



As we approach the end of this school year, we need to start planning for the new school year enrollment. To help us make wise decisions in staffing and ordering materials, we need to know how many students we will be expecting. Please watch for information on tuition costs and pre-registration to be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP & ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will be held on March 12th 4-6 pm

Support our School Endowment & Make Your Money Multiply!

THE **Lutheran**
Foundation

Every year, our church and school are given a dollar amount to match by The Lutheran Foundation as we contribute to Bethlehem's Endowment. This current year, that amount is \$15,000. So, if we put in \$15,000, The Lutheran Foundation will also add \$15,000. But there's more! If we meet our match, The Lutheran Foundation will also give our School a special grant of another \$15,000! So your donation is worth three times as much! We have met this match every year so far, but this year we still need some help to meet it. Would you please consider donating to the Endowment as you are able? Every gift is a blessing to our students and every gift counts! Thank you for all your support!

Parents may access the new church and school website at <https://blcsossian.org/> There you will find shortcuts to the student and parent dashboards.

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 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 CLOSINGS & DELAYS

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 Northern Wells Community Schools.

Bethlehem will NOT be following the Northern Wells Community Schools 2 hour delay on **Wednesday, March 12th**. Therefore, unless a weather related delay or closing comes along, Bethlehem will operate on a regular schedule. Morning bus service will NOT be provided. The 7-8th grade students will be excused from their NW morning classes and are asked to be at Bethlehem by 9:15 a.m. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

NO SCHOOL—Bethlehem will be closed March 21-30 for Spring Break.

SCHOOL STORE

REMINDER: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School logo swag can be purchased at any time from our online school store. Purchases you make will also give a kickback to the school. The more you spend the more the school gets back! Check out the link below for listed items.

<https://teamstore.frecklesgraphics.com/shop/bethlehemplutherschool/>

School Gym Use after school hours – Before using the school gym after school hours, please be sure to contact our current Athletic Director, Brandon Schumm. Please call or text him at 260-273-7403 to make arrangements. Thank you

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. 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, online payment for tuition and lunch fees**



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 logging in.



Sign up today!

Shop at Kroger and help 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.



To redeem Box Top products, you will need to download the Box Tops app on your phone and then scan each receipt that contains your Box Tops products. **KEEP ON SCANNING!**

PLAN TO USE SCRIP FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS This year we would like to encourage all of our church and school families to purchase scrip products online www.raiseright.com. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for information on how to create your own account through Raise Right using Bethlehem's enrollment code noted on the attached flyer. Physical cards, ecards and reloadable cards are all available for your purchase and can be sent directly to your home. As you purchase cards online you can also accumulate a percentage of profit to be applied to your child's tuition. Be sure to login regularly to find bonus percentages! Thank you to the church congregation and school families for supporting the Scrip Program.



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 recycled paper to school and dispose of it in our "PaperGator" located right next to the trash dumpster in the front parking area of the school.

The recycling company pays us by the ton so the more you feed our Gator, the more funds we can collect!

If you need help with large amounts, please call the school office and we will make arrangements to help you.

Please spread the word to all your family and friends.

Our Washington D.C. group appreciates your support.





4th Quarter CHAPEL MISSION PROJECT March 10—May 22

Luther Academy is an organization that helps Lutheran pastors and churches throughout the world by providing theological education and resources. Many of these pastors are asking for additional education after their seminary training but they do not have the necessary resources in their own church bodies. Luther Academy helps supply food, housing, books, professors, and travel for Lutheran pastors who attend their conferences. Recently Pastor Wirgau was given the opportunity to teach future pastors in South Africa. Luther Academy graciously gave these students their own copy of the book used for that class. Your chapel offerings this quarter will go toward helping pastors to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Chapel Family Penny War

During the month of January, our Chapel Families had a Penny War as a way to encourage each other to donate to our Chapel Offering Project: Lutheran Senior Care Ministries. Pennies and Bills added points but silver coins subtracted points. So you could give your Family points while also taking points away from other Families. Here are the total points for each Family. Congratulations to Abel, our first place winner!

Abel = 7,441 points

Felix = 6,274

Deborah = 1,993

Gideon = 1,747

Caleb = 798

Boaz = 451

Esther = 247



And thanks to everyone who donated their money to this project. The Penny War brought in a total of \$377.



BABY SHOWER

Most of you all know that Mrs. Phillips, our Kindergarten teacher and husband Sem. Morgan Phillips are expecting their second child in March. Her last day before maternity leave is planned for Thursday, March 20th. We would like to wish them well with an ingathering of cards, diapers and gifts cards. We will have a table set up inside the school foyer for items to be dropped off or given to the school office. They are excited to be expecting a baby girl!



