

## **UPCOMING** *Events*

## **February 3, 2023**

### **Friday, February 3**

Girls A Bball Tournament @ BLS  
7:45 pm vs. Bethlehem Girls B

### **Saturday, February 4**

Girls A Bball Tournament @ BLS  
10:00 am if we lost Friday  
12:10 pm if we won Friday.  
5:30 pm Worship

### **Sunday, February 5**

8:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, February 6**

Bball @ BLS vs. SCS  
5:00 pm Girls B  
6:00 pm Boys B  
6:00 – 7:00 PM Snow Much Fun  
Early Childhood Night @ BLS

### **Tuesday, February 7**

Bball @ BLS vs. Trinity  
4:30 pm Girls B  
5:30 pm Boys B  
6:30 pm Girls A  
7:30 pm Boys A

### **Wednesday, February 8**

8:15 am Chapel  
3:15 – 4:00 pm Student Council  
6:00 pm Worship

### **Thursday, February 9**

Sport Pictures  
Bball @ BLS vs. St. John Lutheran, Ply.  
4:30 pm Girls B  
5:30 pm Boys B  
6:30 pm Girls A  
7:30 pm Boys A  
6:30 – 7:15 pm 5 & 6 Band @ LHS  
7:15 – 8:00 pm 7 & 8 Band @ LHS

### **Friday, February 10**

Boys B Tournament @ CCA  
6:30 – 8:30 pm Father/Daughter Dance

The school newsletter contains a lot of important information. Please make sure to read the Star every week to ensure that you are current and up to date. This is our main way of keeping you informed of upcoming activities and important events.

### **Office Hours**

School Office: Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm  
(When school is in session)  
Church Office: Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

### **Only 1 Week Until the Father-Daughter Dance**

Are your dancing shoes ready? Join us February 10 at 6:30 – 8:30 pm for a Father-Daughter dance to remember! Photo area, music, lights, and snacks available. Event is open to anyone attending Bethlehem Church and School. Register at <https://forms.gle/p4BM4D9jng8SugkP8>

### **Sunday is Deadline to RSVP for the Pizza Man**

Please join the Board of Assimilation for a night of delicious pizza, great stores, and fellowship. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The night's festivities will begin at 6:30. 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. This event is limited to 60 people. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Choice Vouchers for BLS**

The Statewide Wisconsin Parental Choice Program application period is February 1 – April 20 for the 2023-24 school year. This program is a statewide program that allows eligible families a choice to attend a private school in their area, tuition free. Families are eligible based on an income limit and residency verification. The WPCP voucher is selected through a random drawing of all applications and pays the tuition and registration fees for the year. The application portal is now open and accessible at <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

Bethlehem is proud to be a participating school in the WPCP, offering families an opportunity for a Christ-centered education. Everyone who qualifies is encouraged to apply.



### **Monday, February 6**

Egg & Cheese Breakfast  
Sandwich  
Hashbrown  
Carrots  
Strawberry Parfait  
Orange or Apple Juice

### **Tuesday, February 7**

Coyote Cheese  
Quesadillas  
Re-fried Beans  
Corn  
Pineapple  
Mandarin Oranges

### **Wednesday, February 8**

Corn Dog  
Tater Tots  
Carrot Sticks  
Green Beans  
Oranges  
Apple Sauce

### **Thursday, February 9**

Meatballs in Spaghetti  
Sauce  
Noodles  
California Blend  
Peas & Carrots  
Peaches  
Pears

### **Friday, February 10**

Tater Tot Casserole  
Broccoli  
California Blend  
Peaches or Pears  
Dinner Roll

### **Sandwich of the Week:**

Cold Ham & Cheese

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opportunity provider.*

## **SALSA Music Ensemble Festival**

The twenty-fourth SALSA Music Festival will take place Friday, March 3, 2023. Once again, Sheboygan Lutheran High School will host the annual SALSA Music Ensemble Festival for students in grades 5-8. Please note that the festival will occur on a Friday afternoon, and the return time to Bethlehem maybe before the end of the school day or after 4:00 pm. We will have more details at the end of the month.

