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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 2022

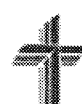
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# October 2022

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<p>2</p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible class 9:15am</p> <p>Bible Study Task Force meeting 11:30am</p> <p>Golf Outing Riverdale 2:00pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bible class 6:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Quilters 9:00am</p> <p>LWML Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Partners in Reading 1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>* Worship w/HC 8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>* Bible class 9:15am</p> <p>* Youth Group 5:30-7:00pm</p> <p>30</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>* Worship w/HC 8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>* Bible class 9:15am</p>	<p>24</p> <p><u>NO</u> Bible class</p> <p>31</p> <p>Bible class 6:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Partners in Reading 1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bethlehem Bash School event 5:30-7:30pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>

## **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR NILES**

### **Being Stewards of Our Heritage**

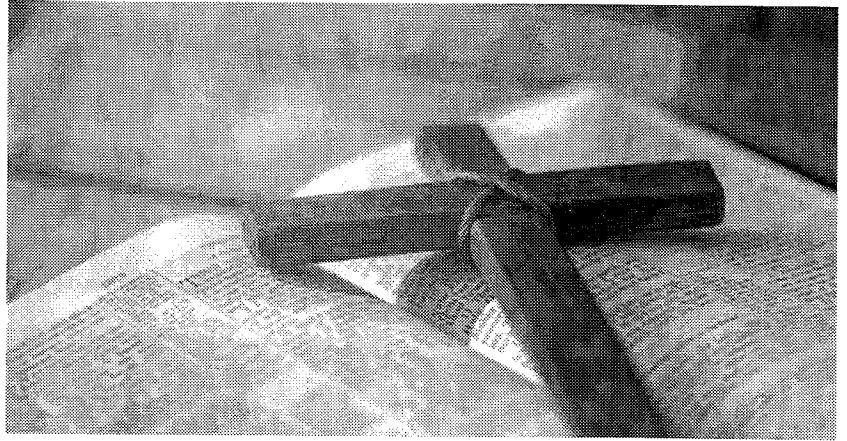
What is your heritage?

What does that question mean to you? How would you answer it? Would you answer with your nationality? Your family ancestry? Your last name? Everyone has a heritage even if they do not know completely what it is. This is true of us as Christians as well. We have the heritage of being the people of God. There is a great hymn in our hymnal written by Nikolai Grundtvig. It is only one stanza as follows:

*God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor,  
Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.*

Our heritage is bound up in the words and promises of God found in the Holy Scriptures. God's Word is our identity as His people. It is our family lineage. It tells to whom we owe allegiance and honor. It tells who we are. This identity is something that is given to us by grace, and something that no one or no thing can take away from us.

Unfortunately, people often have things happen in their life that cause them to forsake their heritage. People have abusive parents that cause them to change their name or disown their heritage. While nothing can take your Christian heritage away from you, you can disown it, and give it up on your own. When we lose focus on God's Word and neglect it, we begin to lose the source of the power that holds us in our heritage. We cease to shine its light in our lives. We cease to let it guide our way. We fail to care to keep its teachings pure.



However, even though we squander the heritage that God has given us, He still continues to entrust it to us. He daily and richly forgives us of our sins, and calls us, time after time, to be stewards of His Word and promises. In order for us to be effective stewards of His Word, we need to have regular interaction with His Word. Much like an investor cannot adequately manage a stock that he does not monitor, we cannot expect to receive the blessings of God's Word if we never read or study it. In reality, all of our spiritual disciplines and life as stewards hinges on fearing, loving and trusting in God's Word above all things. When we are encountering the blessings of God's Word daily, it will guide our way. In death, it is our stay throughout all generations. So, I eagerly invite you to attend Bible class at Bethlehem. Come to worship. Receive the blessings of which God has made you a steward. Make it your chief endeavor.

In Christ,

Pastor Niles

## **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MOON**

### **All the Saints**

It's been a long year. Yes it's true that this year is exactly as long (and probably just as difficult as) any other year, but something about the year of our Lord 2022 has been long. For me this has been because of a complete onslaught of funerals.

The funeral planning sessions go quickly, the services fly by, and pretty soon I am thinking back and wondering, "where did that time go?" So the year does not feel long because of the time spent with the dying individual or their family. In fact, those moments are what many a pastor would say are the reason why they got into ministry in the first place, myself included.

The reason funerals make the year seem long is the realization that they will not decrease. There will continue to be death and funerals to be conducted and families to be walked along through grief until our Lord Jesus returns. What a daunting thought.

This was the first year where I really felt like the people laying lifeless in the casket was a friend. I had two years of seeing these people in our pews, welcoming handshakes, conversations over coffee, going to their homes to visit, taking the Lord's Supper to their hospital room, and the like. Now they're gone. Rips a piece of your heart right out of your chest.