February / March Birthday Pizza lunch
with Pastor Dodgers

Thursday, March 20th

Students celebrating birthdays are:

Owen Book Alejandro, Madeline Schumm, Jon Fuhrmann,
Bryce Hapner, Lucas Werling, Vinny Fuhrmann, Emersyn Schumm



2024-2025 Basketball Season

We saw a lot of improvement from the first day of practice to the last game of the season. We are thankful to all the players that played the entire season and to the parents for their support. Watch for summer basketball camps at Norwell and Squires that help improve basketball skills. We look forward to

seeing everyone return and seeing some new player's next season! God's blessings to our 8th grade players: Micah Leamon and Kyndal Fuller



A huge thank you to our coaches:
Don Bales, Isaac Harkless,
Ben Schueler, Melissa Householder
and Lacey Meyer.

Please be sure to turn in your clean
uniforms





PTL PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE

Thank you to everyone who came to our PTL Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, February 22nd. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the sausage and to all who helped with the event! A huge thank you to our pork donors! ***We still have frozen sausage for sale 1# bulk sausage or patties are \$5.00 a package. Please contact the school office if interested.***



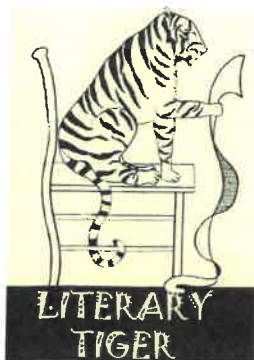
LANGUAGE ARTS



Language Arts Fair on March 14

Our students are reading the books they picked out and at 6:00pm on March 14, everyone is welcome to hear about what they read. Students will be dressing up as a character from the book and giving a short speech about the book from that character's perspective. Stories make us human and help us understand one another! So, we hope everyone can come enjoy the presentations and encourage our students in the love of reading.

We are asking that each school family donate at least one dozen cookies (bought or homemade) to help provide refreshments for the event. Thank you!



Tales for Tigers From your Bethlehem Library Ladies

We are excited to once again partner with Storyglory Kids for a spring book fair. Print catalogs will be coming home with students soon, and even more options are available to browse on the Story Glory website.

We will have a display table with sample books set up outside the school library. All orders need to be placed online, but we are happy to assist you if you have any questions.

Here are a few highlights, selected by Bethlehem staff:



Homer Price

Mr. Meyer's All Time Favorite

"Welcome to Centerburg! Where you can win a hundred dollars by eating all the doughnuts you want; where houses are built in a day; and where a boy named Homer Price can foil four slick bandits using nothing but his wits and pet skunk."

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Mr. Meyer's 7th Grade Challenge Read

"The most recognized detective in all of literature! Discover or rediscover the joys of these fascinating mysteries."



Captains Courageous

Mr. Meyer Recommend Read

"One of Rudyard Kipling's most enduringly popular works, Captains Courageous is a stirring coming-of-age story."

and then it's spring

Mrs. Wirgau's picture book pick

"Following a snow-filled winter, a young boy and his dog decide that they've had enough of all that brown and resolve to plant a garden, and wait..."



Orris and Timble

Mrs. Wirgau's Pick for 1-3rd Grade Readers

"From beloved storyteller Kate DiCamillo comes the first book in a warm and funny early-reader trilogy about a misanthropic rat and a naive owl—and the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

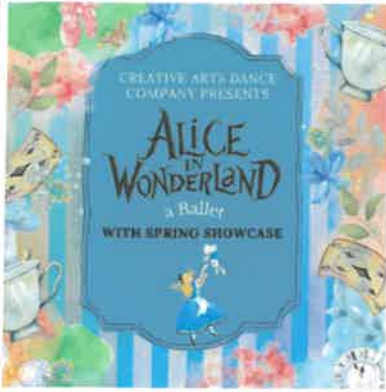
The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams

Pastor Dodgers Recommended Read

"This is the tale of an exciting journey along the Silk Road with a young Monk and his newfound guardian, Samir, a larger than life character and the so-called 'Seller of Dreams'."



"Alice in Wonderland" Ballet + Dance Showcase



April 11th @ 7:00pm & April 12th @ 3:00pm
Auditorium at Creative Arts:

428 S. Oak Street
Bluffton, IN 46714

Admission: \$5 at the door.

Featuring Bethlehem Students:
Emma Wirgau- Cheshire Cat
Jonah Bultemeier- Card, Caterpillar
Annabelle Fuhrmann- Card, Caterpillar, Card
Jude Wirgau- Card, Caterpillar
Gianna Wirgau- Flower, Card



Enduring Hostility

*Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry. (LSB 430:3)*

Somedays you feel like everything is going your way. And then the next day it feels like the whole world is against you! And how much worse it feels when you suffer because of your faith, because people mock you, because you won't go along with some sinful attitude or action. *Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted (Heb. 12:3).* Our theme passage keeps reminding us to consider Jesus. Consider how He endured the worst suffering, how He was rejected, mocked, beaten and killed.

