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SCHOOL CODE

As a student of
Bethlehem Lutheran School I will:
Love, Serve, and Honor God
Love,Serve, and Honor My Neighbor
Love, Serve, and Honor Myself

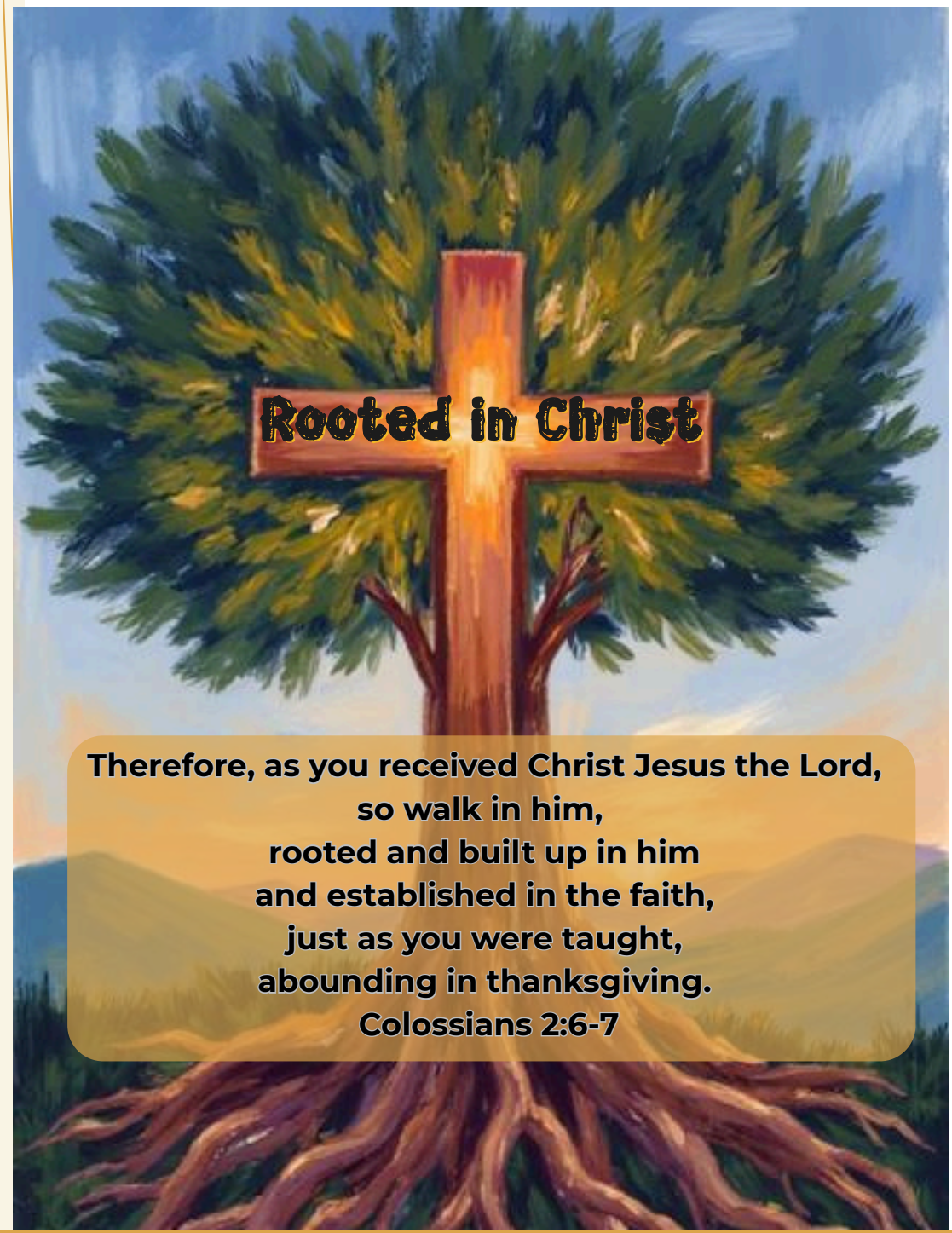
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"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.."