For many of you this year is year 10 of this difficult cycle. Or year 15 or 25. Whatever the number, life quickly becomes a slog. Days become weeks and months of grieving friends and family members just in time for another. When will it end? Come quickly, Lord.

And Jesus does come. And Jesus does provide hope. Each funeral service contains a beautiful witness of the faith of a saint and the love Jesus showed to that saint. Every service begins by remembering the baptism that all the saints were baptized into. That baptism is the marker for the death of a sinner and the birth of a child of God who now we see closed into a momentary rest chamber as they await the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

And every subsequent Sunday we are reminded of that glorious victory Jesus won over death, and we dine with the saints who have gone before us, and we sing praises with the heavenly host. That supper provides the hope and sustenance to make it through the slog of grief and sorrow and pain.

I know it's a month early for this but let this be a warm up for November 1st

*For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Peace of the Lord,  
-Pastor Moon

# October News

## HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU ENGAGED IN ANY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

What's your personal answer? Not since grade school? Sunday School? Confirmation instruction? Whatever your answer, you're not alone. Why not make a change right now? In advertising adult-education opportunities, we often use traditional terms like "Bible class". Truth be told, Bible study groups are not like school classes. No one is ever called on to recite, no tests are ever given. Biblical teachings are always at the center of each study, but attendees are not Bible "experts", but rather Bible learners. Plan to participate in an in-person or online study. Here's what we have going on in October:

- ♦ October 16th—November 27th, from 9:15-10:15am on Sundays  
Pastor Niles: "A study of trials and testing in our lives", located in the Century Room.  
Pastor Moon: "The book of Daniel", located in the library.
- ♦ Ongoing on Saturdays from 4:15-5:15pm, in the Century Room  
Pastor-led "deep dive" into the week's scripture readings.
- ♦ Mondays from 6:00-7:00pm, in the Century Room  
Erich Schmidt (LHS teacher) leads "Dear John letters" - a study of Revelation 1-3.
- ♦ October 31st—December 23rd, Online Women's Study  
Mary Jo Cyr leads "Living a life of gratitude". Watch upcoming bulletins for sign-up information.

## LWML NEWS

Are you looking forward to pumpkin spice lattes and sweater weather? The join us on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00pm in the Century Room as we pause and reflect on autumn and all our blessings that the season brings. Plans will also be made for LWML Sunday, which is October 16th. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us.

## LWML IS NOT LIKE A SORORITY

Although we often invite guests to our meetings, we'd be delighted to welcome any of you ladies to our group. This is who we are "in a nutshell" - friendly, active, multi-aged, and most importantly, mission-minded. If these descriptors sound good to you, please come to our next meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00pm in the Century Room.

## BETHLEHEM BASH

Join us on October 28th from 5:30-7:30pm!

There will be fun activities in the gym and food for purchase.

"Trunk or Treat" will also be back this year. Decorate your vehicle and hand out treats.

Do you have a costume? Wear it!

To reserve your vehicle space for the "Trunk or Treat" or for any questions related to the event, please email Jessica Usadel at [jessica.usadel@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:jessica.usadel@ourbethlehem.com)

The Bash committee is requesting donations of candy. Please feel free to drop the candy off in the designated box in the Century Room. Thank you for your generosity!

## SPECIAL SCRIP MESSAGE

Scrip-on-the-go orders placed by 3:00pm on Friday, October 7th will be filled with inventory on hand and will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday, October 11th. No special orders will be accepted.

Scrip-on-the-go orders will resume the regular schedule on October 21st. Thank you for your understanding.

## FORENSICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you enjoy working with children, if you have enjoyed public speaking such as dramatic presentations, or if you have helped with children's musicals or plays, you may be just the RIGHT person to help volunteer in Bethlehem's Forensics Program. Students in grades 5-8 will learn to expressively read or act out a piece of literature in front of an audience and will also be in competition with other students their age.

We will be meeting in the Century Room on the following Mondays: October 24th & 31st and November 7th & 14th, from 3:15-4:00pm. If you are interested in helping, please call Laurie Schultz at 715-212-3522 or email her at [laurie.schultz@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:laurie.schultz@ourbethlehem.com)

# More Oct News

## 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 20th, 2022. Please feel free to email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com or drop it off in the church office with a note attached that it is for the Visitor.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year marks the 133rd school year of Bethlehem Lutheran School. We praise God for the 173 students that have been sent to us. Our theme this year is *"Crazy People Trust In Jesus"*. It is our encouragement to everyone we meet to be "Crazy" for Jesus because of the blessings we receive each day.