*They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suffering goes
That He His foes From thence might free. (LSB 430:5)*

Consider Jesus. See how He suffered but endured. See how He suffers cheerfully because He knows He is saving the world. Consider Him when it comes to suffering in your life. Don't grow weary or fainthearted because even though you are suffering, your heavenly Father will bring good from it. Ultimately, He will bring you through suffering and death to Himself in heaven and to a joyful resurrection. When you suffer and are trying to endure, consider Jesus. Enjoy the story of His suffering love.

*Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend! (LSB 430:7)*

Blessed Lent!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Dodgers

Please join us for Lenten Worship Services: Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 pm (with Imposition of Ashes)

Sunday mornings (9:00 am) and Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm) Palm Sunday, April 13th 9:00 am, Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm, Good Friday, April 18 at 7:00 pm, Easter Sunday, April 20 6:30 and 9:00 am.



CALLING ALL DETECTIVES, IT'S BOOK FAIR TIME!

Discover a world of thrilling, wholesome books for the whole family. Enjoy 10% off your purchase, and 10% of sales will support Bethlehem Lutheran School.

BOOKS CURATED FOR BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Our Storyglory Kids Book Fair will feature the following collections:

- New and classic titles for Kindergarten to 8th Grade
- Bibles, devotionals, and outstanding Christian fiction
- Family read-alouds for ages 4+, 7+ and 10+
- Picks for parents and grandparents too!

HOW TO SHOP

- 1 Select Books Online**
Shop March 6-17 at www.storyglorykids.com/bethlehem
- 2 Enter Student Details on the Cart Page**
Enter your student's name and homeroom teacher
- 3 Apply Promo Code**
Use promo code **"BETHLEHEM"** at checkout to receive 10% off and benefit our school
- 4 Choose Your Shipping Method on the Checkout Page**
 - Receive your order at school on Book Bagging Day (around March 31) with free shipping by selecting **"Ship-to-school"** as your shipping method
 - OR receive your order at home by selecting **"USPS Media Mail"** (\$5 flat rate or free for orders of \$25+). Media Mail orders ship within 1-2 business days



QUESTIONS? Email info@storyglorykids.com

www.storyglorykids.com/bethlehem

Storyglory Kids delivers powerful stories of truth, goodness, and beauty into the lives of children, helping kids fall in love not just with good books but also with good ideas. Storyglory brings you books in partnership with Westminster Kids and Redeemed Reader.

Kindergarten Round Up and Open House

**Come and experience
the Bethlehem
difference! See how we
still embrace the basic
fundamentals of
education in a small
classroom setting!**



Our Mission Statement:

"Bethlehem Lutheran School works with parents to guide their children in gaining wisdom, pursuing virtue, and developing skills for life with God, neighbors, and self in this world and in the world to come."



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP AND OPEN HOUSE

If you have a student or know of a student who will be attending Kindergarten next year, please join us

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Kindergarten students must be age 5 by August 1, 2025

All students entering K-8 and their families interested in our school are also welcomed to come for a tour at this time!

Appointments are also available for a private tour.

For more information, please contact us
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www.blscossian.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

MARCH

A STONE'S THROW AWAY



In February, we discussed the book of Esther along with decorating Valentine's Day cookies.

NOT-SO-NICE BIBLE STORIES

MASTER CRIMINALS



Middle School Youth Group

March

9TH

Youth Group Bible Study
(Rekeweg)

23RD

NONE (Spring Break)
(Fuller-Householder)

In February, we had some Super Bowl snacks and enjoyed learning more about martyrs.



DEACONESS DISCUSSION



(Front cover picture drawn by Eighth Grade student)

Lenten Devotions

A gift to you from the students at Bethlehem Lutheran School

20 Easter Project

MAR

In February, we also made cards for others and talked about St. Valentine with some fun questions about bible couples and the color red in the bible.

Check out our Lenten Devotionals! Printed copies are available in the narthex, digital can be emailed by requesting a copy from the church secretary.

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Jen H., earns for hockey

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Bethlehem Lutheran School Lunch Menu March 2025



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Popcorn Chicken Peas Carrots Applesauce Biscuit Stick	4 Pancakes Sausage Hash Brown Patty Veggy Juice	5 Chicken Sliders Veggy Corn Pears Cookie	6 Walking Taco Refried Beans Fresh Veggy Banana	7 Pizza Green Beans Salad Fruit	8	
9	10 Fried Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Carrots Berries Dinner Roll	11 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Fresh Veggy Apple Slices	12 Chicken & Waffles Cheesy Hash Brown Veggy Juice	13 Max Bread Sticks Marinara Sauce Broccoli Applesauce Cup	14 Mac & Cheese Fresh Veggy Corn Peaches Cookie	15	
16	17 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Carrots Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	18 Nachos w/Meat and Cheese Salsa Refried Beans Fresh Veggy Pears	19 Chicken Nug- gets Fresh Veggy Tater Tots Applesauce	20 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Veggy Chips Frozen Fruit	21 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
<p style="text-align: center;"> READY, SET... SPRING BREAK! </p>							
30	31 Chicken Tenders Veggy / French Fries Dried Fruit Cookie						