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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

**Oct 2023**

**MEMBERSHIP**



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Sheboygan Area  
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Association

# October 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

| <p><b>1</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes<br/>9:15am</p> <p>Sunday School<br/>9:15am</p>  | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Bible class<br/>6:00-7:00pm</p>   | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Quilters<br/>9:00am</p> <p>Youth Board meeting<br/>4:30pm</p> <p>LWML meeting<br/>7:00pm</p> | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Reading Partners<br/>1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>6:00pm</p>  | <p><b>5</b></p>   | <p><b>6</b></p>  | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>5:30pm</p>  |
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| <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes,<br/>Sunday School &amp;<br/><b>New Members</b><br/>9:15am</p> <p>Golf Outing 1:30pm</p> <p>Youth Group<br/>4:00-5:30pm</p> | <p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br/><b>School office</b><br/><b>closed</b></p> <p>Bible class<br/>6:00-7:00pm</p>                    | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>PTL meeting<br/>6:00pm</p>  | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Reading Partners<br/>1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>6:00pm</p> | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Student Council<br/>meeting<br/>3:15-4:00pm</p> | <p><b>13</b></p>   | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>5:30pm</p> |
| <p><b>15</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes<br/>9:15am</p> <p>Sunday School<br/>9:15am</p>   | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>Bible class<br/>6:00-7:00pm</p>  | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Quilters<br/>9:00am</p>   | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Reading Partners<br/>1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>6:00pm</p> | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>November Visitor<br/>Deadline (noon)</p>        | <p><b>20</b></p>   | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>5:30pm</p> |
| <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes &amp;<br/>Sunday School<br/>9:15am</p> <p>Elders meeting 11:45</p> <p>Youth Group Fall<br/>Outing 4:00-6:00pm</p>          | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Pastor Conference</p> <p>Bible class<br/>6:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Board of Christian<br/>Day School meeting<br/>7:00pm</p> | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Pastor Conference</p>   | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Reading Partners<br/>1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>6:00pm</p> | <p><b>26</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Bethlehem Bash<br/>5:30-7:00pm</p>  | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>5:30pm</p> |
| <p><b>29</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes<br/>9:15am</p> <p>Sunday School<br/>9:15am</p>   | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Bible class<br/>6:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Bethlehem School<br/>Forensics<br/>3:15-4:30pm</p>                                | <p><b>31</b></p> <p>Quilters<br/>9:00am</p>   |  |   |  |   |

<< Tischreden with Pastor Hanson >>

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

*I will glory in the Lord; Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.*  
Psalm 34:2

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.*  
Philippians: 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Lord! We see this same message throughout the Bible. We as lowly humans acknowledge that God is One to be glorified. To glory in something is to rejoice with pride in whatever that is. In some ways, this could take the form of boasting. We admonish children not to be too boastful about something that they have done. Pride in our accomplishments is good, as long as we remember who truly is worthy of being glorified.

Glory is a word used in the Bible to “describe God's eternal splendor and majesty... God created people in his image to share in his glory, and he endowed them with gifts, enabling them to honor Him with their lives.” To glorify the Lord entails much more than words of praise. It includes using those gifts we receive to serve other people and our planet to honor God. Many gifts such as patience, faith, healing, wisdom, and knowledge, among others, are given to us. We can rejoice with our voices as we share the Gospel or sing songs together.

Gentleness is the gift mentioned in our verse from Philippians. The same word is also translated as moderation. Those who use this gift need to do it publicly in a way that “everyone” can see it. Maybe we hold the door for another person even though we are in a hurry. It will be known by everyone that Christians are gentle and caring and not given to excess. As the verse says, it will show that the Lord is near. It is certainly a way to glory in the Lord. In the same way anything we do and accomplish. The same applies to the other gifts we receive – when we use them to glorify God and help others, we also lead them to rejoice in our loving God.

*Lord, help us to glorify you in everything we do. With our whole hearts we sing to you, O God, for sending Jesus to show us how to live. We are far from perfect, but if our caring ways can point to your incredible love, then praise you, our Savior. May the joy we feel because of his presence be evident in all we do. Amen.*

<>< Pastor Hanson



Greetings from Kindergarten,

We are off to an amazing start of the 2023-2024 school year. Our theme this year is connected (John 15:1-5). To help students understand this we created class friendship bracelets to symbolize that we are connected to God and that we are a family of believers.

Through the past few weeks we have enjoyed getting to know one another, creating many projects, having the fire department come to visit and teach us about fire safety and also reading with our reading partners from church. We had lessons about creation and Noah's ark (which was their favorite). We took a short field trip to church where Pastor Niles taught and showed us important details about church.

