Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School News & Notes for November 25, 26 & 29

BULLETINS – Luther & Kay Bajus, in celebration of their anniversary. FLOWERS – In memory of Jack Erdmann. COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by Tim & Evie Grasse.

REQUESTED PRAYERS – Brendan Cullen, Charlotte Jump, Sandra Eckert, Dottie Conard, Chuck Kiehl, Tiffany Prescher, Marion Pilgrim, Tammy Barthels, Gwen Kolbe, Lillian Lorfeld, Vicky Almgren, Annie Kress, Michelle Markevitch, Alan Schmidlkofer, Jeff Lampe, Brian Pool, Ken Gundlach, Lee Steffen, and Judith Reinemann.

VOTERS' MEETING – Please plan to attend the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00pm.

BETHLEHEM HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP – Join us December 3rd after the 10:30am service for a Fellowship lunch from 11:30-12:30, in the cafeteria. After the lunch, attendees will be organized into groups and go to local nursing homes for caroling and bringing holiday cheer. Please sign up in the Century Room by December 1st.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SCRIP PROGRAM –

- The last day to turn in special orders for delivery in time for Christmas will be Friday, December 1st.
- The last day for SCRIP-on-the-Go orders will be December 17th. These orders will be filled with inventory that we have on hand.
- There will be NO SCRIP sales on December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, and 31st.

CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE – The final collection date for this year will be December 31st.

ATTENTION ALL USHERS – The 2024 usher schedule is ready. Copies are located in the usher room. Please feel free to take one.

STAR GALA – The results of the 2023 Star Gala / Auction are as follows: the Teacher Giving Tree raised \$2,082, the Fund-A-Need raised \$16,971 and the remainder of the auction raised \$64,112. If additional donations are received, updated numbers will be provided. Once again, thank you to all who had a part in making this event successful.

UPCOMING SALES AT NEAT REPEATS – $\underline{11/28-12/2}$: toys, games & puzzles are 50% off. $\underline{12/5-12/9}$: purses, duffels & luggage are 50% off. $\underline{12/12}$: everything in the store is 30% off. $\underline{12/13-12/16}$: Christmas items are 50% off.

HOW DO THE WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS FIT INTO THE WORSHIP SERVICE? -

For a "deep dive" into the scripture readings of the week, be in the Century Room any Saturday from 4:15-5:15pm. Either Pastor Niles or Pastor Hanson will conduct a discussion of the week's worship service theme. Wouldn't it be good to have some advance knowledge before attending a church service?

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT "WORRY"? – Who among us is free from worry? We struggle against it, but worry keeps creeping into our thoughts. Join Matthew Nitsch in the Century Room from 9:15-10:15am on November 26th to explore this important topic.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY – Join Pastor Hanson at 9:15am in the downstairs Youth Room (#301), for a Bible study for 7th-12th grade students. He continues the study on the book of Judges. Even if you are not participating in the Jeopardy competition, you are still invited to join this interesting Bible study.

HOW ABOUT BECOMING A VOTING MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION? – Did you know that any communicant member of Bethlehem Church can become a voting member? It's not hard to do. Here's the plan in 4 easy steps: 1). Attend a voters' meeting (the next one is Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00pm). 2). Sign the attendance book and tell David Ames or a pastor of your desire to become a voting member. 3). At your first meeting, just listen in. 4). At any subsequent meeting, feel free to express your thoughts and also vote. See you on November 29th!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN – On Saturday, December 2nd, The Pete Ellman Big Band will be performing *The Twelve Grooves of Christmas* in the LHS Performing Arts Center. Doors & cash bar open at 6:00pm with the concert to follow at 7:00pm. Join us as we *Jingle Bells* to kick start *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year* with Chicago's 20-piece jazz band! Tickets are \$20 and available at <u>www.lutheranhigh.com/pac</u>. All proceeds benefit Lutheran High's capital campaign.

Then save the dates for *Noel*, Lutheran High's annual band & choral Christmas concert, on Saturday, December 9th at 7:00pm and Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm. Reserve your free tickets at <u>www.lutheranhigh.com/pac</u>.

CLIMBING ROPE – If you are interested in a 7 ft. long / 3 in. thick climbing rope, please contact the church office and ask for our custodian, Trish Fischer.

DESKS AVAILABLE – There are currently 16-18 middle school desks available. See the example in the Century Room. If you are interested, please call the church office. A free will offering would be appreciated.

Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

<u>Sunday, November 26</u>

8:00am – Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15am – Bible classes 9:15am – Sunday School 10:30am – Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, November 27

Tuesday, November 28

9:00am -- Quilters

Wednesday, November 29

1:00pm – Reading Partners 3:30pm – Public school Confirmation class 6:00pm – Worship w/Holy Communion 7:00pm – Voters' meeting

Thursday, November 30 7:00pm – Adult choir practice

Friday, December 1

Saturday, December 2 NO BIBLE CLASS 5:30pm – Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 3 8:00am – Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15am – Bible classes 9:15am – Sunday School 10:30am – Worship w/Holy Communion 11:45am – Elders meeting



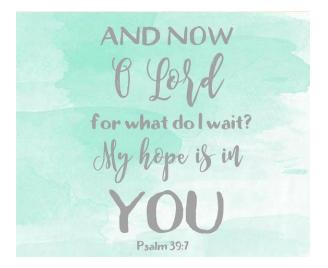
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The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 25, 26 & 29, 2023

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