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CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Rev. Jeremy Hanson  
*Associate Pastor*

Patrick Vanic  
*Principal*

**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

# June 2024

**MEMBERSHIP**



Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran  
High School  
Association



Sheboygan Area  
Lutheran Schools  
Association

# June 2024

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						<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Graduate &amp; staff recognition 8:00am</p> <p>Bible classes 9:15am</p> <p>Elders meeting 11:45am</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Vacation Bible School planning meeting 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes 9:15am</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>GALA meeting 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:00am</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Franklin Park Neighborhood "Dumpster Day" (Senior youth group)</p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Happy Father's Day</p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes 9:15am</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>July Visitor Deadline (noon)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>LHS Golf Outing @ Quit Qui Oc 10:00am</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>
<p><b>23 / 30</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes 9:15am</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Board of Christian Day School 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:00am</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p> <p>Voters' meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>

## ◊◊ Tischreden with Pastor Hanson ◊◊

*Welcome to Table Talk with Pastor Hanson!*

*Pull up a chair and let's talk about the churches in Macedonia in St. Paul's time and ask ourselves....*

*"What does this have to do with Bethlehem Lutheran Church?"*

This month, our lectionary readings will take us through select passages in St. Paul's second letter to the churches in Corinth. Coincidentally, his writing happens to reflect quite heavily on a popular aspect of church ministry.... giving back to God what He has graciously blessed each of us with. This topic happens to also give me an opportunity to speak on a certain subject, one that you have been hearing a lot about recently. Please allow me to use this Table Talk article to step up on my soapbox a bit and let you know how this ministry situation in St. Paul's day can be prayerfully applied to our congregation in rural Sheboygan.... Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

*(Steps up onto the box in anticipated silence)*

In his second letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul eloquently underscores the essence of Christian generosity and service. In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul commends the Macedonian churches for their abundant generosity despite their own trials and poverty. He urges the Corinthians to excel in the grace of giving, mirroring the selfless sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **"though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich"** (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Paul's message is a powerful reminder that Christian generosity goes beyond material wealth—it is an expression of our faith and love, manifesting in our actions and commitments to serve others. As a congregation dedicated to nurturing faith and fostering spiritual growth, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment where we can embody this spirit of giving through our commitment to Christian education.

Our church is in need of a Director of Christian Education (DCE), a vital role that will enrich our ministry and support the faith journey of all members, especially our youth. This position is not just a job; it is a calling to serve, educate, and inspire. The DCE will be instrumental in developing programs that teach the Word of God, instill Lutheran values, and prepare our children and adults alike to live out their faith in a complex world.

Reflecting on 2 Corinthians 8, we are encouraged to consider the Macedonians' example and Paul's exhortation. Our contribution toward funding this position is not merely about financial support—it is about investing in the spiritual well-being and future of our congregation. Just as the Corinthians were urged to complete their act of grace, we too are called to respond with willing hearts and generous spirits.

By supporting the establishment of a DCE, we are planting seeds of faith that will grow and flourish in our community. This role will provide guidance, resources, and leadership, ensuring that our educational programs are robust and impactful. The DCE will work closely with pastors, volunteers, and families to create a cohesive and comprehensive approach to Christian education, spanning Bethlehem School, Sunday School, youth groups, adult Bible studies, and more.

In this light, let us prayerfully consider how we can contribute to this initiative. Every gift, no matter the size, is a step towards achieving our goal. As St. Paul writes, **"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have"** (2 Corinthians 8:12). Our collective willingness and generosity will pave the way for a vibrant and spiritually nourishing environment for all.

Pastor Niles, your Bethlehem leadership, and I invite you to join us in this endeavor. Let us come together as a community, inspired by the teachings of 2 Corinthians 8, to support the mission of our church and the faith formation of our members. Your support will make a significant difference, ensuring that Bethlehem continues to be a beacon of light, education, and love in Christ to those we are called to serve here in our tiny sliver of Wisconsin, that is God's gift to this good country.

