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#### **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

Feb 2023

#### **MEMBERSHIP**





Sheboygan Lutheran High School Association



Sheboygan Area Lutheran Schools Association

# February 2023

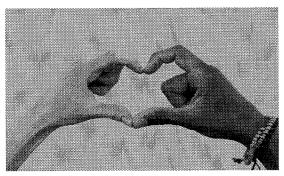
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Partners in Reading 1:00pm			Bible class 4:15pm
			Worship w/HC 6:00pm			Worship w/HC 5:30pm
			Board of Public Relations meeting 6:30pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am		Quilters 9:00am	Partners in Reading		Bethlehem's	Altar Guild meeting 9:30am
			1:00pm Worship w/HC		Father-Daughter Dance! 6:30-8:30pm	Bible class 4:15pm
Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am		LWML meeting 7:00pm	6:00pm Board of Parish		0.7	Worship w/HC 5:30pm
			Fellowship meeting 6:30pm		7.7	PIZZA MAN event! 6:30pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am LHS Sunday!	Bible Class 6:00pm	<b>.</b> 9	Partners in Reading 1:00pm	March Visitor		Bible class 4:15pm
Bible class &		6 P	Youth Board meeting	Deadline (noon)		Worship w/HC 5:30pm
Sunday School 9:15am	PTL meeting 6:00pm	<b>4</b> Q <sub>0</sub>	4:30pm Worship w/HC			
Youth Group 5:30-7:00pm			6:00pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am	NO SCHOOL	Quilters	Partners in Reading			Bible class 4:15pm
Bible class & Sunday School	Bible class 6:00pm	9:00am	1:00pm Worship w/HC			Worship w/HC 5:30pm
9:15am  Coffee Hour for	Board of Christian Day School meeting 7:00pm		6:00pm			, 
Pastor Moon	7.00pm					
26	27	28				
Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am	Bible class					
Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am	6:00pm					
PTL Bowling event 12:00-2:00pm						
Youth Group 5:30-7:00pm						

#### FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR NILES

#### Love: Noun or Verb?

"I love you!" We hear this statement often. We say this statement often. Do we ever truly think about what it means? So often in our society, we think of love as an emotion. It is a noun in much of our speak. It is something we feel. It is something into or out of which we fall. It is something that is outside of ourselves that we seek to possess. However, when we look at love in the Scripture, we get a very different picture of love. Take a look at the following passages to start this conversation.

"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." ~ 1 John 4:9-11~



"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." ~ Ephesians 5:25-27~

In these passages, we see that love is not a noun. It is a verb. It is action. For Christians, the action of love begins with the love that is shown to us in the work of Jesus Christ. Our heavenly Father loves us by sending His Son to die for our sins... to be our sacrifice. Our heavenly Father does not merely possess love for us. He loves us in action. He redeems us so that we might be worthy of eternal life with Him. Love is seen in Christ dying for us. Love is seen in the actions of sacrifice, forgiveness, and care.

In Ephesians 5, Paul reiterates this reality when he discusses how husbands should love their wives. It is not a simple statement of an emotional state. It is an active work for the sake of someone else. Our active love for others always flows from the love and grace that we receive from Christ. As we progress through February, remember that you are a steward of the love of God... a steward of the actions of God to other people. May God continue to use you through loving others!

In Christ,

**Pastor Niles** 

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.....

Dear Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School families,

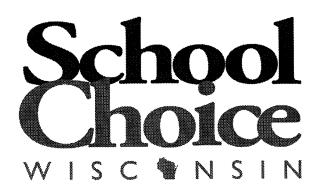
Bethlehem Lutheran School will be again participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) provides children throughout the state with a full tuition voucher to attend the private or religious school of their choice. You will attend BLS for free if given a voucher.

This program allows families in the Sheboygan area to access the educational program at Bethlehem Lutheran, especially those families who in the past might not have been able to afford to attend.

Bethlehem will be accepting applications in grades 4K to 8th for parents who wish to enroll their children at the school through the WPCP. Student applications for the WPCP can be submitted online from February 1- April 15, 2023 at https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/ There is also a link that can be found on our website <a href="https://www.ourbethlehem.com">www.ourbethlehem.com</a>.