I am excited to watch this class grow in their academics, faith and love for their God!

Blessings!

Mrs. Leibham



ALEXANDER ANITA ARIEL AUBREY  
LEIA EMMA EMILY EMILY RIVER  
LINDEN LORAINA MICHAEL MIGUEL  
I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME  
you are mine  
Isaiah 43:1

# October News



## **"THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER THE HAPPIER WE'LL BE"**

Have you ever sung those words? Although they're part of a light-hearted song, the words actually speak truth, especially in the area of adult religious education. Bethlehem offers an array of interesting Bible studies in which we can learn together what God's word has to say to us. A list of current offerings is listed below. Take your pick. You won't be sorry!

### **Saturdays, 4:15-5:15pm in the Century Room**

A discussion of the week's scripture readings, led by either Pastor Niles or Pastor Hanson

### **Sundays, 9:15-10:15am in the Library**

"What Lutherans believe", led by Pastor Niles (this series ends Oct. 8)

### **Sundays, 9:15-10:15am in the Century Room**

"James: A Christian's life in the world", led by talented laypersons (this series ends Oct. 8)

### **Sundays, 9:15-10:15am in the downstairs Youth Room**

Pastor Hanson leads a Bible study for youth, grades 7-12

### **Sundays, 9:15-10:15am in the Century Room**

Beginning Oct. 15, Pastor Niles begins a new series (subject TBA)

### **Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm in the Century Room**

"People in scripture we seldom talk about", led by Rick Zeuner, Lutheran High science teacher

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105*

## **LADIES, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN "SHAMED"?**

Do the phrases "shame on you!" or "you ought to be ashamed of yourself!" seem familiar? How about coming to LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm in the Century Room, where "shame" will be discussed in the light of God's word.

Even if you've never come before, why not give this a try.

Learn about the wonderful mission work LWML is doing at home and abroad.

## **DISCIPLESHIP TOOLS ON THE MOVE—JESUS NEVER FAILS!**

Check out the Evangelism cart in the Century Room. Each month there will be an item available to share.

The month of October will feature *Jesus Never Fails* booklets from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Take some booklets and distribute them when you go visiting. If you do volunteer work, bring some booklets with you and leave them out for others to take.

All tools and items from past months will remain on the cart, while supplies last.

## **LIKE YOUR MESSAGES TO BE SHORT AND SWEET?**

How's this as a "snap shot" of the Christian life?

**GROW:** God doesn't want you to be a spiritual baby.

**SOW:** God wants you to be generous in love and kindness.

**GO:** God wants you to develop your faith.

*Colossians 2:7*

*"Let your roots grow down into Him and let your lives be built on Him.*

*Then you will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness."*

# More October News

## CALLING ALL SHOPPERS!

Bethlehem's annual Craft & Vendor Fair is coming up! Pay the \$2 entry fee and then shop the **over 50** crafters and vendors. Enjoy breakfast and lunch items in the cafeteria. Save room for the bake sale! This event takes place on Saturday, November 11th from 9:00am-2:00pm.

## A MESSAGE FROM READING PARTNERS

If you are interested in reading with the 5K-3rd grade students, the program is looking for additional volunteers (including substitutes). Reading Partners meet every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00pm. If you are interested or if you have any questions, contact Judy Heinecke at 920-207-8886.

## MYSTERY MONTH

If you have too many good books to choose from, sometimes it's hard to pick one at all. A section of the church library now has a solution for you! **Mystery Month** offers a unique way to select your next book. These books are wrapped and are located near the Century Room elevator. Select your mystery book, take it home with you, and leave your notes or doodles in the margins. Return the book for the next person to read and add to your thoughts. Books can be borrowed by anyone in the community.

## NOVEMBER VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the November Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, October 19th, 2023. 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.

## WELCOMED THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM

Archer Dale Korthals - September 3, 2023  
Jax Alois Fehlhaber - September 10, 2023  
Scout Fehlhaber - September 10, 2023  
Donavan John Halverson - September 17, 2023

## WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Carol Van Engen - September 7, 2023



**Bethlehem Lutheran** ✨  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

**CORNHOLE  
TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

6:00 PM Doors Open

6:30 PM Tournament Begins

PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER  
(SCHOOL GYM)  
1121 GEORGIA AVE  
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081

EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO SCHOOL AND  
CHURCH MEMBERS OF ALL AGES.

