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CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Rev. J. Patrick Niles  
*Administrative Pastor*

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

**Sept 2024**

**MEMBERSHIP**



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Sheboygan Area  
Lutheran Schools  
Association

# September 2024

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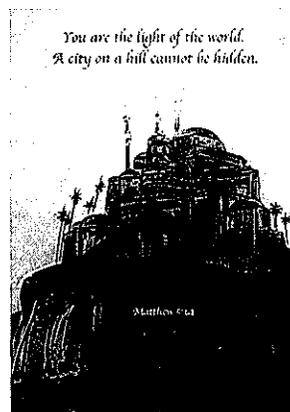
<b>1</b> Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am  Bible class 9:15am	<b>2</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Labor Day  Church & School offices are closed	<b>3</b> Quilters 9:00am  LWML meeting 7:00pm	<b>4</b> Reading Partners 1:00pm  Public school Confirmation class 3:30pm  Worship w/HC 6:00  Assimilation 6:00pm Stewardship 7:00pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> LHS Community Family Fair 2:00pm-6:00pm  Bible class 4:15pm  Worship w/HC 5:30pm
<b>8</b> Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class / 1st New Member class 9:15am  Sunday School 9:15am  Elders meeting 11:45am	<b>9</b> PTL meeting 6:00pm  Rick Zeuner Bible class 6:00pm	<b>10</b> Star Gala meeting 6:00pm	<b>11</b> Reading Partners 1:00pm  Public school Confirmation class 3:30pm  Nat. Youth Gathering meeting 5:00pm  Worship w/HC 6:00pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bible class 4:15pm  Worship w/HC 5:30pm
<b>15</b> Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am  Bible classes 9:15am  Sunday School 9:15am  Youth Group kick-off @ beach 5:00-7:00pm	<b>16</b> Rick Zeuner Bible class 6:00pm	<b>17</b> Quilters 9:00am  Board of Evangelism meeting 5:00pm	<b>18</b> Reading Partners 1:00pm  Public school Confirmation class 3:30pm  Worship w/HC 6:00pm	<b>19</b> October Visitor Deadline (noon)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bible class 4:15pm  Worship w/HC 5:30pm  Star Gala / Auction Blue & White Ball 5:30pm
<b>22</b> Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am  Bible classes 9:15am  Sunday School 9:15am	<b>23</b> Board of Christian Day School meeting 6:00pm  Rick Zeuner Bible class 6:00pm	<b>24</b> Board of Social Ministry meeting 6:00pm	<b>25</b> Reading Partners 1:00pm  Public school Confirmation class 3:30pm  Worship w/HC 6:00pm	<b>26</b> LHS Homecoming - Soccer game & brat fry 4:30pm - Pep rally & bonfire 7:00pm	<b>27</b> LHS Homecoming - Football game 7:00pm	<b>28</b> LHS Homecoming - Alumni golf 9:00am - Coronation & dance 8:00pm  Bible class 4:15pm  Worship w/HC 5:30pm
<b>29</b> Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am  Bible classes 9:15am  Sunday School 9:15am  Bethlehem's Golf Outing @ Riverdale 1:30pm	<b>30</b>					

## ✠ From the desk of Pastor Niles ✠

### The Mission of the Church

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

~ Matthew 5:14-16 ~



When we say that we belong to a church, what do we mean?  
Take a couple minutes, and think about the meaning of that word - "church".

When we hear it, do we think of a majestic building?  
Do we think of an address or a side of town? Do we think of people?  
Do we think of pastors?

What is "the church"?

Luther's *Small Catechism* defines the church, in its "Questions and Answers", in the following way: "It is the Body of Christ—that is, all people whom the Spirit, by the Means of Grace, has gathered to Christ in faith throughout the world." The church consists of the people of God gathered around blessings of Christ in Word and Sacrament. For the sake of the people of God, each congregation (local church) calls pastors to teach and preach that same Word of God and rightly administer the Sacraments. Bethlehem is no different. Pastor Hanson and I have been called here to give the people of God the gifts of God. We are here to proclaim forgiveness, comfort those that struggle, call out to those who have wandered, and lead the congregation in its mission to be a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. We are called to assist Bethlehem in being a light to the community around it.

The Holy Spirit has worked through countless pastors, teachers, and volunteers to lead Bethlehem to where we are today. The Holy Spirit has continued to bring the hurt, the lost, and the erring to become part of the Body of Christ in this place. The blessings upon Bethlehem have been immense, and they continue to this day. The reality is that Bethlehem has grown over time to be a congregation that is faced with awesome opportunities that are right before us. We have a community that is starving for the comfort of God's Word and continues to seek out Bethlehem. He has placed us with area congregations with which we can partner accomplish ministry on a bigger scale than we often imagine. However, all of these opportunities take time to plan, organize, train, and accomplish. While the ministry of Bethlehem has grown, the staff and those tasked with planning, training, and carrying them out has not grown.