The program currently is limited to those families with incomes below 220% of the federal poverty level. So what does that number look like? Your adjusted gross income (AGI) would need to be at or below the levels listed below for the size of your family

Family Size	Single Family	<b>Married Family</b>
1	\$29,898	
2	\$40,282	
3	\$50,666	\$57,666
4	\$61,050	\$68,050
5	\$71,434	\$78,434
6	\$81,818	\$89,818



For each additional member add \$10,384

Here is how the process works:

1. The parent or guardian logs into the online parent application.

2. Once logged in, the application will take the parent to an instruction page on how to verify the email address.

The parent's instructions read as follows:

- a. You need to verify your email address for the Private School Choice Program Online Application.
- b. Go to the inbox for your email account for: "email address@email.com"
- c. Click the "Confirm Email Address" link in the email to confirm your email address.
- 3. Once the parent clicks the "Confirm Email Address" link in the email, the link will take the parent to the email verification confirmation page where it notifies the parent that their email address has been verified.
- 4. On the email verification confirmation page, the parent will be instructed to click on a link to return to the online parent application log-in page where the parent will need to enter his or her email and password to continue the application process.

You will also find a financial aid application for those who may not qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. We want to make Christian Education something that you can afford.

Please call the school office at 920-452-5071 for more information or need help with the application process.

In His Service.

Patrick R Vanic

# February News

#### DO YOUR DAYS GO LIKE THIS?

"Get up, clean up, hurry up" and then do it all over again tomorrow!

Maybe that routine needs some revision.

How about, "Get up, clean up, talk with God and face the day with calm confidence"?

God's mercies are new for you every morning. Why not plan to talk with Him, informally and out loud, for a few minutes each morning before you launch into the activities of the day? Then watch to see what God will do.

#### PASTOR NILES HAS SOME INTRIGUING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Take a look:

**February 5th** — Start your day and your life with a shower. (The purpose of Baptism)

February 12th — Why is that guy so boring?

February 19th — Why do we take a snack break? (Theology of the Lord's Supper)

February 26th — We end the way that we start.

You won't want to miss any of these adult-education opportunities. Just be in the Century Room at 4:15pm on Saturday nights or at 9:15am on Sunday mornings. You'll come away with a whole new concept of worship!

LADIES: DO YOU WANT TO FIND PEACE AMONG THE BUSINESS AND PRESSURES OF LIFE?

Come join other sisters in Christ as we walk through the devotional book titled, "Sanctuary" by Denise Hughes. Explore what it means and what it looks like in very practical ways to lead the "quiet life" that Paul speaks of in 1 Thessalonians 4. Find true peace in Christ among the noisy demands of life. This study will be conducted via an online private Facebook group and will begin on March 6th, 2023. Sign up by reaching out to Mary Jo Cyr at 920-912-2532 or maryjocyr4@gmail.com

RICK ZEUNER LEADS "A FRESH LOOK AT THE BOOK OF GENESIS" ON MONDAY NIGHTS

Even if you've not attended the January sessions of this series, it's not too late to join in. Just be in the Century Room from 6:00-7:00pm on February 13th (no class on Feb. 6th). Rick is a terrific Bible study leader who will educate, entertain, and inspire you. You will not be tempted to look at your watch! (Ask anyone who has attended). Will we see you there?

#### 3 REASONS TO SIGN THE RED RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP

- Your church cares about you. We want you to be an active part of your community of faith.
   If there's a problem or concern keeping you from attending worship, we'd like to become aware of it. Maybe we can help.
  - 3). Some official church records and reports get their information from your entries in this red folder found in the pews. We want to be accurate.

    Please look for, and sign, the Red Record of Fellowship every time you attend worship.

    Your church thanks you for your effort.

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR / CALL COMMITTEE INFORMATION

In light of Pastor Moon's resignation, an emergency Voters' meeting was held on January 11th. At the meeting, the Voters approved resolutions from the Board of Elders to call a new Associate Pastor and that the call be placed to a candidate from the LCMS Seminaries (Ft. Wayne or St. Louis). Additionally, a Call Committee was appointed, consisting of the following individuals:

David Ames, Amy Weir, James Rusch, Jenna Rinkinen, Martha Becker, Matthew Nitsch, John Halverson, Tim Grasse, Ryan Cyr, and Pastor Niles.

At the present time, the committee has requested a list of candidates, from both seminaries, that would fit Bethlehem's profile for the Associate Pastor role. The committee will review the candidates provided and request in-person interviews with those candidates they wish to speak with further. The goal is to have a new Associate Pastor identified at the seminary's Call Day in late April.

<u>ADDITIONAL NOTE</u>: On February 19th, the Parish Planning Council will be hosting coffee hour, giving congregation members an opportunity to thank Pastor Moon for his service at Bethlehem. Please plan to attend.