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO  
BENEFIT THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COUNCIL IN  
PREPARATION FOR THANKSGIVING AND  
CHRISTMAS MEALS AND FOOD BOXES.

LIGHT SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

**PREREGISTER BY OCT. 31**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LCMS FOUNDATION

Life is full of milestone events that impact the gifts we plan from our estates.

In 1971, Herb and Rachel lost their son in the Vietnam War. Though that was 52 years ago, Herb and Rachel still remember the day they received the bad news. Today, their son would have been 71. They wonder why they are still living at 94, when their son's life was so short. They are thankful that in Jesus, both they and their son will live with Jesus in eternity.

A year before their son left for Vietnam, he had married, and his wife was expecting a child when he left. Through the years, Herb and Rachel felt responsible for this child, but now they know that at age 52, their grandson is a successful, happily married man with children of his own. The plans they included in their estate 52 years ago are no longer needed for his survival.

Herb and Rachel feel it is time to rebalance their estate plan, equally dividing the family inheritance between their two surviving children, and this grandson. As they contemplate this, they realize that both of their children, just like their grandson, are quite comfortable financially. But they have been hearing a lot lately at Church that families need scholarship support to send their children to the Lutheran School. There is an endowment fund set up for that purpose. They feel their estate plan should include a gift for this endowment. Yet at their age, the work of figuring this all out on their own seems intimidating. They called their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, who led them with some questions, to finally settle on a \$100,000 gift for ministry. They found out they could create this gift simply by changing a beneficiary designation on their IRA which they never touch. They are thankful more children will be taught about Jesus, just like their son was when he was in this school.

Do you sense that your plans are changing? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you organize that new plan. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to help facilitate these conversations and to assist you in making gifts for the family you love and the ministries you care about at 262-707-3005 or [craig.toerpe@lfnd.org](mailto:craig.toerpe@lfnd.org)

# LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER



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

**July 31, 2023**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                                 | <b>July 2023</b>    | <b>June 2023</b>    |                           |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Cash  | \$ 71,774           | \$ 52,399           |                           |
| Endowment Funds – Principal Only              | \$ 840,123          | \$ 840,123          |                           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                           | <b>\$ 6,404,220</b> | <b>\$ 6,433,978</b> | Includes buildings & land |
| <br><b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>         |                     |                     |                           |
| General Accounts Payable                      | \$ 85,427           | \$ 40,445           |                           |
| SYNOD   | \$ 834              | \$ 0                |                           |
| Lutheran High School                          | \$ 2,500            | \$ 0                | Monthly Pmt \$2,500       |
| <br><b><u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u></b>       |                     |                     |                           |
| Mortgage Thrivent                             | \$ 1,517,913        | \$ 1,526,257        | Monthly Pmt \$11,778      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                      | <b>\$ 1,744,920</b> | <b>\$ 1,706,052</b> |                           |
| <br><b><u>REVENUE</u> (selected accounts)</b> |                     |                     |                           |
| Adult Envelopes                               | \$ 106,397          | \$ 57,704           |                           |
| Tuition                                       | \$ 2,849            | \$ 4,077            |                           |
| School Choice Program                         | \$ 0                | \$ 0                |                           |
| Total Monthly Income                          | \$ 109,010          | \$ 80,335           |                           |
| Total Monthly Expenses                        | \$ 177,773          | \$ 151,427          |                           |
| <br>Total Monthly NET INCOME                  | <br>\$ (68,762)     | <br>\$ (71,092)     |                           |
| <b><u>TOTAL REVENUE 2023</u></b>              | <b>\$ 1,015,009</b> | <b>\$ 905,998</b>   |                           |
| <b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES 2023</u></b>             | <b>\$ 1,137,339</b> | <b>\$ 959,566</b>   |                           |
| <b><u>NET INCOME 2023</u></b>                 | <b>\$ (122,330)</b> | <b>\$ (53,568)</b>  |                           |

Our cash position at the end of July stands at \$71,774. We received our last voucher pmt for the 2022 - 2023 school of \$143,832 in May. The next voucher payment will be in October. Net income dropped to a negative \$122,330. We need to keep encouraging other members to attend on a weekly basis, and keep supporting our church.