Student musicians who want to participate must be currently taking lessons on their instrument, or working with Mrs. Bult or Mr. Schuh on their musical selection. Soloists and small ensembles need to register by Wednesday, February 8. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders are required to participate in the Middle School Chorus but it is a choice for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Registration forms were sent out this week. No registration is needed for the choir just speak with Mrs. Bult.

### **3 Yr., 4 Yr., and 5 Yr. Old Kindergarten**

Do you have a child or know someone who has a child that will be at least three years old as of September 10, 2023? If you do, we have a program. If you know of a family who has a child who you think will benefit from what Bethlehem has to offer, please give the school office their name and address.

## **School Immunization Law Changes**

Last week, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services announced changes to the WI Administrative Code chapter DHS 144, Immunization of Students for both child care centers and schools. Requirements for school-age children will go into effect at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

The following are the updated school vaccine requirements. These are in addition to all requirements previously in place.

- One dose of Tdap is now required for students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. This was previously required in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- One dose of Meningococcal ACWY-containing vaccine is now required for students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and a second dose for students when they enter the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- A parent's report of a student having had varicella (chickenpox) will no longer be an acceptable excuse to avoid the immunization. History of the disease must be documented by a physician, physician assistant, or an advanced practice nurse prescriber by signing the Student Immunization Form.
- Schools will now be required to provide reports of vaccine compliance/non-compliance and outbreaks to both the DHS and the local health department.

Please keep in mind that healthcare providers will see an increase in call volume from parents/guardians trying to schedule vaccinations for their children, or request physician signatures on their child's immunization record. To avoid having your child reported as noncompliant at the start of school next year, please schedule any necessary appointments as soon as possible.

The following members of our Bethlehem family will celebrate their birthday during the coming week:

**Emery Markevitch  
Adalyn Ursprung  
Mrs. Usadel  
Skye Versteegen  
Anabelle White  
Anthony Xiong**

Also, the following will celebrate the anniversary of their baptism during the week:

**Aubrey Rothe  
Aubrey Schallock  
Joe Vanic**



### **Reduce Your Tuition – Use the RaiseRight Program (formerly Scrip)**

RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) is a way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. Purchase gift cards through Bethlehem's program for various grocery stores, restaurants, department stores or gas stations and earn credit that can be directly applied toward your tuition. You buy the cards at face value and a portion of the discount/rebate Bethlehem receives from the merchant can be applied to your account. It's really that simple! When you use Scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising -while you shop. There are more than 500 regional and national companies in the program.

If you have any questions regarding the program or want to set up an account contact Brenda Kanz at [bethlehemscrip@hotmail.com](mailto:bethlehemscrip@hotmail.com) or 920-912-3086.

### **Volunteers Still Needed for this Weekend**

Bethlehem is in need of donations and volunteers for our home basketball games. You do not have to be a basketball family to donate or volunteer your time.

To donate or help with concessions use the following SignUp Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084daaa82ca3f85-howsweet/79500326#/> If you have any questions regarding concessions please contact Amy Morrelle at [amy.morrelle@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:amy.morrelle@ourbethlehem.com). All donations can be delivered to the cafeteria labeled "Concessions".

We also need help at the score table for our home games. Each game we need one parent (or maybe a high school sibling) to run the scoreboard and we need another helper to keep the official book. If this sounds intimidating, it is not. Instruction and help will be provided if you need it. Use the following link to volunteer for the score table <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084caea828a0fb6-score1#/> or contact Jon Krueger at [Jon.Krueger@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:Jon.Krueger@ourbethlehem.com) if you have any questions.

### **Save the Date!**

Lutheran Schools Night at American Family Field will be held Saturday, May 13 vs. the Kansas City Royals. Ticket order will be done differently this year. Families will be able to order their tickets online and select their seats. Ticket order information will be available in March.

### **Year End Tuition and Extended Care Statements**

2022 year end statements can be accessed through your Sycamore account.

Extended Care: "My Accounting", "Summary", "Childcare" – change year in the right-side drop-down box to 2020, click the "All" tab and click "Yearly Statement"

Tuition: "My Accounting", "Summary", "Tuition" – click the "All" tab, highlight the 2022 transactions and print

### Acolyte Schedule

Saturday, February 4 5:30 pm	Samantha Briones & MaKenna Lindsay
Sunday, February 5 8:00 am	Shinji Chang & Oliver Leibham
Sunday, February 5 10:30 am	Lauren Cyr & Jet Kubow

### Tax Deductions

Tuition payments made before December 31 may be able to be used for the State of WI tuition tax deduction for private school families on your tax return.

