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Administrative Pastor

Rev. Jeremy Hanson
Associate Pastor

Patrick Vanic
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

June 2025

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

June 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am 8th grade & high school grads (8:00) Youth Group Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Bible class 9:15am	2	3	4 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	5 Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	6	7 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
8 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	9 Endowment Committee meeting 6:00pm	10 Quilters 9:00am LWML Officer meeting 6:00pm	11 Worship w/HC 6:00pm Parish Planning Council meeting 7:00pm	12	13 Party for Mr. Vanic at 3 Sheeps Brewing 5:00-11:00pm	14 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	16 Board of Christian Day School meeting 6:00pm	17	18 Worship w/HC 6:00pm Youth Gathering meeting 6:00pm Picnic meeting 7:00pm	19 July Visitor Deadline (noon)	20	21 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
22 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am Elders meeting 11:45am	23	24 Quilters 9:00am Board of Social Ministry meeting 5:30pm	25 Worship w/HC 6:00pm Voters' meeting 7:00pm	26	27	28 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
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✠ From the desk of Pastor Niles ✠

Faithfulness in Every Season

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ~Colossians 3:15-17~

As summer arrives with its warm days, family vacations, and relaxed schedules, many of us look forward to a change of pace. It's a season to enjoy God's creation, reconnect with loved ones, and find rest. But even as routines shift, our calling as stewards of God's gifts remains constant.

In Scripture, we find that stewardship is not simply about financial giving—it's about our whole life in Christ. As St. Paul reminds us in Colossians "...whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord" Whether we are at home, on the road, or resting in the shade, we remain stewards of the time, talents, and treasures God has entrusted to us.

Time is an aspect of our life of which we are stewards. We are never guaranteed any time on this earth other than the present. Every minute we have breath is a minute of which we are a steward. Summer often brings more flexibility. What a wonderful opportunity to spend more time in prayer, Scripture, and service! Consider setting aside a few extra minutes each day for devotions or joining a Bible study you may have missed during the busy school year. Even small acts of kindness—like visiting a homebound individual or helping a neighbor—are ways we steward our time for God's glory.

Along with our time, God has granted us various talents and abilities of which we are stewards. Has God gifted you with musical ability, a green thumb, or a heart for teaching? Summer is a great time to use these gifts in service to the church and community. Help with Vacation Bible School, volunteer for a service project, or assist with church maintenance or gardening. Your gifts are needed and valued! Our abilities are on loan from God for the sake of loving and serving our Lord and our neighbors.

The resources that we have are also traced back to God's care for us. It's easy to forget about regular giving when we're traveling or off our usual routine. But the mission of the church continues year-round. Your faithful giving supports worship, ministry, outreach, and care for those in need. Many congregations now offer online or scheduled giving options—consider taking advantage of those tools to stay consistent.

Summer is a season filled with blessings. Let us receive them with thankful hearts, always mindful that all we have comes from our gracious Lord. May we remain faithful stewards, not just in the busy times, but also in seasons of rest and renewal.

Have a joyful and blessed summer in Christ!

In Christ,
Pastor Niles



June News

A CONCISE UPDATE ON OUR BIBLE STUDY SURVEY

1. The opportunity to participate in the survey ended May 31.
2. Pastor Hanson will tabulate the results.
3. Both pastors will use survey results as a guide to selecting future Bible study topics.
4. Titles of the top 10 "vote-getters" will be published in future bulletins and on Facebook.
5. Be aware that one of your favorites might not be offered right away, but hopefully you'll discover new favorites.
6. Bible Study Task Force (of which both pastors are members) thanks you for your participation in the survey.
7. Watch for information on summertime Bible studies. Then, take your pick!
8. Where will we see you?

DOES THE BIBLE SOMETIMES SEEM HARD TO UNDERSTAND?

Even the latest translations can be confusing. If we're hearing a scripture reading in church, we might wonder what happened before or after the reading. We can get bogged down in long, foreign names, or we might get lost in "he" or "him", not knowing who is being referred to.

Fortunately there is an answer—group Bible study!

Join the Saturday group at 4:15pm or one of the two different groups offered on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. You will never be called on to read aloud or give an answer. You might learn something from a participant's comment, in addition to the pastors'. Ask a friend to join you and give this idea a try.

You'll be glad you did!

WHY DOES HAVING A CHURCH FAMILY MATTER?

The Bible says that a Christian without a church is like a child without a family. Ephesians 2:19 says this: "You belong in God's house with every other Christian". That statement is pretty clear, right? Almost every time the word **church** is used in the Bible, it refers to a local, visible congregation.

Here's the truth. Christians need each other to grow. Many people think spiritual growth is a private matter, but God calls believers to live out their faith in community. In other words, it's a team effort.

Are you on the team?

NEAT REPEAT SALES

6/3—6/7: candles & candle holders, 50% off

6/10: everything in the store, 30% off

6/11—6/14: kitchen items, 50% off

6/17—6/19: pictures & frames, 50% off

6/20—6/21: **ANNIVERSARY SALE**, everything in the store, 50% off

CHURCH PICNIC COMMITTEE

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or helping with the church picnic, you are invited to attend a meeting on June 18 at 7:00pm in the library. We need your input to help make this a "must attend" event. We look forward to seeing you!