NOVEMBER
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **1** Daylight Savings
  Church Swiss Steak Dinner / Market
- **4** Photo Shoot
  Chapel 1:00pm
- **11** Veterans Day
- **18** 2 Hour Delay
  Chapel 11:30 am
- **20** Mid Quarter
- **23 — 27** NO SCHOOL
- **26** Thanksgiving

NLSA National Lutheran School Accreditation



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BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

A Message From Our Headmaster

CROSSES & THANKSGIVINGS

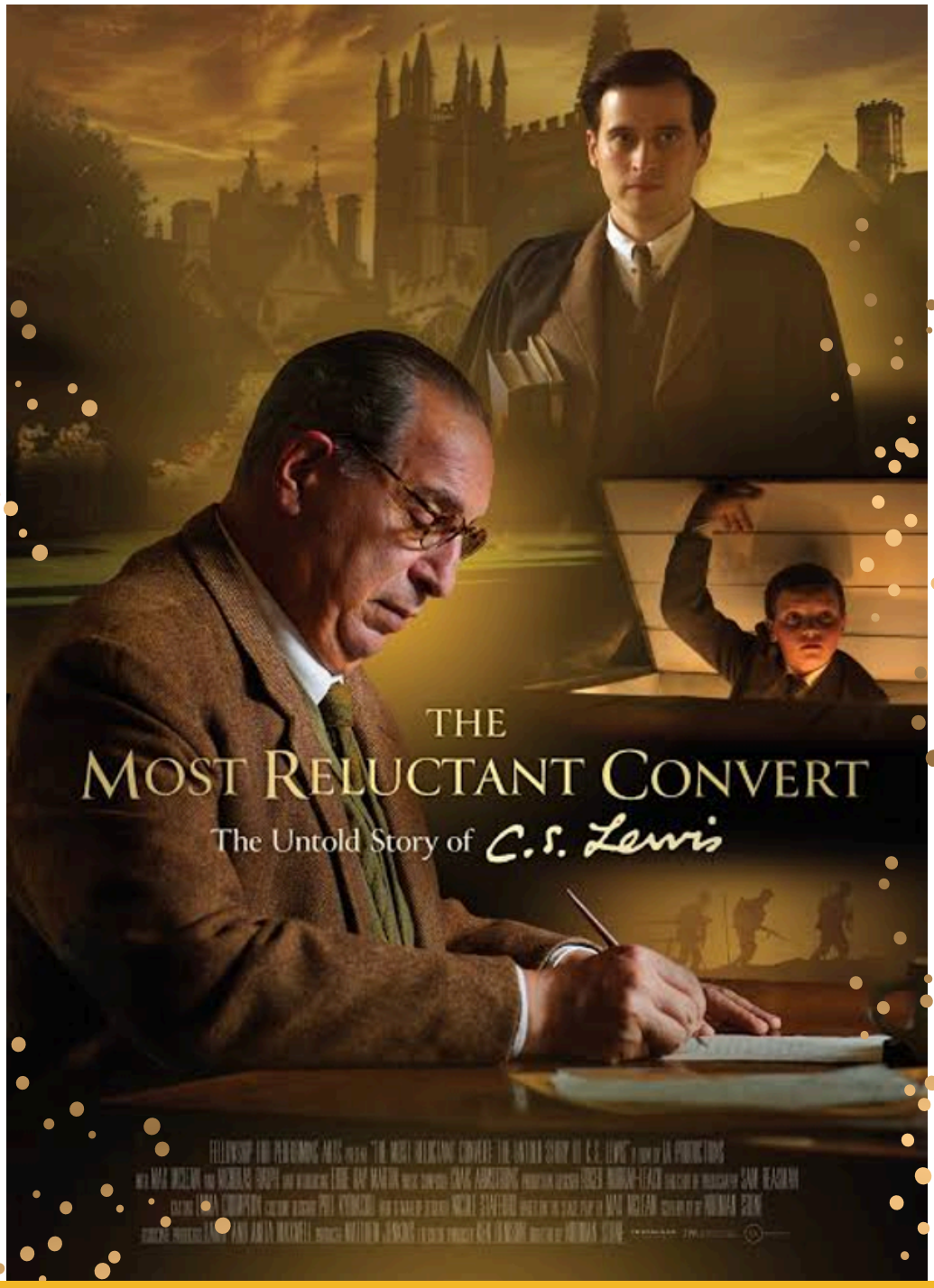
We all know that Thanksgiving is a time to recognize all our blessings. However, when we're carrying a heavy cross, when we're suffering or going through a time of uncertainty, it can be difficult to give thanks. Still, we might take the Pilgrims as our example.

