis Thieme

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Seminary Guild President



Concordia Theological Seminary Guild—Fort Wayne Annual Membership Dues and/or Contribution

Seminary Guild membership runs from September 1 to August 31 each calendar year. An individual membership is \$15/year and an organization membership (e.g., LWML, Altar Guild, or other LCMS congregation group) is \$30/year.

Name/Organization: _____	Contribution: Pastoral Care Companion	\$ _____
Address: _____	Individual Membership	\$ _____
City, State, Zip _____	Organization Membership	\$ _____
Home Church _____	Contribution: Ongoing Projects	\$ _____
Phone (_____) _____	Total Enclosed	\$ _____
Email _____		

Please send your check, payable to Concordia Theological Seminary Guild, together with this completed form to:
Concordia Theological Seminary Guild, Box 8, 6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Book Club

sponsored by Women of Bethlehem

**anyone can participate*

SHADOWS ON THE SAND

BY GAYLE G. ROPER

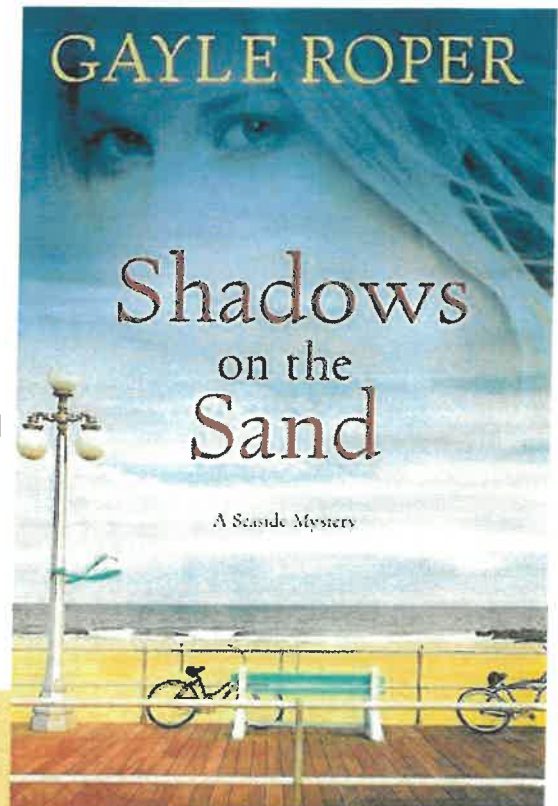


She serves him breakfast at her café every morning ... but he never seems to notice her.

Carrie Carter's small café in Seaside, New Jersey, is populated with a motley crew of locals ... although Carrie only has eyes for Greg Barnes. He's recovering from a vicious crime that three years ago took the lives of his wife and children—and from the year he tried to drink his reality away. While her heart does a happy Snoopy dance at the sight of him, he never seems to notice her.

When Carrie's dishwasher is killed and her young waitress disappears, Greg finds himself drawn into helping Carrie solve the mysteries ... and into her life. But when Carrie's own painful past becomes all too present, her carefully constructed world begins to sink.

Will the fragile relationship she's building with Greg implode from the weight of the baggage they both carry?



HOW IT WORKS

- PURCHASE THE BOOK (AUDIO, EBOOK OR PHYSICAL COPY)
- WE WILL HAVE A GROUP TEXT GOING TO BOUNCE BACK QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.
- WE WILL MEET IN PERSON AT CRIMSON HOUSE **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 9:00AM** TO DISCUSS THE BOOK IN PERSON. CONTACT DEACONESS WENDY BOEHM TO JOIN: 260-415-8526

**GRAB YOUR PARTNER!
IT'S TIME FOR A
SQUARE DANCE!**

**AND DINNER
MUSIC BY BREAKAWAY**

EVENT SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

MEAL AT 6PM

DANCING BEGINS AT 7:30PM

LIGHTED GARDENS

10794 NORTH STATE ROAD 1, OSSIAN, IN

PRE-SALE TICKETS INCLUDE:

PULLED PORK DINNER & 2 DRINK TICKETS

\$20 ADULT (HIGH SCHOOL & OLDER) , \$10 STUDENT (K-8TH),

FREE FOR 4 AND UNDER

(\$25 ADULT TICKET DAY OF EVENT)

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH OFFICE, LIGHTED GARDENS OR BY CALLING**

260-227-0400 or email Spmeyer82@gmail.com



TIGER TALES

"Connected to Christ"



Thank you to everyone who came out to our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 8th. Everyone had a great time and the teachers enjoyed their pumpkin carving! Thank you to the PTL committee and all who volunteered.

