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Administrative Pastor

Rev. Jeremy Hanson
Associate Pastor

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Principal

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Worship Times

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday - 6:00pm

Bible Studies

Saturday evening ~ 4:15 to 5:15pm

Sunday morning ~ 9:15 to 10:15am

July 2025

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

July 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	3	4 Happy 4th of July!  Offices are closed	5 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
6 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	7	8 Quilters 9:00am GALA planning meeting 6:00pm	9 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	10	11	12 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
13 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Youth Gathering send-off prayer during 8:00am Bible class 9:15am	14	15	16 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	17	18 Youth Gathering Trip "Safe travels" Sheboygan A's game 6:00pm—tailgate 7:30pm—game	19 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
20 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	21 August Visitor Deadline (noon)	22 Quilters 9:00am	23 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	24	25	26 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
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Welcome to Table Talk with Pastor Hanson!

Pull up a chair and let's talk about what it means for Pastors to tend to Jesus' sheep.

"Your Pastors Want to Be There"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we move into the heart of summer, many of us are slowing down, catching our breath, or maybe heading out for vacation. But life doesn't take a break. Surgeries are scheduled. Babies are born. Loved ones land unexpectedly in the hospital. And sometimes, we simply face a hard day and need someone to pray with us.

In these moments—whether planned or sudden—please know this: **your pastors want to be there.**

Over the years, we've heard things like, "I didn't want to bother you," or, "I figured you were too busy," or even, "I thought you already knew." And while we understand where that comes from, we want to gently push back on it. We are not omniscient. We don't have divine insight into every emergency, appointment, or life event happening in the congregation. But we *do* have a deep desire to walk with you when life changes—whether that means rejoicing in the birth of a child, sitting in prayer with you before surgery, visiting you during recovery, or simply offering the comfort of God's Word in the face of anxiety or fear.

We are pastors because we have been called to shepherd, to be present, to be instruments of Christ's compassion and peace. In July's Gospel readings from the lectionary (Series C, Propers 9–12), we hear stories of Jesus doing just that.

In **Luke 10**, He sends out the seventy-two to go *into the towns and homes* of people—not waiting for them to come to Him. He meets them where they are. In the parable of the **Good Samaritan** (Proper 10), Jesus highlights the care shown to a stranger in distress—not with distant sympathy, but through *presence* and *action*. In **Luke 10:38–42**, we see Jesus sit in the home of Mary and Martha, valuing time spent face-to-face more than busy distractions. And in **Luke 11**, He teaches us to pray with confidence, trusting that our heavenly Father knows how to give good gifts—and He does so *through others*.

These readings are not just spiritual stories; they are blueprints for pastoral ministry. And they are reminders that your pastors are called to reflect the presence of Jesus among His people. We don't want to miss the moments when Christ's comfort, strength, or even joyful celebration are needed. But we often rely on you to let us know when these moments arrive.

Please don't hesitate to call, text, or email us when something is happening. You are not interrupting us. You are not bothering us. You are giving us the opportunity to do what we've been called and ordained to do—**to be with you in the name of Jesus.**

So, as we walk together through this summer season, let's stay connected—not just for Sunday worship, but for all the moments that make up the fabric of life in the body of Christ. We want to be there for you. And we count it a privilege to walk with you in faith, in prayer, and in love.

In Christ,

<> Pastor Niles & Pastor Hanson

July News

TOP TEN BIBLE STUDY VOTE-GETTERS

1. Angels and Demons
2. The Two-Kingdom Doctrine
3. The Theology of Worship
4. Revelation
5. Mental Health and the Christian Life
6. Faith vs. Works
7. Vocation—God's Calling
8. Infant Baptism and the Christian Life
9. Spiritual Disciplines
10. Typology (How the Old Testament Foreshadows Christ)

HOW WILL THE SURVEY BE USED?

Using the survey results as a guide, our pastors will determine which topics will be offered when, who will lead them, and what each format will be. The Bible Study Task Force will assist as needed. Watch future bulletins, the Visitor, and Facebook for details. New studies are likely to begin in July.

WHAT IF MY TOPIC ISN'T OFFERED?

Patience is the key word, if your topic isn't offered at first. It could take a while to address the "top ten". Even if your favorite isn't on that list, the survey results will be kept on file and will be used as a reference for future selections. In the meantime, why not try someone else's favorite? Who knows, it might become one of yours too!

IS MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE OUTMODED?

To answer this question, consider this: How often do we choose to talk to our Heavenly Father, using The Lord's Prayer, most likely because we know it by heart? What about times of deep distress when we reach out for comfort with the 23rd Psalm? Most of us can recite that without a script. If these two portions of Scripture are good to know from memory, wouldn't having more pieces of God's Word stored within us be a tremendous blessing? This blessing would be beneficial for both adults and children. This is really something to think about, don't you agree?