In 1620, a group of Christians set sail in the Mayflower, leaving England for a new life in the New World. It took them 63 days just to cross the Atlantic Ocean. They landed at Plymouth Rock in present-day Massachusetts on December 21, and during their first winter, with poor shelter, little food, and spreading sickness, almost half of their community died. Thankfully, peace was made between the local tribe of Native Americans and the Pilgrims due to the friendly efforts of two native men, Samoset and Squanto. They taught the Pilgrims how to farm and hunt. Then later, drought struck their first crop and they feared all would be lost. The Pilgrims prayed for rain and their prayer was answered. They were able to gather in that first harvest with a feast of thanksgiving which they shared with their native friends.

Through many crosses and trials, God preserved the Pilgrims. Even in the worst moments, they kept their faith in God and trusted in His good and gracious will. Anyone can work hard in the face of adversity, but only a Christian can have a joyful hope while bearing a cross. We can give thanks and praise to God, even when facing difficulty and uncertainty, even while shedding tears. We have the hope that goes beyond this life and changes how we think and feel in this life. No matter what disastrous changes and chances come our way in this world, no matter what happens, Jesus died and rose again for us. He is our Lord who loves us and forgives us and shares with us His own eternal life. That never changes. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Dodgers





Movie & Discussion – The Most Reluctant Convert: The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis
On Friday, Nov. 20, join Pastor Dodgers for a viewing and discussion of the docu-drama that tells the story of C.S. Lewis's conversion from atheist to the most renowned Christian writer of the past century, including the children's classic The Chronicles of Narnia. We will begin the movie at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (runtime: 1 hr 13 min) and wrap up with a discussion. Please let Pastor Dodgers know if you plan to come so we can plan for snacks: pastordodgers@blcsossian.org or 616-648-6489.

SCHOOL CREDIT

Help us to promote our school and get a tuition credit at the same time!
The Bethlehem Board of Education is offering a $200 tuition credit to any Bethlehem school family who refers a student to Bethlehem. That student will need to be enrolled for at least one school year. There is no limit on number of referrals to be eligible for this credit.
For more information, please contact the school office.

WASHINGTON D.C. GROUP

Our Washington D.C. group appreciates your continued support.
Please continue to save your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, old phone books, office/ school papers and hard/soft cover books. Along with cereal type boxes.
(NO COROGATED 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.

COFFEE FUNDRAISER – The Washington DC group members are taking orders for delicious, locally roasted Old Canal coffee. Special Holiday flavors are available! If interested in making an order, please see a DC student or contact DoRena at 260-273-9241. Deadline for orders is November 1st



Weather permitting the students will be going outside for recess time.
Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather. Temperatures below 60 degree *wind chill* will require a jacket or winter coat.
Potential delays and cancellations for Bethlehem will follow the same as Northern Wells Community Schools.

PTL Committee
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FUNDRAISING

Shop at Kroger and help Bethlehem Lutheran School's 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.



RaiseRight

Physical cards from local vendors are available along with any product available on the Raise Right website can be ordered. Ordering dates are set to reduce shipping costs.
For questions or for placing an order contact Jill Holtzclaw 260-301-1965,

As you purchase SCRIP you will also accumulate a percentage of profit to be applied to your child's tuition.
Thank you to the church congregation and school families for supporting the Scrip Program!

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!

Gradelink
School Administration System

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 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.

Bethlehem Lutheran School
thanks you for attending our

Fall FESTIVAL













NOVEMBER
Birthday and Baptism



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

November

27th Lydia Harkless



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

November

8th Avery Geiger

27th Evelyn Wanner

29th Weslynn Nahrwold

BIRTHDAY PIZZA



Birthday Pizza lunch with Pastor Dodgers Thursday, November 19

STUDENTS CELEBRATING

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Maisie Patrick, Alex Fuhrmann, Anthony Tolson, Avery Geiger

Gabriella Campbell, Evelyn Wanner, Lydia Harkless

Chapel

Our God has given so much to us!

One way that we worship Him is by giving back a portion of His gifts to Him and to His Church.

As you are able please bring an Offering for Chapel on Wednesdays.
Students may place their offerings in the offering plate
as they come into chapel every Wednesday.

CHAPEL TIMES

Monday-, Tuesday, Thursday
9:45 AM

Wednesday
10:00 AM

Friday
2:30 PM

Please join us!

