





#### **December 5, 2025**

School office hours when school is in session are Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. When school is not in session or closed due to weather, holiday, etc. the office is also closed. Voice mail and email are available for all school staff and messages can be left outside of office/school hours.

## Calendar of Everts

#### Friday, December 5

#### Saturday, December 6

Boys & Girls A BB @ LHS Tournament 9:00 am BLS Boys vs St. John, Plymouth 10:50 am BLS Girls vs St. John, Plymouth 12:40 BLS Boys vs Zion Menomonee Falls 2:30 pm BLS Girls vs St. Paul, Grafton 6:10 pm BLS Girls vs St. James, Shawano 5:30 pm Worship

#### Sunday, December 7

8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Boys & Girls A BB @ LHS Tournament 4:00 – 5:30 pm Youth Group Christmas

#### Monday, December 8

Basketball @ St John, West Bend 4:30 pm Boys B 5:30 pm Girls A 6:30 pm Boys A

#### Tuesday, December 9

3:15 – 4:45 pm Boys A Practice 4:45 – 6:15 pm Girls A Practice

#### Wednesday, December 10

8:30 am Advent Worship 3:15 – 4:45 pm Boys B Practice 6:00 pm Advent Worship

#### Thursday, December 11

Christmas Themed Dress Up Day 3:30 – 5:00 pm Girls B Practice @ TLS BB @ BLS vs St John Lutheran, Ply. 4:30 pm Boys B

5:30 pm Girls A 6:30 pm Boys A 6:30 pm SALSA Band Dress Rehearsal

Friday, December 12

#### Mr. Klug's Corner

Winter has arrived without consulting our calendars! It seems to be taking its victory lap as we endure these brutally bitter temperatures. These conditions also remind us that the holiday season is quickly approaching. Homes and tree glow with lights, some yards feature Santa checking his naughty and nice lists, and others display nativity sets that proclaim the Gospel message of our Savior's coming. Before our Savior arrives on Christmas morning, we wait with patience and anticipation.

We have also entered a new church year, marked by the season of Advent. What is Advent? It is a period of expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus. One of the ways we journey through this season is with Advent Calendars and wreaths. The Advent wreath has four outer candles, three blue or purple and one pink, with the white Christ candle in the center. The circle of the wreath reminds us of the endless mercy of Christ. The evergreen branches point us to the eternal life we have been given as children of God. The lighting of the candles reminds us that Jesus came into a dark world to bring the light of salvation.

During the first week of Advent, a blue candle is lit to symbolize the Hope we have a we wait for Jesus' coming. In the weeks that follow, we light candles representing Peace, Love, and Joy. On Christmas Day, the Christ candle at the center is lit, signifying that Jesus has come and God's promise has been fulfilled.

I pray that God blesses your Advent season as you wait expectantly – not only for the celebration of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, but also for His return as our King and Heavenly Father.

#### Yearbook Deadline

The deadline for ordering 2025-26 school yearbooks is Friday, December 19. All yearbooks should be ordered <u>online</u> directly through our publisher at the cost of \$18 each. As the school will not be ordering extra yearbooks, make sure you get your order in.

# Lunch Menu

#### Monday, December 8

Breaded Chicken Sandwich
French Fries
Fresh Vegetables
Pears or Apple Sauce
Sugar Cookie

#### Tuesday, December 9

Walking Tacos Rice Corn or Beans Pineapple / Mango

#### Wednesday, December 10

Hot Dogs Mac-N-Cheese Fresh Vegetables / Broccoli Apples / Grapes

#### Thursday, December 11

Hot Turkey & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Coleslaw Baked Beans Applesauce / Peaches Goldfish Crackers

#### Friday, December 12

French Toast Sticks
Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
Carrots
Apple or Orange Juice
Bananas

#### Sandwich of the Week:

Cold Turkey and Cheese
USDA is an equal opportunity
provider.

The following members of our Bethlehem family will observe their birthday during the coming week:

#### Silas Aschenbach

#### **Emmett Littmann**

The following will celebrate the anniversary of their Baptism:

**Eoin Irish** 

#### **Christmas Scrip Orders**

The last day to place a Scrip order in time for Christmas will be Friday, December 5, 2025. Please plan accordingly and get your orders in early. The last day for Scrip-on-the-Go orders will be Friday, December 12, 2025. These orders will be filled with Scrip inventory that we have on hand. Scrip-on-the-Go orders will not be filled during Christmas break. Scrip-on-the Go- will resume the regular schedule on Friday, January 9, 2026. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

#### **Children's Christmas Program**

The students of Bethlehem (Grades 3K - 8) will have their Christmas service, Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree on Wednesday, December 17 at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. So that parts can be assigned, please notify the school as soon as possible if your child will not be in attendance for either service.

#### **Christmas Themed Dress Up Day**

Thursday, December 11 we will be holding a Christmas themed dress up day. This will begin during the school day, and then carry over to the Christmas theme night for the home basketball games against SJL that night. Students will win a prize for being the best dressed in their class during the school day, and will have a chance to win another prize for having the most spirit during the basketball games that night.

#### **Christmas Break**

Our calendar originally listed school as being in session on December 22 and 23. The Board of Christian Day School has amended our calendar to include those two days as part of Christmas Break. Our last day of school before break will be Friday, December 19.

#### **Ingathering Thank You**

On behalf of the BLS Student council, we wanted to give a huge thank you to everyone who donated items to our Ingathering during the month of November. We gathered more than 550 total items that were donated to families in our community. We thank you for your ongoing support of Bethlehem Lutheran School and we thank God for the many ways in which He has blessed us to serve in this community.

The faculty and staff at Bethlehem will include the following students in our prayers during the coming weeks:

Lilyahna Gabriselse Hazel Gartman Evelyn Grunewald Annabelle White

May God continue to bless you!



#### Bible Studies at Bethlehem this Weekend!

Join us this Saturday at 4:15 pm as Pastor Niles begins a short Bible Study series on mental health and the Christian life. Sunday morning at 9:15 we will join Pastor Hanson in reading Revelation chapter 8 and hearing about the seven trumpets.

#### O Holy Night, Lutheran High's Christmas Concert

Join Lutheran High on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm in the LHS Performing Arts Center for music, reflection, and holiday joy at their annual Christmas concert. This program will feature a beautiful selection of sacred and seasonal works, including Fum, Fum, Fum, A Child is Born Upon This Night, and Greensleeves, that celebrate the hope, peace, and wonder of the Christmas season. Concerts are free but please select your seats in advance at 222.lutheranhigh.com/pac.





## FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

A Children's Christmas Service for All Ages

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 4 PM

Come one, come all. Join the Sunday School children to joyfully usher in the Christmas season. This program will feature recitations and songs by the Sunday School children, carols by the congregation, special music, and more.

