

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

News & Notes for August 2, 3 & 6

BULLETINS – Jeff Radtke, in celebration of his 62nd birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Dave Strohschoen, in memory of Leonard Strohschoen.

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.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING – Attention Altar Guild ladies: your presence would be greatly appreciated at the next meeting, which will be held on Saturday, August 9 at 9:30am.

SAVE THE DATE – Join your Bethlehem family at Kiwanis Park on Sunday, August 17 for our annual picnic. Worship begins at 10:00am, with food, fellowship, and activities to follow.

CHURCH PICNIC DONATION INFORMATION – The church picnic committee needs your help and donations. They are requesting food donations, gift cards to purchase food, and BINGO prize donations (\$5 or under). They are also needing volunteers to take tickets, fill order forms, and serve food & drinks on picnic day. All sign-up forms and donation bins are in the Century Room (please turn gift cards into the church office). Please have all items donated by Wednesday, August 13. We can't wait to see you on August 17 – let's make this year's picnic a great one!

- If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please feel free to use the envelope located in the bulletin. The envelope can either be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office.

BETHLEHEM STAFF TO BE RECOGNIZED – During the worship service at the church picnic (Aug 17), we will rededicate our current Bethlehem staff for the 2025-2026 school year. Please note that we will also be installing new staff members during this time. Bethlehem is blessed with a large group of dedicated teachers and staff; please join us in giving thanks for all of these individuals.

UPCOMING SALES AT NEAT REPEATS – Visit the store and check out these sales:

- 8/5-8/9: hats, scarves, ties, and belts, 50% off
- 8/12: everything in the store, 30% off
- 8/13-8/15: linens, 50% off
- 8/16: everything in the store, 50% off – National Thrift Store Day!

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR EARLY AUGUST – Pastor Niles will be away during the first two weekends in August. Join Pastor Hanson as he leads the following studies in the Century Room:

- Saturday, Aug. 2 – The book of Ephesians, with topics to include “How God renews our hearts”, “Living as children of the light”, and “Earthly families”.
- Sunday, Aug. 3 – “The armor of God”, covering questions such as “What does the armor of God consist of?” “Why do we need it?” “Who are we fighting?”
- Saturday, Aug. 9 – “The armor of God”.
- Sunday, Aug. 10 – “Theology of Lutheran worship”.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LCMS FOUNDATION -- Over time your financial assets can dramatically change or be invested in new things. Maybe you have recently received an estate gift, and there are additional resources to now take care of. Making sure your estate plan maintains connection with current assets is a normal step of maintenance to take to make sure your plan is solid. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider these connections. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to facilitate this legacy conversation or other questions you may have regarding how you can faithfully provide for your heirs and financially support the Lord's work at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org

LOOKING AHEAD – Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, August 21 from 6:00-7:30pm. The first day of school (and school pictures) is Monday, August 25.

VOTERS – Our next regular Voters' meeting will be on Wednesday, August 27, beginning at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

A SUCCESSFUL WEEK OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Thank you to all of the children, organizers, volunteers, and donators. All of you had an important role in making the week of VBS fun and successful. This couldn't be done without the support of our wonderful Bethlehem community. The children had a great week, hearing Bible lessons, working on crafts & projects, enjoying fun snacks, singing, dancing, and playing games. To God be the glory!

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

✠ The 8th Sunday after Pentecost ✠

August 2, 3 & 6, 2025

Sunday, August 3

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:15am – Bible class
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion
11:45am – Bible Study Task Force meeting

Monday, August 4

6:00pm – Gala meeting

Tuesday, August 5

9:00am – Quilters
4:30pm – National Night Out @ King Park

Wednesday, August 6

6:00pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion
7:00pm – Stewardship meeting

Thursday, August 7

Friday, August 8

Concordia Summit for teachers (church & school offices are closed)

Saturday, August 9

9:30am – Altar Guild meeting
4:15pm – Bible class
5:30pm – Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, August 10

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:15am – Bible class
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion
11:30am – Elders meeting



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
Resource – Sarah Klug
Band Instructor – Elizabeth Bredman
Aide – Joy Tschudy
Aide – Mary Irish
Aide – 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



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