Chapel Offering - 1st Quarter ended Oct.9th

Over the past few years, we have collected offerings to help support church worker students. We've adopted men and women who are preparing to serve as pastors, deaconesses, and church musicians.

Chapel Project

Chapel Offering Project for 2nd Quarter:
October 12- December 18
Collection for the Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op
The Fort Wayne Seminary is beginning to build a new home for their Food & Clothing Co-op which helps students and families with their needs. They currently have the opportunity to match donations dollar for dollar. Please consider giving to this project that supports future servants of the church.

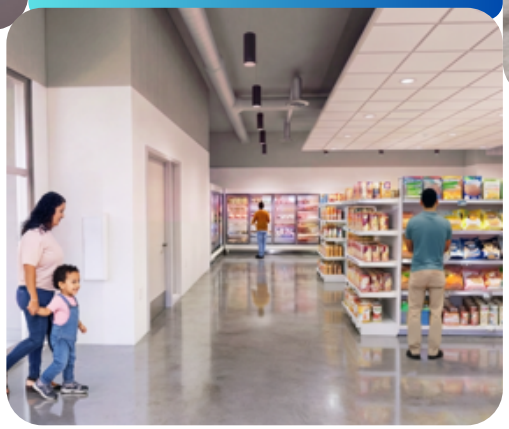
Along with our weekly chapel offerings, we will be collecting different items:

October 12–30	Canned Goods	150 cans 134 cans collected
November 2–13	Personal Hygiene	50 items
November 16–December 4	Boxed Food	100 items
December 7–18	Paper Products & Snacks	100 items



Pictures of the future facility





Tiger Basketball

2026-2027 BLCS Basketball Schedule						
Date	Day	Team	Opponent	Location	Time	
11/9/2026	Monday	Boys JV	St. Peter Immanuel (SPI)	Away	5:30 PM	
11/9/2026	Monday	Boys V	St. Peter Immanuel (SPI)	Away	6:30 PM	
11/16/2026	Monday	Girls JV	Harlan	Away	6:00 PM	8th Allowed
11/16/2026	Monday	Boys V	Harlan	Away	7:00 PM	
11/19/2026	Thursday	Boys V	Wyneken	Away	7:00 PM	(Varsity B)
11/23/2026	Monday	Girls JV	Zion	Home	5:00 PM	8th Allowed
11/23/2026	Monday	Boys JV	Zion	Home	6:00 PM	
11/23/2026	Monday	Boys V	Zion	Home	7:00 PM	
11/24/2026	Tuesday	Boys V	St. Joseph Fort Wayne	Away	5:00 PM	
11/24/2026	Tuesday	Girls JV	St. Joseph Fort Wayne	Away	6:00 PM	8th Allowed
11/24/2026	Tuesday	Boys JV	St. Joseph Fort Wayne	Away	7:00 PM	
12/1/2026	Tuesday	Girls JV	St. John-Emmanuel	Away	5:30 PM	No 8th Graders
12/1/2026	Tuesday	Boys JV	St. John-Emmanuel	Away	6:45 PM	
12/3/2026	Thursday	Girls JV	Central Lutheran	Home	5:30 PM	8th Allowed
12/3/2026	Thursday	Boys V	Central Lutheran	Home	6:45 PM	
12/8/2026	Tuesday	Boys JV	St. Peter Immanuel (SPI)	Home	5:30 PM	
12/8/2026	Tuesday	Boys V	St. Peter Immanuel (SPI)	Home	6:30 PM	
12/10/2026	Thursday	Boys JV	Suburban Bethlehem	Away	5:45 PM	
12/14/2026	Monday	Girls JV	Harlan	Home	6:00 PM	8th Allowed
12/14/2026	Monday	Boys V	Harlan	Home	7:00 PM	
12/15/2026	Tuesday	Girls JV	Huntington Catholic	Away	6:00 PM	3rd/4th
12/15/2026	Tuesday	Boys JV	Huntington Catholic	Away	7:00 PM	3rd/4th
1/8/2027	Friday	Girls JV	St. John-Emmanuel Tourney	Away	TBD	
1/9/2027	Saturday	Girls JV	St. John-Emmanuel Tourney	Away	TBD	
1/10/2027	Sunday	Girls JV	St. John-Emmanuel Tourney	Away	TBD	
1/11/2027	Monday	Boys V	Huntington Catholic	Home	6:00 PM	
1/11/2027	Monday	Girls	Emmanual St. Michael	Home	7:15 PM	8th Allowed
1/12/2027	Tuesday	Boys V	St Joseph Fort Wayne	Home	5:00 PM	
1/12/2027	Tuesday	Girls JV	St Joseph Fort Wayne	Home	6:00 PM	8th Allowed
1/12/2027	Tuesday	Boys JV	St Joseph Fort Wayne	Home	7:00 PM	
1/15/2027	Friday	Girls JV	Bethlehem Tourney	Home	TBD	
1/16/2027	Saturday	Girls JV	Bethlehem Tourney	Home	TBD	
1/22/2027	Friday	Boys JV	Bethlehem Tourney	Home	TBD	
1/23/2027	Saturday	Boys JV	Bethlehem Tourney	Home	TBD	
1/26/2027	Tuesday	Boys V	St. Louis Academy	Home	5:30 PM	
1/26/2027	Tuesday	Girls JV	St. Louis Academy	Home	6:30 PM	8th Allowed