*(Steps down off the box amid a roaring applause and standing ovation)*

In Christ's service,

◊◊ Pastor Hanson

# Bethlehem Lutheran VBS



**Mon July 29 - Thur Aug 1**

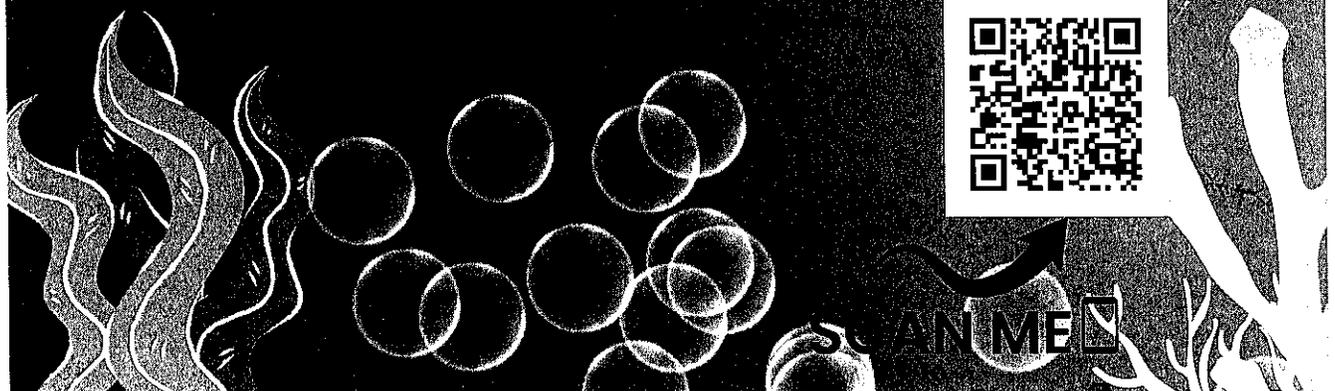
**8:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Children going into 4K - 5th Grade**

**6th - 8th Grade Youth SWAG VBS**

**High School - Adults Helpers Needed!**

**Sign up today!**



# June News

## **WHAT COULD YOUR SUMMER FAITH JOURNEY AND A BOWL OF CEREAL HAVE IN COMMON?**

There could be commonality if the “lazy days of summer” cause you to lose your spiritual “snap, crackle, and pop”, like a bowl of soggy Rice Krispies. Maybe you feel that time spent on the golf course or soccer field is more valuable than attending worship. Or perhaps you decide to skip church to get an early Sunday morning start on the vacation trip you’re looking forward to.

How about this summer you decide to put God first and then adjust your plans accordingly?

See what He has to say to you in June, July, and August!

## **JUNE BIBLE CLASS PLANS ARE UNDERWAY**

Watch upcoming bulletins for details on June Bible classes and plan to attend.

Summertime is the perfect time to “rest in the Lord” and in His Word.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE SCRIP PROGRAM**

*Scrip-on-the-Go* orders will be accepted during the summer months. All orders will need to be in by 3:00pm on Thursdays and can be picked up Tuesday-Thursday between 7:30am-3:00pm.

## **THE STAR GALA MEETING**

Come and join us for The Star Gala meeting on June 10th at 6:00pm in the library.

Please join us and hear about the fun that is being planned for The Star Gala 2024 Blue & White Ball.

We would love for you to be a part of the planning committee.

Email [thestargala@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:thestargala@ourbethlehem.com) with any questions.

We are excited for this year’s Blue & White Ball, taking place on September 21st - Save The Date!

## **JOIN THE QUILTERS**

The next quilting dates are June 11th and June 25th, beginning at 9:00am in the Century Room.

## **A MESSAGE FROM ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please join St. Mark Lutheran Church (1019 N. 7th St.) on Thursday, June 20th at 6:30pm for their Trivia Night to support *Pay It Forward* of Sheboygan.

- ◆ \$10/person or \$50/team of 6
- ◆ Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

Questions about the evening or registration: email [office@stmarksheboygan.com](mailto:office@stmarksheboygan.com).

## **LHS GOLF OUTING**

Join us at Quit Qui Oc in Elkhart Lake on Friday, June 21st for the annual LHS Golf Outing!

We’ll begin at 10:00am with a shotgun start.

\$105/person, \$85/senior citizens and students, \$400/foursome.

Registration includes a cart and lunch. Plus, there will be a 19th hole social hour, raffles, awards, and prizes. Register online at [www.lutheranhigh.com/golf](http://www.lutheranhigh.com/golf) before June 14th.

## **4TH OF JULY PARADE**

It’s that time of year again! The 4th of July is right around the corner and Bethlehem will once again be walking in the parade (Thursday, July 4th). Let’s PACK THE PARADE! We want as many people of all ages to walk with us behind the Bethlehem banner, representing our church and school.

Decorate your scooter or bike, wear patriotic or Bethlehem clothing, and get ready to have fun!

We will meet at 8:30am (location to be determined—watch for Facebook updates).

We are also looking for candy donations, anything non-chocolate please.

Candy can be dropped off in the Century Room, in the marked bin, beginning in June.

Thank you everyone for your participation, donations, and support of Bethlehem!

# More June News

## NEAT REPEATS ANNIVERSARY SALE

Neat Repeats is celebrating its 15th anniversary, with its biggest sale ever!

Tuesday, 6/4: Everything in the store is 15% off

Wednesday, 6/5: Everything in the store is 20% off

Thursday, 6/6: Everything in the store is 30% off

Friday, 6/7: Everything in the store is 40% off

Saturday, 6/8: Everything in the store is 50% off

## SHEBOYGAN A'S GAME—SAVE THE DATE

Join us on Sunday, July 28th for the 1:00pm Sheboygan A's game. Lunch will be served prior to the game. Watch upcoming bulletins for detailed information and sign-up instructions.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Check out the flyer in this edition of the Visitor. Mark your calendar for July 29th—August 1st!