# More Feb. News

#### **SCRIP MESSAGE**

If your Scrip credit went to Bethlehem Lutheran Church General Fund, Bethlehem Special Appeal or Bethlehem Guardian Angel Program, you can claim any profit on your income taxes. If you would like a copy of your report, please let one of the Scrip sellers know. Otherwise, feel free to send an email to BethlehemScrip@hotmail.com or call Brenda Kanz at 920-912-3086.

#### FATHER—DAUGHTER DANCE

Are your dancing shoes ready? Join us February 10th from 6:30-8:30pm for a Father-Daughter Dance to remember! Photo area, music, lights, and snacks will be available. The event is open to anyone attending Bethlehem Church and School. Register here: https://forms.gle/p4BM4D9jnq8SugkP8 See the flyer in this addition of the Visitor for more information!

#### **PIZZA MAN!!**

Please join the Board of Assimilation for a night of delicious pizza, great stories, and fellowship. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 11th. The night's festivities will begin at 6:30pm. The cost for this event is \$20 per person. Reserve your spot by signing up (including payment) between church services on Sunday mornings or stop by Amy in the church office. The event is limited to 60 people. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 5th. Please feel free to bring your own adult beverages. Soda and water will be provided. Any questions, please call Brenda Kanz at 920-912-3086.

#### **ALTAR GUILD MEETING**

Attention Altar Guild ladies: your presence would greatly be appreciated at the next Altar Guild meeting, which will be held on Saturday, February 11th at 9:30am.

#### YOUTH GROUP DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Attention Junior & Senior youth! Please plan to attend our two youth group get-togethers this month. The dates are Sunday, February 12th and Sunday, February 26th from 5:30-7:00pm. See the flyer in this addition of the Visitor for more information!

#### THANK YOU!

To Al Hilpertshauser for handcrafting the beautiful nativity stable, which was displayed in church during Christmas. Bethlehem appreciates your talent!

#### **PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR 2023 CALENDAR**

The Bethlehem Church family picnic will be held on August 20th, 2023.

#### MARCH VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the March Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, February 16th, 2023. Please feel free to email amy weir@ourbethlehem.com or drop it off in the church office with a note attached that it is for the Visitor.

#### WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

♦ Ruth Engelhardt — January 4, 2023

This is the day that the Lard has made;

Let us *rejaice* and *be glad* in it.

Psalm 118:24

# A MESSAGE FROM THE KLC FOOTBALL PROGRAM KOHLER HIGH SCHOOL, LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

KLC Youth Football 333 Upper Road Kohler, WI 53044

We are a tackle youth football club for Sheboygan area students in 4th through 8th grade. I am reaching out to you to seek your assistance with helping us make a big impact with our athletic organization.

The KLC Youth Football program has been in existence for several years. We are a volunteer-run, nonprofit organization that operates summer through late fall. We just wrapped up our 2022 season with 54 kids playing on our two different teams. Our program has a great reputation and strives to maintain a very cohesive environment. We are more than just a football team, we are a family!

We recently assessed our current equipment and determined that a majority of our pants, jerseys, and helmets need a serious upgrade. We want to make sure that our players are provided the safest equipment, so we are seeking assistance from whoever may want to support us in acquiring new football gear for our kids.

#### The new items we plan on acquiring for the 2023 season:

- ♦ New game jerseys to outfit our entire team
- New football pants to outfit our entire team
- Replacement of half of our helmets
- New footballs for practice and game use
- New gear bags for footballs, cones, and other football accessories

We are trying to raise \$10,000 before next season so that we can purchase all of these items before our 2023 season begins next summer. Payments by check (or cash) can be made payable to *KLC Youth Football*.

#### Any business that donates a minimum of \$500 to this goal will:

- ♦ Have their company logo placed on a large banner that will be displayed at all of our home games.
- ♦ Have their company logo placed on our team program which is handed out at home games.
- ♦ Have their company logo displayed at our concessions.
- ♦ Have their business promoted via our social media platforms (Facebook & Instagram).

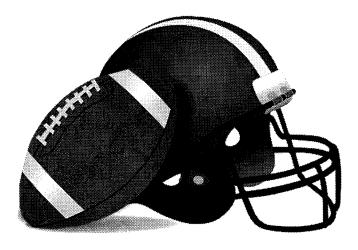
We recognize that businesses receive a lot of communications from organizations seeking assistance for various goals or projects, so we understand if you cannot help us. However, anything you can do for our program will be greatly appreciated.