CHURCH PICNIC SURVEY

The Church Picnic Planning Committee is eager to get your feedback regarding the annual church picnic. Please look for the survey in this edition of the Visitor and in the June bulletins. Please take some time to fill it out and return it to the marked box in the Century Room. You may also turn it in to the church office.

This is very important as we plan for the 2025 picnic and future picnics. Thank you!

COMING SOON: SNACK & SHOW

Children young & old, join us in the cafeteria on June 8, 15, 22 & 29, from 9:15-10:15am. We will watch the Sugar Creek Gang—Christian stories from the 1940's. Join Bill, Poetry, Big Jim, Little Jim, Dragonfly, Circus, and Little Tom on their adventures in Sugar Creek. Questions? Email Laura: ljlienau@hotmail.com

Church Picnic Survey

Name and Email/Phone Number (if you desire to provide): _____

1. Do you plan to attend the Church Picnic this summer on August 17th at Kiwanis Park?

Yes / No

2. If you DO NOT plan to attend, why? _____

3. What types of youth or adult activities do you enjoy doing most at the picnic (i.e. kids games, face painting, closest-to-pin, beer tasting, bags tournament, socializing, BINGO)?

4. What types of youth or adult activities do you wish were available at the picnic? (i.e. softball, volleyball, Tug-o-War, bounce house).

5. Are you willing to donate money to help offset any extra activities (i.e. bounce house, balloon lady)? _____

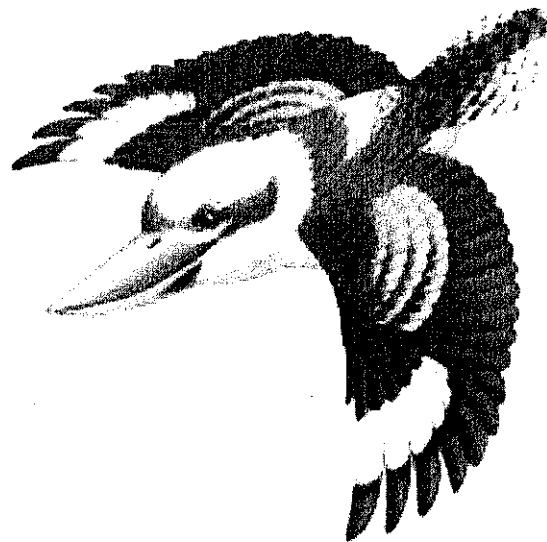
6. What sort of music do you prefer we have during the fellowship portion of the picnic? Live polka band or a variety played over the speaker?

7. Do you enjoy the current food options or would you like to see any other options offered?

8. The City of Sheboygan has become more restrictive with park spaces and added additional costs. If the picnic was held at Bethlehem, utilizing our facilities and green space, would you be more or less likely to attend?

9. Are you willing to serve on the Church Picnic Planning Committee? If so, please provide your name and email or phone number: _____

Please return form to the marked box in the Century Room or turn into the Church Office



Bethlehem Sheboygan Presents
An Epic Australian Adventure!

July 28-31st @ 8:30-11:30am



*VBS is a 4-day event where
students learn about Bible
stories, make crafts, play
games, have snacks, and have
lots of fun!*

Free for Everyone!

Register Here

<https://vbspro.events/p/c3e484>

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF

April , 2025

ASSETS	April 2025	March 2025
Cash	\$ 88,062	\$ 161,186
Endowment Funds – Principal Only	\$ 961,103	\$ 961,103
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,245,588	\$ 7,331,750 Includes buildings & land
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
General Accounts Payable	\$ 14,052	\$ 10,108
SYNOD	\$ 1,917	\$ 0
Lutheran High School	\$ 2,500	\$ 0 Monthly Pmt \$2,500
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>		
Mortgage Thrivent	\$ 1,338,288	\$ 1,347,036 Monthly Pmt \$11,778
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,472,950	\$ 1,481,959
<u>REVENUE</u> (selected accounts)		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 79,487	\$ 97,173
Tuition	\$ 22,401	\$ 39,053
School Choice Program	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Monthly Income	\$ 118,334	\$ 154,222
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 194,594	\$ 180,402
Total Monthly NET INCOME	\$ (76,260)	\$ (26,267)
<u>TOTAL REVENUE 2025</u>	\$ 708,855	\$ 590,521
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES 2025</u>	\$ 795,134	\$ 600,540
<u>NET INCOME 2025</u>	\$ (86,278)	\$ (10,018)

Adult giving for April came in on budget. Accounts payable up slightly to \$14,052. 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. Worshiping together keeps all of us stronger in our faith!

Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

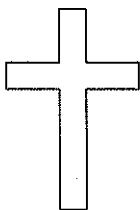
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

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*.

JULY VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the July Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, June 19, 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.



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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