Also, if you are interested in being a part of the Vacation Bible School planning committee, please attend the meeting on Monday, June 3rd at 6:00pm in the Century Room.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Franklin Park Neighborhood Association is participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th. This year, both St. Peter Claver and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches, who are part of the Franklin Park Neighborhood, are working together to collect the supplies. They are asking their parishioners to participate in a school supply drive during the month of July.

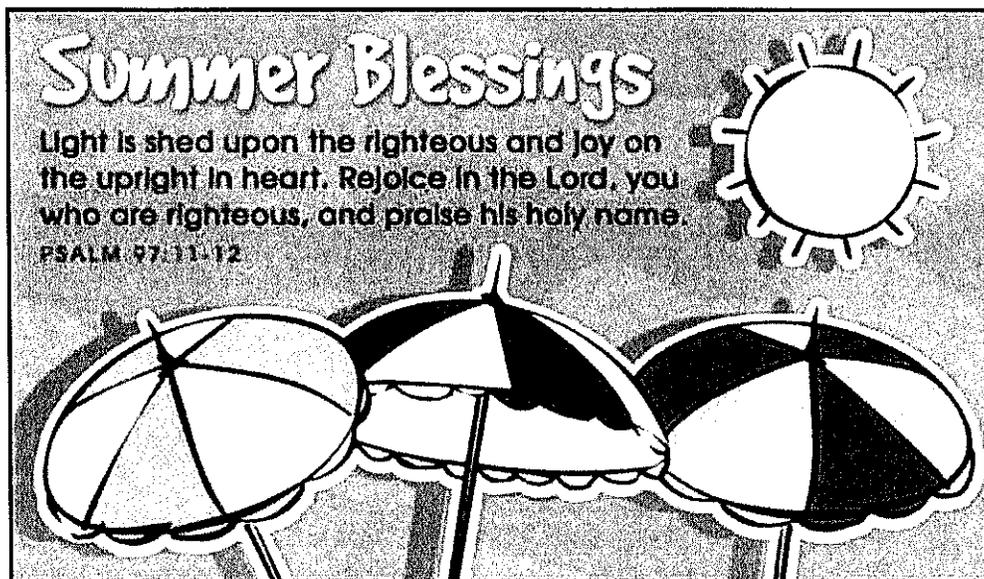
They are looking for donations of **new** pencils, pens, folders, notebooks, rulers, 24-count crayons, glue sticks, and colored pencils.

Bethlehem will have a marked bin in the Century Room during the month of July for donated items.

Thank you in advance for your help with this community event.

## JULY VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the July Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, June 20th, 2024. Please feel free to email [amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com) or drop it off in the church office with a note that it is for the Visitor.



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

**March 31, 2024**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Mar 2024</b>	<b>Feb 2024</b>	
Cash	\$ 91,959	\$ 189,041	
Endowment Funds – Principal Only	\$ 840,123	\$ 840,123	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,477,511</b>	<b>\$6,557,641</b>	Includes buildings & land
 <b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
General Accounts Payable	\$ 40,455	\$ 33,608	
SYNOD	\$ 5,250	\$ 3,500	
Lutheran High School	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	Monthly Pmt \$2,500
 <b><u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Mortgage Thrivent	\$ 1,450,482	\$ 1,458,987	Monthly Pmt \$11,778
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,640,788</b>	<b>\$ 1,632,214</b>	
 <b><u>REVENUE</u> (selected accounts)</b>			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 65,522	\$ 67,640	
Tuition	\$ 37,456	\$ 26,910	
School Choice Program	\$ 0	\$ 163,234	
Total Monthly Income	\$ 129,028	\$ 276,186	
Total Monthly Expenses	\$. 224,611	\$ 168,144	
 Total Monthly NET INCOME	 \$ (95,583)	 \$ 108,041	
 <b><u>TOTAL REVENUE 2024</u></b>	 <b>\$ 578,718</b>	 <b>\$ 449,690</b>	
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES 2024</u></b>	<b>\$ 563,342</b>	<b>\$ 338,730</b>	
 <b><u>NET INCOME 2024</u></b>	 <b>\$ 15,376</b>	 <b>\$ 110,960</b>	

As summer approaches we all seem to have more to do and less time to do it. Please remember to worship on a weekly basis and encourage your fellow Christians to do the same. It is important to spend time together strengthening each other in our faith. On a different subject, if you haven't returned your faith promise card yet, please return it to the church office. The Board of Properties along with 13 helpers removed the landscaping feature on the southeast corner of our property. Dirt fill will be brought in next to obtain a better grade and finally we will plant grass.

**Thank you for your support!**

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

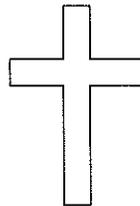
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

## 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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