For the businesses that are able to assist us, we will continuously look for creative and innovative ways to promote your exposure to the public beyond what was aforementioned in this letter. All of this is for our kids, who deserve every cent of this donation!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Head Coach Brandon Kehoe 706 Richardson Avenue, Sheboygan Falls, WI (920) 395-4777

Assistant Head Coach Scot Barts 1607 Union Avenue, Sheboygan, WI (920) 698-1444





is planned for YOU at Bethlehem Lutheran School's Early Childhood Night

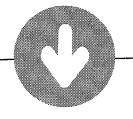
# Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 6:00-7 PM

ALL children 2-6 years old, parents and siblings are invited to join us as we shovel up a load of exploration, hands-on fun, and a flurry of activity.

#### **RSVP Appreciated!**

Fill out the bottom form and return to teacher or contact the School Office by Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Phone #
920-452-5071
email:
infoschool
@ourbethlehem.com

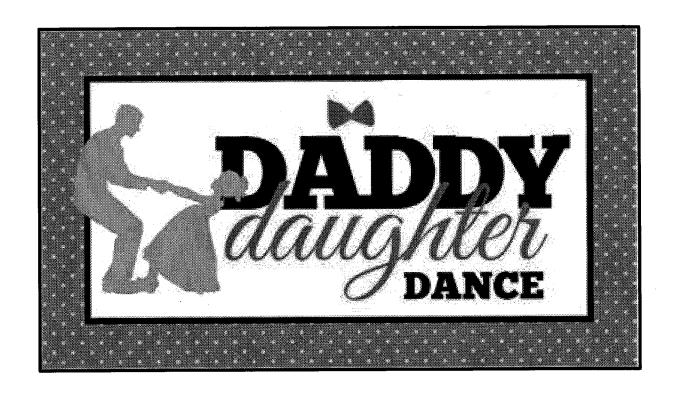


### **Schedule:**

- \* 6:00 PM Welcome! Meet in the church.
- \* 6:15-7:00 PM Classroom visits.
- Families will rotate classrooms together.
- 3K, 4K, 5K teachers will lead everyone in an exploration of all things..., **SNOW!**
- Explore hands on activities ...and do a make and take activity.
- \* 7:00 PM Grab a treat to take home. Enjoy!

  Teachers will be available for questions during this time.

Child's Name	Grade/Age
YES! We will be there!  Number of family members attending	如为秦东西
Sorry, we cannot attend.	



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School 1121 Georgia Ave — Sheboygan, WI 53081 — 920.452.4331

Friday, February 10, 2023 6:30 – 8:30pm School Gym

Light refreshments ~ Photo station ~ Music ~ Fun

All are welcome! A time to get fancy or keep it casual!

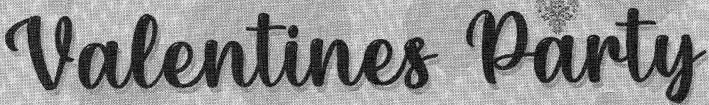
#### No Admission Fee!!

Please RSVP your attendance to: <u>Daddy Daughter Dance RSVP Form</u>

We hope to see you at!

# Junior & Senior Youth Group!

(Grades 6-12)



Sunday, February 12th • 5:30-7:00pm



Meet in the Bethlehem Gym for Devotion, Sweets and Ice Cream!

We will also be sending out Valentines cards to our Bethlehem Homebound and Grief Ministry!

Please bring along a box of chocolates!

We love because
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#### BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MINUTES SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE Jan 10, 2023 6:00 PM

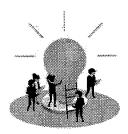
Members Present - Bob Irish, Steve Kress, Dave Strohschoen, Keeli Johnson, George Haecker, Sherry Baalke, Alice Brown and Sue Kubow.

- 1. Opening Prayer The committee joined together in the Lord's Prayer
- 2. Minutes Initial meeting no minutes
- 3. Financials No financial report given
- 4. Old Business There was no old business
- 5. New Business
  - a. We collected members contact information
- b. Scope and objective of Committee Bob Irish asked members to look at our site as a clean slate with the exception of our current footprint. Look at all areas to include but not limited to SE land development, landscaping, signage, garage location, green space, student drop off and pickup, facility safety, parking, storage, solar power, adding additional space to building, office space for DCE, purchasing additional property, possible relocation of school office if main drop off area would change, extended care remote door lock system with app., fencing, etc. Dave Strohschoen developed his thoughts with a drawn plan. His ideas will be considered at a future meeting.