**Thank God for all your support!**

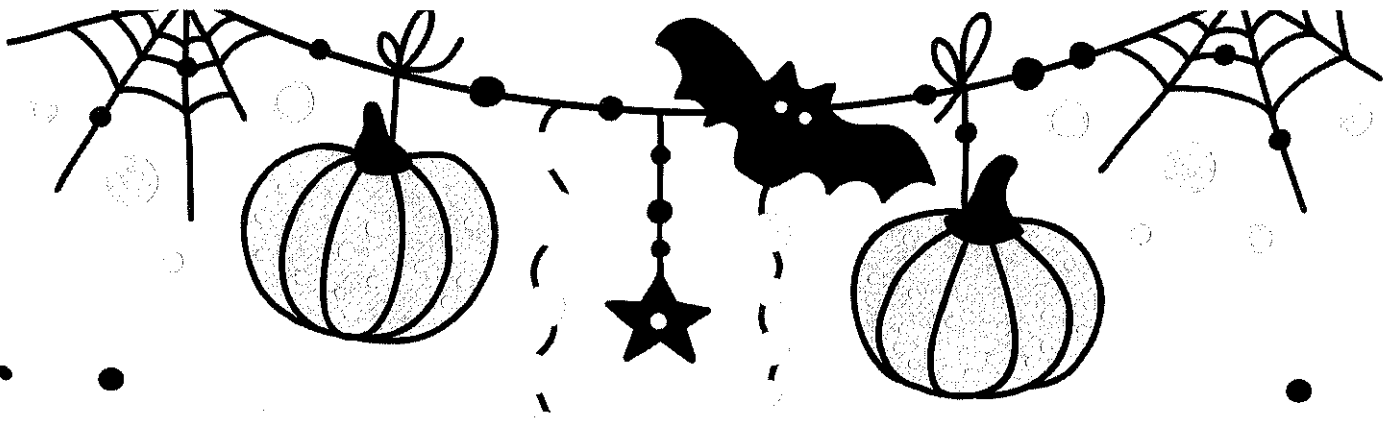
**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF**

**August 31, 2023**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                                 | <b>August 2023</b>  | <b>July 2023</b>    |                           |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Cash  | \$ 61,196           | \$ 71,774           |                           |
| Endowment Funds – Principal Only              | \$ 840,123          | \$ 840,123          |                           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                           | <b>\$ 6,407,601</b> | <b>\$6,404,220</b>  | Includes buildings & land |
| <br><b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>         |                     |                     |                           |
| General Accounts Payable                      | \$ 126,579          | \$ 85,427           |                           |
| SYNOD   | \$ 1,668            | \$ 834              |                           |
| Lutheran High School                          | \$ 5,000            | \$ 2,500            | Monthly Pmt \$2,500       |
| <br><b><u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u></b>       |                     |                     |                           |
| Mortgage Thrivent                             | \$ 1,509,551        | \$ 1,517,913        | Monthly Pmt \$11,778      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                      | <b>\$ 1,780,055</b> | <b>\$ 1,744,920</b> |                           |
| <br><b><u>REVENUE</u> (selected accounts)</b> |                     |                     |                           |
| Adult Envelopes                               | \$ 56,458           | \$ 106,397          |                           |
| Tuition                                       | \$ 40,105           | \$ 2,849            |                           |
| School Choice Program                         | \$ 0                | \$ 0                |                           |
| Total Monthly Income                          | \$ 120,621          | \$ 109,010          |                           |
| Total Monthly Expenses                        | \$. 168,595         | \$ 177,773          |                           |
| <br>Total Monthly NET INCOME                  | <br>\$ (47,973)     | <br>\$ (68,762)     |                           |
| <b><u>TOTAL REVENUE 2023</u></b>              | <b>\$ 1,135,630</b> | <b>\$ 1,015,009</b> |                           |
| <b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES 2023</u></b>             | <b>\$ 1,305,958</b> | <b>\$ 1,137,339</b> |                           |
| <b><u>NET INCOME 2023</u></b>                 | <b>\$ (170,327)</b> | <b>\$ (122,330)</b> |                           |

Our cash position at the end of August stands at \$61,196. Our accounts payable jumped to \$126,579. We received \$40,105 in tuition in August. The next voucher payment will be in October. The Star Gala will happen in September; bring in additional revenue. That will close the net income gap. Encourage each other and stay involved in our Mission and Ministry.

**Thank God for all your support!**



JOIN US FOR THE

# Bethlehem bash

FRIDAY

**27**  
OCT.

5:30-7:00 PM

BOUNCE HOUSES, TRUNK OR TREAT, CONCESSIONS, GAMES,  
FALL CRAFTS AND MORE!

**COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED**

**PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM**

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# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

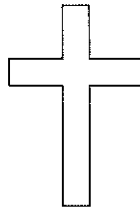
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

## 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](http://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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