A huge thank you to our volunteer coaches: Lacey Meyer and Mark Patrick for our girls
Vicar Erik Preus and Brandon Schumm for our boys
Parents, please be sure to have current sports physicals and fees paid before our first game.
Thank you and Good Luck Tigers!!

Before using the school gym after school hours, please be sure to **contact our current Athletic Director, Jacob Meyer**. Please call or text him at 260-449-0455 to make arrangements. Thank you!
**NO Roller Blading or Skateboarding. Please be diligent in wearing clean non-marking shoes.*

SPORT FORM We Make It Personal

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School Apparel 2026-2027

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to **https://bethlehemapparel2627.itemorder.com/**
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Port Authority Beach Wash Cinch Pack



$18.00

Toddler Rabbit Skins Fine Jersey Tee



2 Colors

$14.00

Youth & Adult Garment-Dyed Comfort Colors T-Shirt - 1



$20.00

Youth & Adult Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt - 1



$12.50

Youth & Adult Garment-Dyed Comfort Colors T-Shirt - 2



$22.00

Youth & Adult Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt - 2



$14.50

Youth & Adult Garment-Dyed Comfort Colors T-Shirt - 3



$20.00

Youth & Adult Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt - 3



$12.50

Youth & Adult Garment-Dyed Comfort Colors T-Shirt - 4



$20.00

Youth & Adult Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt - 4



$12.50

Richardson Five-Panel Trucker Cap



3 Colors

$23.50

Richardson Five-Panel Classic Rope Cap



2 Colors

$24.00

Solid Cuffed Beanie



2 Colors

$15.50

Solid Cuffed Beanie w/ Pom-Pom



3 Colors

$16.50

Youth Sport-Tek Competitor Gym Shorts



$10.00

Adult Sport-Tek Competitor Gym Short



$10.00

Questions?
Kenadee Sharp
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Youth Gildan DryBlend T-Shirt



2 Colors

$13.50

Adult Unisex Gildan DryBlend T-Shirt



2 Colors

$13.50

Adult Unisex Jerzees 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt



$30.00

Youth Port Authority Fleece Jacket



$40.00

Adult Men's Port Authority Fleece Jacket



$41.00

Adult Women's Port Authority Fleece Jacket



$41.00

Youth Sport-Tek Fleece Full-Zip Jacket



$43.00

Men's Sport-Tek Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover



$47.00

Women's Sport-Tek Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover



$47.00

Youth Port Authority Silk Touch Polo



$25.00

Youth Girls Port Authority Silk Touch Peter Pan Collar Polo



$25.00

Men's Port Authority Silk Touch Polo



$25.00

Women's Port Authority Silk Touch Polo



$25.00

Youth Port Authority Long Sleeve Silk Touch Polo



$33.00

Men's Port Authority Silk Touch Long Sleeve Polo



$33.00

Women's Port Authority Silk Touch Long Sleeve Polo



$33.00

Youth Gildan Heavy Cotton Long Sleeve T-Shirt



2 Colors

$18.50

Adult Unisex Gildan Heavy Cotton Long Sleeve T-Shirt



2 Colors

$18.50

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LITERACY TIGER

When the Frost is on the Punkin*
By James Whitcomb Riley

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;
O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmusfere
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here—
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossums on the trees,
And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;
But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airly autumn days
Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock—
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