If you have not heard about it already, you will continue to hear about the possibility of calling Director of Christian Education (DCE) to assist with the ministry here at Bethlehem. According to the LCMS website, "DCEs serve as lifespan ('cradle to grave') Christian educators, who typically serve within congregations and their ministries. Through their leadership and service, they assist and support pastors as they teach the faith to children, youth and adults." A DCE will help with educating the youth and adults of the congregation. They will also be able to assist in Confirmation instruction, assimilating school families into the church, assimilating church families into the school. They will be able to be involved in youth ministry, evangelism, and Bible class planning. This will free Pastor Hanson up to continue his work with community outreach and care. It will give both pastors more time to keep up with the 30 homebound members we have to serve. It will allow Pastor Niles to spend more effort on the administration and vision of the congregation. It will also allow for avenues of ministry to be created that we have not even thought of yet.

This is an endeavor to help Bethlehem be the city on the hill. It is an endeavor to help the church be and do what the church is supposed to be and do. It is an endeavor to keep moving forward with all of the blessings with which God has blessed us. There will be much more information coming out over the next couple months. Please pay attention. Please keep this endeavor in your prayers. Please support it in any way that you are capable. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. May God continue to bless and keep Bethlehem, and shine through us into the world.

In Christ,  
Pastor Niles

# FALL



## INTO NEW AUTUMN BIBLE STUDIES

### **SATURDAYS | ONGOING | 4:15-5:15 pm | CENTURY ROOM**

Pastor Hanson: Book of Acts

Pastor Niles: Various topics on "Wisdom" from Proverbs

### **SUNDAYS | SEPTEMBER 8 - OCTOBER 6 | 9:15-10:15 am**

Pastor Hanson: Book of Acts | Century Room

Pastor Niles: "What Lutherans Believe" with new member class |  
Library

### **SUNDAYS | OCTOBER 13 - NOVEMBER 10 | 9:15-10:15 am**

Pastor Hanson: Book of Acts | Library

Pastor Niles: Various topics on "Wisdom" from Proverbs |  
Century Room

### **MONDAY EVENINGS | 6 SESSIONS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9 | 6-7 pm | CENTURY ROOM**

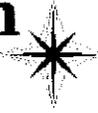
Rick Zeuner: "Miracles Old and New" - an interactive study of  
miracles from both Testaments highlighting what they mean  
today

### **ONLINE WOMEN'S STUDY | SEPTEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 15**

Facilitated by MaryJo Cyr: "Be Still and Know" - a study of rest and  
refuge by Deb Burns

To register for the online study, call or text MaryJo at  
920-912-2532 or use Facebook Messenger.

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*The Star Gala Presents*

*Blue & White  
Ball*

Join the Bethlehem family, past and present, for an evening of generosity to impact our mission & ministry.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

— 5:30 PM —

**BETHLEHEM PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER**

1121 Georgia Avenue, Sheboygan

\$50/person includes all-you-can-enjoy buffet dinner

Live & silent auction

Table sponsorships available

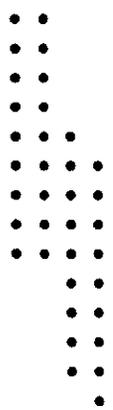
Register online at [ourbethlehem.com](http://ourbethlehem.com) or in the church office  
by September 14.

— Formal attire —

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

**July 31, 2024**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>June 2024</b>	
Cash	\$ 108,646	\$ 55,871	
Endowment Funds – Principal Only	\$ 840,123	\$ 840,123	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,436,964</b>	<b>\$ 6,478,080</b>	Includes buildings & land
 <b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
General Accounts Payable	\$ 98,998	\$ 56,561	
SYNOD	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Lutheran High School	\$ 1,750	\$ 7,500	Monthly Pmt \$2,500
 <b><u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Mortgage Thrivent	\$ 1,416,310	\$ 1,424,882	Monthly Pmt \$11,778
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,652,597</b>	<b>\$ 1,615,962</b>	
 <b><u>REVENUE</u> (selected accounts)</b>			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 94,364	\$ 61,537	
Tuition	\$ 6,759	\$ 17,454	
School Choice Program	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Total Monthly Income	\$ 119,940	\$ 105,284	
Total Monthly Expenses	\$. 180,158	\$ 125,867	
 Total Monthly NET INCOME	 \$ (60,217)	 \$ (20,583)	
 <b><u>TOTAL REVENUE 2024</u></b>	 <b>\$ 1,168,138</b>	 <b>\$ 1,048,197</b>	
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES 2024</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,225,528</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,370</b>	
 <b><u>NET INCOME 2024</u></b>	 <b>\$ (57,390)</b>	 <b>\$ 2,826</b>	

School has started. A nice warm week to kick things off. Adult giving for July was strong at \$94,364. Cash and Accounts Payable are within \$10,000 of each other. We did some internal borrowing to meet obligations. Internal borrowing is usually done every summer. 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. We had around 285 people worship at the church picnic.

**Thank you for your support!**

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

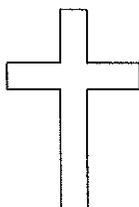
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

## 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](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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