Note: In 2005 an I-beam was placed in the south wall of the gym/cafeteria entrance so we could expand our building to the south. We also have electrical stubbed out to the east parking lot and we believe our storm water drains in the parking lot are set to add more drainage from expanding our parking lot south. Currently, there is money in our 2023 budget to handle payments on an additional \$100,000 loan.

- c. Working Documents The committee was asked to review our Vision 2021 2023. To review the document, go to ourbethlehem.com website, then to administration/documents. The Accreditation summary's last page was handed out to all committee members. Safety of dropping off and picking up of students and the signage with a cross were highlighted. A footprint of our existing building was asked for by the committee. We will get one and distribute it. A 2003 architect drawing of the SE entrance was handed out as a review of what was planned if we bought the Jackett property.
- d. Process The committee was asked over the next week to talk with others and submit additional ideas to consider. We will set up listening sessions with members and staff to get additional input. The general plan at this time is to identify needs and prioritize them. Once this is done, we would need to hire and meet with an architect to develop a master plan. That plan could be implemented all at once or done in phases.
  - e. Time Line We will develop a timeline.
- f. Possible Resolutions needed to hire an architect, approve plan, get financing and hire contractors. The consensus of the committee was to look for an architect to develop a master plan based on our priorities. This would require the support of the PPC and an approval of a resolution from the Voting Assembly. We have a Voter's meeting coming up in January or we could ask for a special Voter's meeting to have a resolution approved. A short discussion on financing was brought up and moved to a future meeting.
- 6. Next meeting date To be determine within the next two weeks.
- 7. Adjournment

Submitted by Bob Irish.



#### Site Review Committee

A new committee has been formed, with the goal being to identify the needs of our Bethlehem property and to then prioritize those needs. This includes, but is not limited to, facility safety, storage, green space, student drop-off and pick-up, landscaping, signage, parking, office space, and land development.

The following individuals are currently serving on the Site Review Committee: Bob Irish, Steve Kress, Dave Strohschoen, Keeli Johnson, George Haecker, Sherry Baalke, Sue Kubow, Jon Krueger and Alice Brown.

The Site Committee is looking for your input! They are interested in your thoughts, ideas and suggestions, as they relate to our building functionality and Bethlehem's property as a whole.

Please use this form to provide your input. Once completed, drop it off in the labeled box in the church office. If you have any questions or would like to chat about the process, please feel free to reach out to any of the committee members.

•	Name	
•	Phone Number	<del></del>
•	Email Address	
•	Your Input	

# **BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF

#### November 30, 2022

ASSETS	Nov	Oct		
Cash Endowment Funds – Principal Only	\$ 248,683 \$ 840,123	\$ 28,033 \$ 840,123		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,522,666	\$ 6,384,654 Includes buildings & land		
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
General Accounts Payable SYNOD Lutheran High School	\$ 61,277 \$ 4,166 \$ 5,000	\$ 27,014 \$ 3,333 \$ 10,000 Monthly Pmt \$2,500		
LONG TERM LIABILITIES				
Mortgage Thrivent	\$ 1,584,142	\$ 1,592,338 Monthly Pmt \$11,778		
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,802,260	\$ 1,787,532		
REVENUE (selected accounts)				
Adult Envelopes Tuition School Choice Program	\$ 73,522 \$ 20,867 \$ 143,832	\$ 72,535 \$ 18,677 \$ 0		
Total Monthly Income Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 293,219 \$. 154,814	\$ 106,479 \$ 147,913		
Total Monthly NET INCOME	\$ 138,404	\$ (41,433)		
TOTAL REVENUE 2022	\$ 1859,814	\$ 1,566,595		
TOTAL EXPENSES 2022	\$ 1,754,453	\$ 1,600,126		
NET INCOME 2022	\$ 105,360	\$ (33,530)		

Our cash position at the end of August stands at \$248,683 and our general accounts payable is up to \$61,277. Adult envelopes came in a little over our estimated monthly projections at \$72,535. We received a WI Voucher check for tuition. Comparing our net income against 2021 we are up \$49,000 at \$105,360. That's a good thing!

If you haven't reviewed the gifts you're Father has given to you recently, please pray over them and respond with your offerings of time, talent and treasures.

#### Thank God for all you do!

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

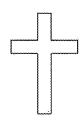
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

#### **ROOM RESERVATION REMINDER**

Just a reminder to make sure that you let the church office know if and when you need to reserve a room so we can be sure that there are no conflicts. Thank you!

#### **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*.



## **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 a 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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