CALENDAR

November 4 Silent Auction and Gala
November 5 Daylight Savings
November 5 Church Holiday Bazaar
November 10 Vision Screening
November 14-16 NLSA Team Visit
November 17 Mid-terms sent home
November 17 Square Dance
November 22-24 No School—Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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			

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 5 Nicolas Blair
Nov. 13 Pastor Dodgers
Nov. 12 Lucas Haiflich



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/bethlsossian.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



NEW STUDENT

Please welcome Owen Book Alejandro a new student in 5th grade. Owen comes to us from Ossian Elementary and is excited to be here Bethlehem and make new friends. He and his family are current members of New Hope Lutheran Church. Owen's parents are Anthony and Christina Book and they live at:

6115 N State Road 1

Ossian, IN 46777

Mom's cell is 260-417-0491

Dad's cell is 260-403-1764

Email address is: chrissee138@yahoo.com

We welcome them to our Bethlehem Lutheran School family!



Bethlehem is proud of our alumni! On October 8, 2023 Ian Todd, son of Josh and Jenny Todd was inducted into the Norwell High School National Honor Society. Ian is currently a Junior at Norwell High School.



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 Norwell Community Schools.

Bethlehem **WILL NOT** be following the Norwell Professional Development 2 hour Delay on Wednesday, November 8th. 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—November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

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

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 (accomplished!!)

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

Principal's Message

All Saints – Holy and United in the Vine

On November 1, the Church remembers and gives thanks to God for all the saints who have gone before us. They have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. God has taken them from this valley of sorrow to His nearer presence in heaven. Yet, death does not

make a saint, and neither does a life of good works. The word “saint” means “holy one,” and all Christians are made holy ones, saints, by faith in Jesus Christ. God makes us saints by His Holy Word and Absolution, by the washing of Holy Baptism, and by the holy body and blood of Christ in His Holy Supper. In John 15, our theme passage for the school year, Jesus tells us how He makes us saints. He says: “Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you” (John 15:3). He cleanses us of our sins. He forgives them. That’s what makes us God’s holy ones, His saints.

Then, having cleansed us by faith in this forgiveness, Jesus unites us to Himself and to all our fellow saints. He says: “Abide in me, and I in you” (John 15:4), like branches connected to the vine. All Christians are united by the one faith in the one Lord who saves them. This is the communion of saints. And it not only includes all of us saints still on earth, but this communion reaches beyond time and space to include the saints who are already in heaven. One of our hymns for the Feast of All Saints describes this unity in Christ better than I ever could:

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory in shine;

Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia! (LSB 677:4)

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Anthony Dodgers

October / November Birthday Pizza Lunch with Pastor Dodgers

Thursday, November 16th at 12:00 Noon

Those celebrating will be:

Maisie Patrick, Natalie Yoquelet, Evelyn Wanner, Gabby Campbell, Anthony Tolson, Lucas Haiflich, Alex Fuhrmann, Nicolas Blair



Each month the kindergartners have been doing a fun family book report. In October, students were asked to decorate a pumpkin to look like a character in a book they read. First they picked a book. Then, they read the book with their parents and picked a character. Finally, they got to decorate their pumpkin with whatever materials they wanted. In class, we read the books that went with their pumpkins and the students got to tell their classmates about their pumpkin.



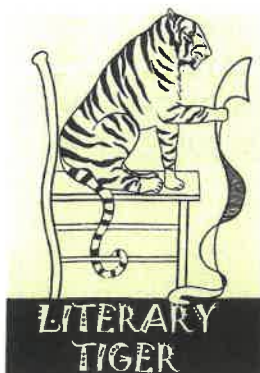
Bethlehem Lutheran Church and New Hope Lutheran Church hosted a "Trunk or Treat" event together on Saturday, October 21st. A prize was

given out to the best decorated trunk. This year's winner was the Wirgau family (Gilligan's Island theme)! Congratulations!

Hoping for more participants next year! Watch for details.