### Fun facts:

- ◆ Amelia Thompson is our new 5K teacher and Katie Wheelan is our new 5K aide
- ◆ 8 interactive flat panels have been installed in our building for students and staff use
- ◆ 80 iPads and 60 Chromebooks have been purchased with funds from the Department of Education
  - ◆ Language Arts curriculum has been updated for grades 5K—8th
  - ◆ The science lab has been repainted and has received new, updated furniture
    - ◆ 5th grade lockers have been installed
    - ◆ 21 students are participating in the SALSA band this year
- ◆ Girls volleyball has gotten off to a quick start at 4-1. They are being coached by Matt & Heidi Wallner.
- ◆ Girls and boys cross country have a solid core of runners and being coached by John Senkbeil.

### Upcoming events:

- ◆ The month of October: Help support the Coats for Kids drive in the front school lobby
  - ◆ October 1st: Girls volleyball participates in the LHS tournament
  - ◆ October 8th: State cross country meet at Concordia University
  - ◆ October 16th: Grades 5-8 sing at the 10:30 worship service
- ◆ October 28th: Bethlehem Bash. All small children are invited; 5:30 start time.

## BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTIES REPORT

If you haven't heard, we have an accepted offer on the house and lot located at 1414 S. 11th St. We bought the property for \$55,000 and plan on razing it this fall. There will be a committee appointed to revisit our original plan for the land and to discuss what we would like to do with it now.

The bushes on the west and north sides of the church were removed. The bushes were overgrown and the landscaping does need to be sloped away from the church's foundation. During heavy rain, water is trapped against the foundation and is getting into the basement. A metal grate will be placed over the westside window well.

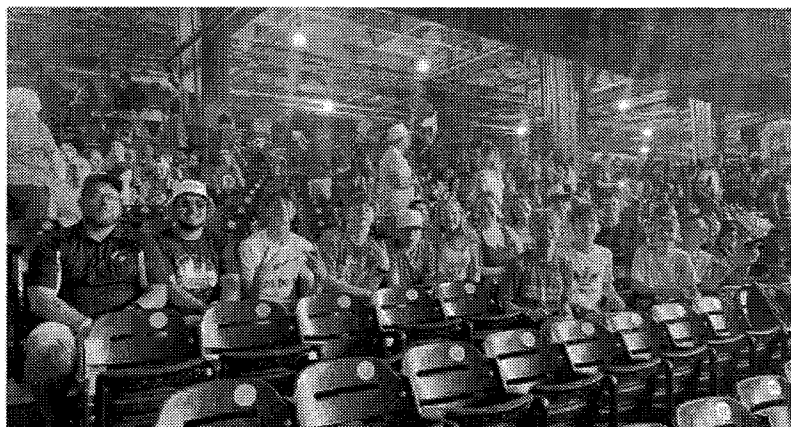
A washer and dryer were donated and they are hooked up in the old boiler room. A sewer vent was moved on the roof above the 8th grade classroom. A new motor was installed in the dishwashing unit in the kitchen; the old one lasted 18 years. The garbage disposal is also being replaced in the kitchen, due to worn out bearings. We are getting closer to solving our problems with the new fire alarm system. The company has replaced the new fire panel 5 times. Hopefully by the end of 2022, all the bugs between the old and the new systems are worked out.

Additional computer equipment was donated (\$4,700) so that we can keep up with our expansion of our WiFi and other network needs. The office folding machine and main copier were repaired this month.

We received an estimate to consider for the remaining stained-glass windows. The estimate came in at \$215,000 for the 19 additional windows. Phase 1 of the project is getting closer to being finished, at a cost of \$118,000. We had several donations totaling \$60,000, along with the designated money from the previous auction's Fund-a-Cause (\$34,000), to help cover the Phase 1 costs. We also closed on the new loan with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund for \$150,000 to help fund the windows and the razing of the house, mentioned above. The remaining funds from the LCEF will be designated in our 2023 budget.

## WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

- ◆ Joanne Knaub, August 31st, 2022
- ◆ Robert Zittel, September 8th, 2022



In July, a group of teens traveled to Houston, Texas. 20,000 youth gathered together for the LCMS Youth Gathering. It was a week of Bible studies, faith discussions, large group events, and worship. It was a gift to grow together as God's family!

