

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

News & Notes for September 6, 7 & 10

ALTAR FLOWERS – Given by Amy Weir, in memory of her late husband, John, on the occasion of their anniversary.

COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by the Bible Studies Task Force, celebrating Bible Study Weekend.

REQUESTED PRAYERS – Brendan Cullen, Charlotte Jump, Sandra Eckert, Dottie Conard, Chuck Kiehl, Tiffany Prescher, Tammy Barthels, Michelle Markevitch, Alan Schmidkofer, 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 THIS WEEKEND – For those interested, in grades 3K-8, please plan to meet at 9:15am in the church and we will then separate into groups.

INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING 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 first class will be on September 18 and the time will be slightly different, 5:00-6:00pm.** 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 continues to accept 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.

CELEBRATE BIBLE STUDIES WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 6 & 7 – Join Bible Studies Task Force for refreshments either Saturday at 4:00pm or Sunday during coffee hour. Make good use of the inspirational bookmark which will be offered to you at the conclusion of each worship service. Use it in your Bible to mark important passages. Please plan to attend one or more of our current Bible studies. You’ll be glad you did!

“THE THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP” – Join Pastor Hanson in the Century Room at 4:15pm on Saturday, September 6. The focus will be on the Old Testament sacrificial system, its fulfillment in Christ, and also on the life of the early church and how its devotion shapes our liturgy today. At 9:15am on Sunday, September 7 he will discuss worship in the New Testament church; how the worship life of the early church shapes our Lutheran liturgy today.

EXPLORE “LIFE BETWEEN KINGDOMS” WITH PASTOR NILES – Join him in the library at 9:15am on Sunday, September 7. Topics will include the Christian’s dual citizenship and tension in living faithfully in both realms, how our vocations serve both kingdoms, and the concept of the mask of God.

RICK ZEUNER TO BEGIN 6-SESSION STUDY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – Have you ever wondered why the history of Jesus is written in 4 gospels rather than in just one? Under the title *“The Facets of Christ”*, we will explore how God reveals new understandings of His Son, His saving grace, and the work of His redemption in both the Old & New Testaments. Join Rick in the Century Room from 6:00-7:00pm for this fascinating study.

BETHLEHEM ANNUAL GOLF OUTING – Golfers of all levels - come join us for a fun afternoon on Sunday, October 5 at Sunset Hills in Sheboygan Falls. Shotgun start at 1:30pm. Your cost of \$25 includes 9 holes of golf with a cart, hamburgers following the round, and hole prizes. Payment is due on the day of the event. Register as an individual or as a group. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Century Room and be sure to sign up by October 1. Questions? Contact Jim at 920-254-4013 or jleibham@hotmail.com (if you’d prefer to have lunch, hang out, and not golf, the cost is \$10).

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. Spots are filling up fast, so don’t delay!

Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

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

Monday, September 8

6:00pm – Rick Zeuner Bible class
6:00pm – PTL meeting

Tuesday, September 9

Wednesday, September 10

1:00pm – Reading Partners
3:30pm – Public school Confirmation class
6:00pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion

Thursday, September 11

7:00pm – Adult Choir practice

Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13

4:00pm – Lutheran Young Adults League (at Bethlehem)
4:15pm – Bible class
5:30pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, September 14

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



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 13th Sunday after Pentecost ✠
September 6, 7 & 13, 2025

I CLING TO YOUR
TESTIMONIES, O LORD; LET
ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.
– PSALM 119:31