NEAT REPEATS SALES

- 7/1—7/3 & 7/5: CD's and DVD's, 50% off
- 7/8: everything in the store, 30% off
- 7/9—7/12: vases, 50% off
- 7/15—7/19: all clothing, \$1.00

SHEBOYGAN A'S GAME

Bethlehem's Board of Assimilation invites you out to the ballpark on Friday, July 18. There will be a time to tailgate, beginning at 6:00pm, with the 7:30pm game to follow. The cost is \$5/adult or child – this will include tailgate food and your ticket to the game against the MKE Tropics. Please sign up in the Century Room.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Bethlehem will have an informational table at the **Sheboygan Neighborhood National Night Out** at King Park on August 5. We are teaming up with St. Peter Claver for a School Supply Drive and will have a bin out in the Century Room the entire month of July to collect new supplies. The supplies from both churches will be handed out to kids at the National Night Out. Let's share the love of Jesus through the generosity of Bethlehem. Contact Ellen Vanic (920-453-8728 or ellen.vanic@ourbethlehem.com) with questions.

Bethlehem Lutheran

CHURCH & SCHOOL

THE STAR GALA INVITES YOU TO

an evening of

A MILLION DREAMS

Saturday

September **27** 2025

5:30 pm

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
Parish Activity Center
1121 Georgia Ave. Sheboygan, WI 53081

RSVP by September 20

in Church office or

ourbethlehem.com/stargala/2025



The Star Gala 2025 presents An Evening of a Million Dreams Donation Form

We are seeking brand new items for our annual event! Items will fit into many different categories, so we encourage creative donations! Please reply by Sept 1, 2025, so we can fully recognize you! If you have any questions about donating to Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School-The Star Gala 2025 presents An Evening of a Million Dreams on September 27, 2025, please contact thestargala@ourbethlehem.com.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (MUST BE COMPLETED BY DONOR)

Name/Company Name: _____

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NAME YOU WOULD LIKE

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Description/Items of
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The Star Gala is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

****Please make a copy of this form for your tax records**

Sponsorship Information

We have many different Sponsorship levels available. Please contact thestargala@ourbethlehem.com for more information or to set up a meeting with our sponsorship team.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF

May, 2025

ASSETS	May 2025	April 2025	
Cash	\$ 211,146	\$ 88,062	
Endowment Funds – Principal Only	\$ 961,103	\$ 961,103	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,361,216	\$ 7,245,588	Includes buildings & land
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
General Accounts Payable	\$ 65,590	\$ 14,052	
SYNOD	\$ 3834	\$ 1,917	
Lutheran High School	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	0 Monthly Pmt \$2,500
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>			
Mortgage Thrivent	\$ 1,329,522	\$ 1,338,288	Monthly Pmt \$11,778
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,520,622	\$ 1,472,950	
<u>REVENUE</u> (selected accounts)			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 64,576	\$ 79,487	
Tuition	\$ 12,913	\$ 22,401	
School Choice Program	\$ 1,638,216	\$ 0	
Total Monthly Income	\$ 262,043	\$ 118,334	
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 180,135	\$ 194,594	
Total Monthly NET INCOME	\$ 81,908	\$ (76,260)	
<u>TOTAL REVENUE 2025</u>	\$ 970,899	\$ 708,855	
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES 2025</u>	\$ 975,299	\$ 795,134	
<u>NET INCOME 2025</u>	\$ (4,399)	\$ (86,278)	

Cash strong at \$211,000. Adult giving for May came in under budget by \$16,000. Accounts payable up to \$50,000 but easily covered by cash. We ended the month up by \$81,908. But were down for the year by \$4,300. If you haven't seen a friend in church, please give them a call and find out if they need anything. If needed, call the church office and let them know if there is a concern. Talk to a friend about Christ and if they have kids, talk about enrolling them in our school. It's important to worship regularly and spend time together as fellow Christians.

Again, Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

VISIT US ONLINE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School is on Facebook. Please also visit us at our website, www.ourbethlehem.com. Check out the main page where you will find information about upcoming events and activities. Scroll down to see a calendar of important items. Find helpful information by clicking on the various tabs under *Church* and *School*.

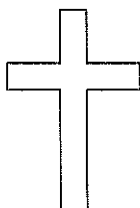
AUGUST VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the August Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Monday, July 21, 2025. Please feel free to email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com or drop it off in the church office with a note that it is for the Visitor.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BETHLEHEM'S CHURCH PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, August 17 at Kiwanis Park.

The worship service will begin at 10:00am, with food, activities, and fellowship to follow.



VISITOR SPONSORSHIP

To help us defray expenses for producing and mailing our monthly newsletter, we have established a sponsorship program which includes a congregational contributor for the cost of \$50 per year; and a commercial contributor for the cost of \$120 per year. If interested, please drop off your payment or call the church office at 920-452-4331.

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