The State of WI, allows parents to deduct private school tuition. Parents of private school students in WI could receive an income tax deduction for tuition paid for each kindergarten through high school student. Only the amount paid between January 1 and December 31 will qualify for the deduction and only the amount that you personally paid. We highly recommend that families work with their tax advisor to determine benefits.

Tuition includes any amount paid by the claimant for a pupil's tuition to attend an eligible institution and mandatory book fees paid to the institution. Tuition does not include amounts paid with a voucher or any amounts paid as a separate charge such as: supplies, rental of equipment, meals, transportation, and personal use items such as uniforms or gym clothes, before or after school child care, extracurricular activities such as music or athletic fees.

Only the person who claims the child as a dependent can use the deduction. For example, grandparents who pay tuition cannot take the deduction (unless or course they claim the child as a dependent).

### Ash Wednesday

February 22<sup>nd</sup> the season of Lent begins as the Church throughout the world observes Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of repentance and preparation for the celebration of the Holy Week and Easter. One of the customs that comes to us from the ancient church in connection with Ash Wednesday is the imposition of ashes. Ashes serve as a visual sign of the dust-to-dustness of sinful human beings and remind worshipers of the need for cleansing, scrubbing and purifying.

Our worship practice here at Bethlehem has included this ancient ritual as part of our chapel services as well as our regular worship services on Ash Wednesday. Even the youngest of students among us need to be reminded that we are sinners in need of repentance. To that end, we will be imposing ashes again this year. If you have any questions regarding this practice, please feel free to contact Pastor Niles.

Also, Lent can serve as a wonderful time of family devotion and worship as well Please plan on joining us for worship every Wednesday at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

### Bible Studies at Bethlehem

Learn about the Liturgy – Come and see why we worship the way we do, and learn about the pattern and meaning behind the liturgy. Sunday 9:15 – 10:15 am in the Century Room.

No Bible Study Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Genesis study continues February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ladies – Looking for “Sanctuary”? An online women's group is starting up to study God's peace and how to rest in it. Study starts March 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mary Jo Cyr to join the group 920-912-2532 maryjocyr4@mail.com.

### The Lutheran High Experience

With high school just around the corner for middle school families, take some time to learn about what a high school experience at LHS looks like!

**Educational consultations** – Principal Derek Bult is offering private one-hour tours from 12-4 on February 12. Ideal for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, this is a great opportunity for parents to tour the school with their child, discuss class offerings, chat about financial aid opportunities, learn about extra-curricular opportunities & more. To schedule yours, email [bult@lutheranhigh.com](mailto:bult@lutheranhigh.com).

**Shadow Days** – If your middle schooler has not yet had an experience day at LHS, consider a shadow day where he/she will spend a school day with a current LHS student and see firsthand how LHS prepares Christian leaders. To schedule, visit [www.lutheranhigh.com/visit](http://www.lutheranhigh.com/visit).



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School**  
**1121 Georgia Ave – Sheboygan, WI 53081 – 920.452.4331**

**Friday, February 10, 2023**

**6:30 – 8:30pm**

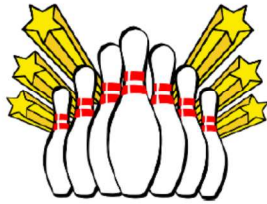
**School Gym**

*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: <https://forms.gle/9xnYECwqKWKQgP6A>**

Bethlehem PTL Sponsored Family Event  
**Bowling Fun at Lakeshore Lanes, Sheboygan**



Sunday, February 25

12:00-2:00 PM

\$8 per person (includes shoes)

Return the bottom form with payment (cash or checks written to Bethlehem PTL) to the School Office by Friday, February 17 to insure a lane.

Questions Contact Katie Schallock [schallocks22@yahoo.com](mailto:schallocks22@yahoo.com)

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PTL Family Bowling Event

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

How many bowling \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This form and payment are due **together** to the school office by Friday, February 17th