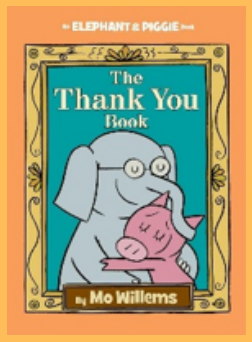
The husky, rusty russel of the tossels of the corn,
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;
The stubble in the furries—kindo' lonesome-like, but still
A-preachin' sermuns to us of the barns they growed to fill;
The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;
The hosses in theyr stalls below—the clover over-head!—
O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

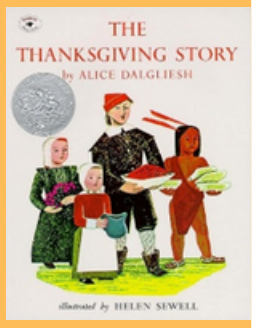
Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps
Is poured around the celler-floor in red and yeller heaps;
And your cider-makin' 's over, and your wimmern-folks is through
With their mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and saussage, too! ...
I don't know how to tell it—but ef sich a thing could be
As the Angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on me—
I'd want to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-indurin' flock—
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

This time of year, as we watch the harvest in the fields around Bethlehem, these lines from Indiana poet James Whitcomb Riley may come to mind. The stubble in the field is kind of lonesome looking, but we are thankful for the harvest.



As we approach the national day of Thanksgiving, we thank our Heavenly Father for His many gifts to us, and are reminded to share these gifts with others. Your school librarians, of cours are thankful for books and the opportunity to share them with you!





*Riley intentionally misspelled words in this poem so they would sound like the country dialect of his time/region.

From your Bethlehem School Librarians,
DoRena Wirgau and Jennifer Bultemeier

Bethlehem Lutheran School
Library Policies

Library Purpose

The purpose of the library is to supplement classroom learning and provide motivation for reading enjoyment. Visiting the school library helps students learn the basics of library use and etiquette.

Circulation Policies

Kindergarten 1st students may have a maximum of one book checked out, loaned for one week.

– 8th Grade students may have a maximum of two books checked out, loaned for two weeks.

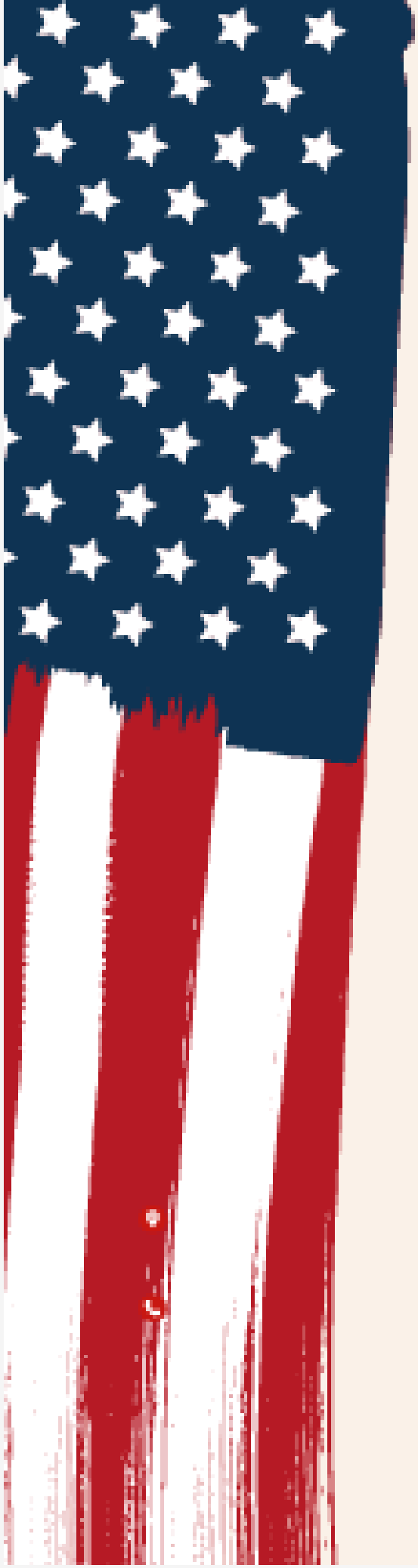
Books may be renewed a maximum of two times. If a book is not returned after two renewals (ie, three weeks for Kindergarten students, six weeks for other students), **fines** will accrue at a rate of $0.25 per item per week. Books must be present in the library to be renewed.