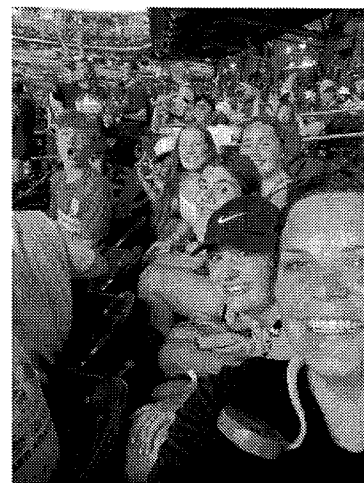
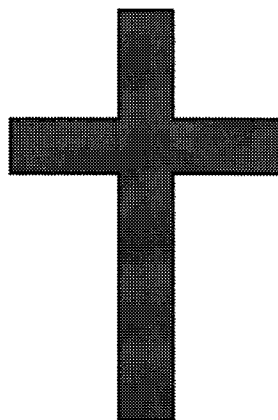
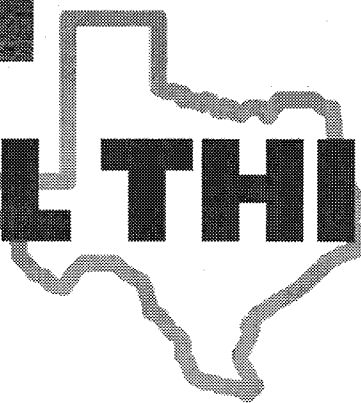


*Thank you!*



FOR SUPPORTING  
THE YOUTH GROUP  
TO MAKE TRIPS LIKE  
THIS POSSIBLE!

# IN ALL THINGS



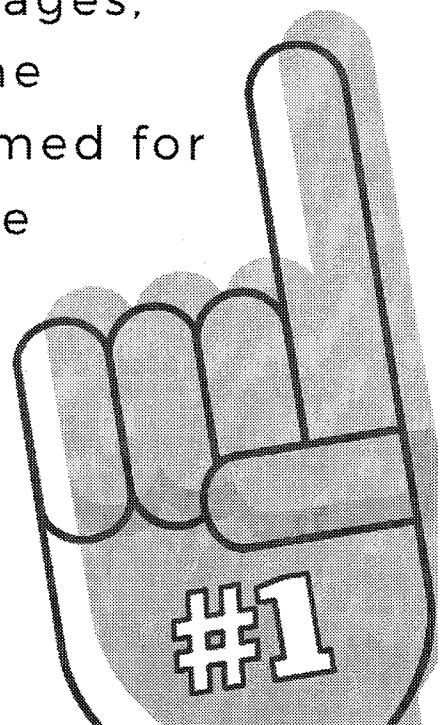


# PACKER POTLUCK

JOIN US IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY  
CENTER ON OCTOBER 16TH FOR A  
PACKER POTLUCK.

Bring a dish to pass, [adult] beverages,  
and a lawn chair for the game. The  
*Packers v Jets* game will be streamed for  
everyone to watch. Burgers will be  
provided. Sign-up in the  
Century Room to attend. Walk-ins  
welcome.

Note: if the scheduled noon football  
game were to be "flexed", the potluck  
will begin 30 minutes before kick-off.



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

**August 31, 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>July</b>	
Cash	\$ 50,480	\$ 57,103	
Endowment Funds – Principal Only	\$ 840,123	\$ 840,123	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,348,694</b>	<b>\$ 6,223,217</b>	Includes buildings & land
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
General Accounts Payable	\$ 35,240	\$ 43,466	
SYNOD	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Lutheran High School	\$ 0	\$ 0	Monthly Pmt \$2,500
<b><u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Mortgage Thrivent	\$ 1,608,673	\$ 1,616,813	Monthly Pmt \$11,778
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,651,564</b>	<b>\$ 1,664,527</b>	
<b><u>REVENUE</u> (selected accounts)</b>			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 89,463	\$ 68,156	
Tuition	\$ 32,131	\$ 17,239	
School Choice Program	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Total Monthly Income	\$ 155,759	\$ 93,883	
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 153,822	\$ 135,208	
Total Monthly NET INCOME	\$ 1,936	\$ (41,325)	
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUE 2022</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,198,430</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,670</b>	
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES 2022</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,250,309</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,486</b>	
<b><u>NET INCOME 2022</u></b>	<b>\$ (51,879)</b>	<b>\$ (53,815)</b>	

Our cash position at the end of August stands at \$50,480 and our general accounts payable is down a little to \$35,240. Adult envelopes are up this month to \$89,463. Tuition is up and at the end of Sept we should receive are first WI Voucher check for tuition. If you haven't reviewed the gifts you're Father has given to you recently, please pray over them and respond with your offerings of time, talent and treasures.

**Thank God for all you do!**

# **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!

## **BETHLEHEM'S DAILY DEVOTION**

Check out our Facebook page for posted devotions.

## **VISIT US ONLINE**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School are 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*.

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