

## **Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School**

### **News & Notes for August 30, 31 & September 3**

*BULLETINS – Celebrating Erika Hocevar's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*ALTAR FLOWERS – Mark & Mary Jo Cyr, in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*ALTAR FLOWERS – In honor of Wesley David's baptism, given by his grandparents,  
Dave & Sherri Schoening and Todd & Sue Cotter.*

**REQUESTED PRAYERS** – Brendan Cullen, Charlotte Jump, Sandra Eckert, Dottie Conard, Chuck Kiehl, Tiffany Prescher, Tammy Barthels, Michelle Markevitch, Alan Schmidtkofer, Jeff Lampe, Brian Pool, Ken Gundlach, Lee Steffen, Barbara Prigge, Susan Schultz, Ashley Holt, Eric Johnson, Janice Richardson, Linda Herber, and Dean Usadel.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEKEND** – Sunday School is set to resume on Sunday, September 7 from 9:15-10:15am for grades 3K-8. For those interested, please plan to meet in the church and we will then separate into groups. Our Sunday School team is looking for a helper for the 3K-1 group. If you are able to volunteer or if you have any general questions, please feel free to email Dusty at [dusty1363@yahoo.com](mailto:dusty1363@yahoo.com).

**SPANISH CLASS** – Pastor Blas will be offering a Spanish class here at Bethlehem, open to all ages and skill levels (however, children must be able to read). This is a 10-week class, Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm. **Please note the start date for the class is September 11.** The cost is \$100. To register, call Pastor Blas at 630-229-2455.

**“WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE”** – The class begins September 21 at 9:15am and it will run for 5 weeks. This is not only for new members, but also for current members looking for a review of why we believe what we believe. Join us!

**ATTENTION JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH** – Bethlehem's Youth Group (grades 6-12) will hold their annual kick-off on Sunday, September 21. Join us at the beach, near North Point, from 5:00-7:00pm. Hot dogs, chips, and smores will be provided. Bring a friend!

**STILL TIME TO DONATE!** – The 2025 Star Gala is in need of donations. We are looking for bottles of wine and \$25 restaurant gift cards, to be used for our Wine & Dine sales. We are also requesting silent auction items such as gift baskets, sports items, gift cards, tickets or experiences – just to name a few ideas. All items should be in new condition and can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for considering to donate!

**THE GALA IS FAST APPROACHING!** – If you haven't done so yet, please get a table together for An Evening of A Million Dreams. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 27, for a night of fun & fellowship, in support of Bethlehem Church and School.

**JUST WHAT IS “THE KINGDOM OF THE RIGHT”? –** Join Pastor Niles in the Century Room at 4:15pm on Saturday, August 30 or at 9:15am on Sunday, August 31. Delve into the details of this “kingdom”, under the topic, *“The Christian life in the church”*. Doesn't this subject affect all of us?

**SAMPLE SOME CHURCH HISTORY ON AUGUST 31** – Where do our worship practices come from? On Sunday, August 31 at 9:15am in the library, Pastor Hanson will lead a “deep dive” into *“The Old Testament sacrificial system and its fulfillment in Christ”*. Let church history speak to you.

**LWML RESUMES GATHERING ON SEPTEMBER 2** – Enjoy a light-hearted skit and hear about some new ideas & directions for our group. Join us at 7:00pm in the Century Room.

**A GIFT FOR YOU** – On Wednesday, September 3, Saturday, September 6, and Sunday, September 7, in celebration of Bible Studies Weekend, special inspirational bookmarks will be distributed. The bookmarks are designed by our own Evie Grasse. Make sure to see one of the ushers at the conclusion of worship next weekend. The Bible Studies Task Force hopes that you will place your bookmark in your Bible, to mark passages that you might want to read or memorize.

- And please join the Task Force in the Century Room at 4:00pm on Saturday, September 6 or during morning coffee hour on Sunday, September 7 for refreshments. Let's celebrate “Bible Studies Weekend”!

**COMMUNITY FAMILY FAIR AT SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN** - Join us for family fun at Lutheran High School on Saturday, September 6, 2-6 pm! Enjoy giant inflatable play structures, carnival games, a pie-eating contest, trunk-or-treat (no costumes required!), raffles, concessions, and more! While you're there, learn about life at LHS by touring the campus and chatting with Crusaders. This event is open to the public, so bring a friend! Details are available at [www.lutheranhigh.com/familyfair](http://www.lutheranhigh.com/familyfair).

**MONDAY NIGHT CLASS RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 8** – Rick Zeuner begins a fascinating 6-session series on the *“Facets of Christ”*. Just like facets in a gem reveal sparkling pathways of light, God reveals new understandings of His Son in both the Old and New Testaments. This class will be held in the Century Room from 6:00-7:00pm.

**ATTENTION CRAFTERS AND VENDORS!** – The Bethlehem Winter Vendor and Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 8. Please mark your calendars to attend. If you are interested in renting a booth, please contact Gail Milatz at [craft\\_fair@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:craft_fair@ourbethlehem.com). Spots are filling up fast, so don't delay!

**CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE** – The collection deadline is August 31.

## Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

### Sunday, August 31

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:15am – Bible classes  
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion

### Monday, September 1

**Labor Day. No school & offices are closed.**

### Tuesday, September 2

9:00am – Quilters  
7:00pm – LWML meeting

### Wednesday, September 3

1:00pm – Reading Partners  
3:30pm – Public school Confirmation class  
6:00pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
7:00pm – Board of Stewardship meeting

### Thursday, September 4

7:00pm – Board of Youth Ministry meeting  
7:00pm – Adult Choir practice

### Friday, September 5

### Saturday, September 6

2:00pm – LHS Community Family Fair  
4:00pm – Bible Study Task Force refreshments  
4:15pm – Bible class  
5:30pm – Worship w/Holy Communion

### Sunday, September 7

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:15am – Bible classes  
9:15am – Sunday School  
9:15am – Bible Study Task Force refreshments/coffee hour  
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
11:45am – Elders meeting



**Rev. Patrick Niles, Administrative Pastor**  
**Rev. Jeremy Hanson, Associate Pastor**  
**Mr. Joshua Klug, Principal**

Parish Music/Organist – Sandra Kasten  
School Music/P.E. – Rachel Bult  
3 yr. Kindergarten – Joely Buss  
4 yr. Kindergarten – Sonia TenPas  
5 yr. Kindergarten – Holly Leibham  
Grade 1 – Katrina Niles  
Grade 2 – Jessica Usadel  
Grade 3 – Ellen Vanic  
Grade 4 – Heidi Wallner  
Middle Grades – Aidan Diener  
Middle Grades – Pam Carlson-Gugel  
Middle Grades – Jon Krueger  
Middle Grades – Ryan Sines  
Spanish – Jenna Walkenhorst  
Resource – Sarah Klug  
Band Instructor – Elizabeth Bredman  
Aides – Joy Tschudy, Mary Irish, Sarah Hanson  
Church Office Manager – Amy Weir  
School Secretary – Dawn Hemschemeyer  
Custodian – Trisha Fischer  
Custodian / Lunch Room – Crystal Payne  
Lunch Coordinator – Monica Cyr  
Extended Care Director – Rose Albertin  
Extended Care – MaKenna Lindsay & Nylah Albertin

**Member: Sheboygan Lutheran High School Assoc. & The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

✂ The 12th Sunday after Pentecost ✂  
August 30, 31 & September 3, 2025