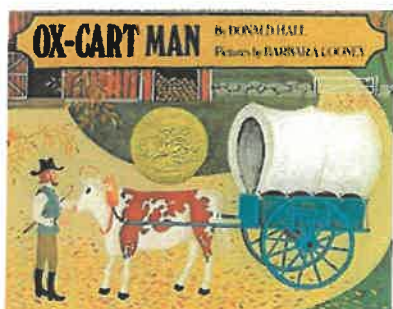


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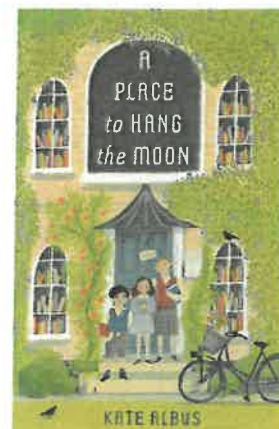
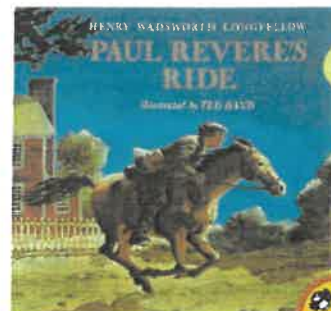
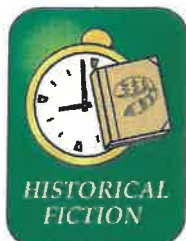
Thank you to everyone who participated in our PaperPie book fair! We earned around \$1000 in free books for the school, and are excited to expand our library collection and get some resources for classrooms. We appreciate your support!

Autumn reads are abundant in the school library. Our current feature displays include new nonfiction, Reformation resources, and a selection of historical fiction novels. We chose



historical fiction options not only for Mr. Meyer's 5/6th grade students who are preparing for a book report, but also to encourage all students to explore the genre.

Historical fiction stories are set during a recognizable time in the past, often during a significant historical event like a war or natural disaster, but the main characters and specific action of the story are usually fictional. Many different stories fit this genre, including picture books about farm life in the pioneer days, a poem about the Revolutionary War, and middle grade novels about children living through world wars. Historical fiction can give readers a vivid look at life during different times and places, and even aid understanding complex historical events, but readers must not forget that they are works of fiction, and can be an aid but not a replacement for studying history. We have historical fiction books for all ages in the school library!

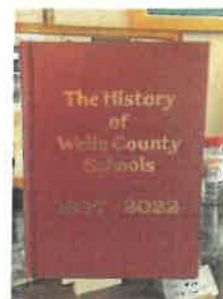


We wish to thank James and Marica Hotopp along with the historical members of Wells County for the copy of the History of Wells County Schools which was donated to our school library. This is an interesting book of 150 one-room schools in existence from 1837-2022 in the Wells County area.

It was also nice to see Bethlehem featured in this book.

This book will be a special addition to our church history and to our school library.

We appreciate them thinking of us with this wonderful donation.



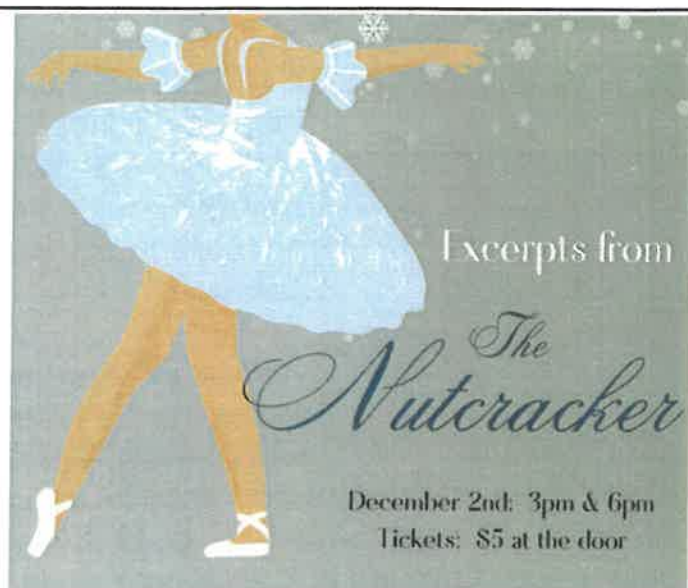


Many Bethlehem students regularly participate in music, dance, theater, and other arts activities outside of school. We would love to share information about upcoming performances and recitals featuring Bethlehem students! Contact the school office with any details you wish to be shared in future issues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

Upcoming Events:

All are welcome to the Bluffton Creative Arts Council performance of excerpts from The Nutcracker ballet!

Tigers Jonah Bultemeier, Anna Furhmann, and Gianna Wirgau will all be dancing as party guests and polichinelles. Tiger Emma Wirgau will be in the Snow, Flower, and Spanish dances.



7/8th Grade Projects

Students who are not participating in the Norwell Related Arts classes have been meeting on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings to have some hands-on learning through various projects. With the help of our volunteer helpers Mrs. Pat Krumma and Mrs. LaRena Stuckwisch, students have been learning basic sewing skills and making aprons and pillowcases. They are also working on a special project for chapel families, so keep an eye out for

something new in chapel soon!

Students have also been enjoying practicing basic kitchen skills, and are currently working on making vegetables and soups.





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