Due dates and maximum checkout **exceptions** may be made for book reports, research reports, and other classroom assignments, at the discretion of teachers and/or librarians.

Lost or Damaged Books

Parents will be notified when a book is **overdue**. If an overdue item is not returned within four weeks after parents are notified (or by the library deadline at the end of the school year) the item will be considered lost and a replacement fee will be charged. A handling fee of $5 will be added to the cost of book replacement.

Librarians should be notified of any damage that occurs to a library book. If a damaged item needs to be replaced due to inappropriate handling or accident (i.e. water damage), a replacement fee may be charged. A handling fee of $5 will be added to the cost of book replacement.



CELEBRATING 250 YEARS

VETERANS DAY

Presentation

Join us for an interactive Veteran's Day experience at

Bethlehem Lutheran School-Ossian

Military Music
National Anthem

Folding of the Flag Demonstration
Demonstration by Grover Sheets American Legion Post 111

Branches of Service
Explore the different branches & types of military service

Military Items & Uniform
Learn about uniforms, medals, insignia & equipment

Ask a Veteran: Service & Stories
Meet Veterans and hear their stories

Military Food
Sample foods served in the military

WEDNESDAY

11 NOV 2026

2:00 PM

ALL welcome to attend

RSVP to the school secretary

260-597-7366

bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Be sure to take a moment to visit Our Veteran's Wall!

BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH
6514 E 750 N OSSIAN, IN 46777

Swiss Steak Dinner

INCLUDES: MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL & DESSERT

ADULT TICKETS: $15
CHILDREN'S MEAL (HOT DOG OR STEAK): $6

SERVING
DINE IN OR
CARRY OUT
11-1:30 PM

SUNDAY
1
NOVEMBER

SHOPPING
10:30-2:00

ALSO HOSTING OUR
FIRST ANNUAL

Christmas

SIP & SHOP



BETHLEHEM & NEW HOPE LUTHERAN



INDOOR TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER **31** 4-5 PM

VOTEFORYOUR FAVORITEINDOORTREATSTATIONS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTSPROVIDED

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN GYMNASIUM

8643-8691 IN-1, OSSIAN, IN 46777

LUNCH

November 2026
Bethlehem Lutheran School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 L-Orange Chicken 23g or Popcorn Chicken 16g Rice 27g Broccoli 3g Carrots 5g Fruit Cup	**3** L- Walking Taco 24g Lettuce 1g, tomatoes 2g, Refried Beans 23g Fruit Choice	**4** L- French Toast 26g Sausage 0g Hash Brown Patty 15g Vegetable choice Juice 17g	**5** L- Corndog 30g Sidewinder French Fries 20g Fresh Vegetable Choice Raisins	**6** L Max Sticks 28g Marinara Sauce 10g Fresh Vegetable Choice Banana 27g
9 L- Build your Own Breakfast Sandwich 30g Bagel, Egg, Cheese, Sausage Hash Brown Potatoes 17g Fresh Vegetable Choice Juice 17g	**10** L- Pizza 27g Salad 0g Carrots 5g Peaches 12g	**11** L-Chicken Nuggets 16g Baked Beans 26g Fresh Vegetable Choice Applesauce 21g	**12** L-Cheeseburger on Bun 22g Tater Tots 16g Fresh Vegetable Choice Pears 19g	**13** L- Sack Lunch PBJ Uncrustable 32g Fresh Veggies Pretzels 23g Assorted Fruit Cup
16 L- Chicken Tenders Broccoli 3g Fresh Carrots 5g Fruit Choice	**17** L- Quesadilla 34g Corn 12g Refried Beans 23g Fresh Vegetables Berries	**18** L-Pancakes 36g Sausage Patty 0g Hash Brown Patty 15g Fresh Vegetable Choice Juice 17g	**19** L- Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans 4g Apple Slices 7g Dinner Roll	**20** L- Bosco Sticks 34g Marinara Sauce 10g Fresh Vegetable Choice Applesauce 21g
23 NO SCHOOL ELEARNING	**24** NO SCHOOL ELEARNING	**25** No School Thanksgiving Break	**26** No School Thanksgiving Break	**27** No School Thanksgiving Break
30 L- Waffles 28g Sausage 0g Hash Brown Patty 15g Vegetable choice Juice 17g				

Menu is subject to change without notice
Vegetable and fruit choices are offered daily
Carbohydrates are listed in red

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider"