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Rev. Jeremy Hanson
Associate Pastor

Mr. Joshua Klug
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

Sunday School ~ 9:15 to 10:15am

Sept 2026

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

September 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 Quilters 9:00am LWIM meeting 6:30pm	2 Worship w/HC 6:00pm Bids for Bethlehem meeting 6:30pm Stewardship meeting 6:30pm	3	4 NO SCHOOL	5 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
6 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	7 NO SCHOOL Church & School Offices Closed	8	9 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm	10 Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	11	12 Confirmation Retreat info meeting 9:00am LHS Community Fair 2:00-6:00pm Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
13 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am (New Member Class begins) Sunday School begins 9:15am Elders mtg 11:45am	14 PTL meeting 6:00pm BCDS meeting 7:00pm	15 Quilters 9:00am Endowment meeting 6:00pm	16 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm	17 Adult Choir practice 7:00pm LHS Homecoming Pep Rally & Bonfire 7:00pm	18 LHS Homecoming Football Game @ Kohler field 7:00pm	19 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm LHS Homecoming Coronation & Dance 8:00pm
20 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Youth Group Beach Party 5:00pm	21 October Visitor deadline (noon)	22	23 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm Assimilation meeting 6:00pm	24 Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	25	26 BIBLE STUDIES WEEKEND Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
27 BIBLE STUDIES WEEKEND Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am Bethlehem Golf Outing @ Sunset Hills 1:00pm	28 Pastor's Conference	29 Pastor's Conference Quilters 9:00am	30 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm			

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Welcome to Table Talk with Pastor Hanson! Pull up a chair and let's explore what Jesus' letters to the seven churches of Revelation have to say to us, our congregation, and the Church today.

Hear What the Spirit Says: Letters for the Church Today

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What if Jesus wrote a letter to Bethlehem Lutheran Church?

What would He say?

Would He commend us for our faithfulness? Encourage us in difficult times? Challenge us where we have become complacent? Call us to repentance? Remind us of promises we have forgotten?

Beginning this September, we are going to spend several weeks listening to what Jesus said to **seven real churches nearly 2,000 years ago**—and discovering that His words are remarkably relevant to the Church today.

Our new sermon series is titled **“Hear What the Spirit Says: Letters for the Church Today.”**

The seven churches we find in Revelation 2–3 were congregations located in cities throughout the Roman province of Asia. The apostle John was exiled on the island of Patmos when the risen and glorified Jesus appeared to him. Jesus told John to write messages to these churches.

And these weren't generic messages.

Jesus knew these congregations.

He knew their faithfulness. He knew their struggles. He knew their temptations. He knew what they looked like from the outside—and He knew what was happening in their hearts.

Some needed encouragement. Some needed correction. Some needed to wake up. Some needed to stand firm. And every one of them needed Jesus.

As we work through these letters, we will discover some surprisingly familiar challenges.

Ephesus was faithful to the truth and worked hard, but had lost its first love.

Smyrna was suffering, yet Jesus called them to remain faithful.

Pergamum was holding fast to Christ but facing tremendous pressure to compromise with the surrounding culture.

Thyatira was loving and active, but was tolerating what Christ condemned.

Sardis had a reputation for being alive, but Jesus saw that they were spiritually asleep.

Philadelphia had little worldly strength, yet Jesus commended them for their faithfulness.

And **Laodicea** had wealth and comfort—but had become lukewarm and self-sufficient.

As I look at these seven churches, I find myself wondering: **How much of them do we see in ourselves?**

We can become busy doing Christian things while losing our delight in Christ. We can compromise with the culture around us. We can become spiritually sleepy. We can become discouraged by our weaknesses. Or we can become so comfortable that we forget how desperately we need our Savior.

That's why this series isn't simply about seven ancient churches.

It's about us.

The repeated invitation throughout these letters is: *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

So, I invite you to come ready to listen.

Listen for the places where Jesus calls us to repentance. Listen for His encouragement to remain faithful. Listen for His promises. And most importantly, listen for the Gospel.

Because the Jesus who speaks hard words to His Church is the same Jesus who **died for His Church, rose for His Church, forgives His Church, and promises to remain with His Church.**

And when we conclude the series with Laodicea on **Reformation Sunday**, we will be reminded exactly where our confidence belongs: **not in ourselves, but in Christ alone.**

So, Bethlehem, let's listen.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

I hope you'll join me for this journey through Revelation!

In Christ,

◇< Pastor Hanson

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INVITES YOU TO

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Bethlehem
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

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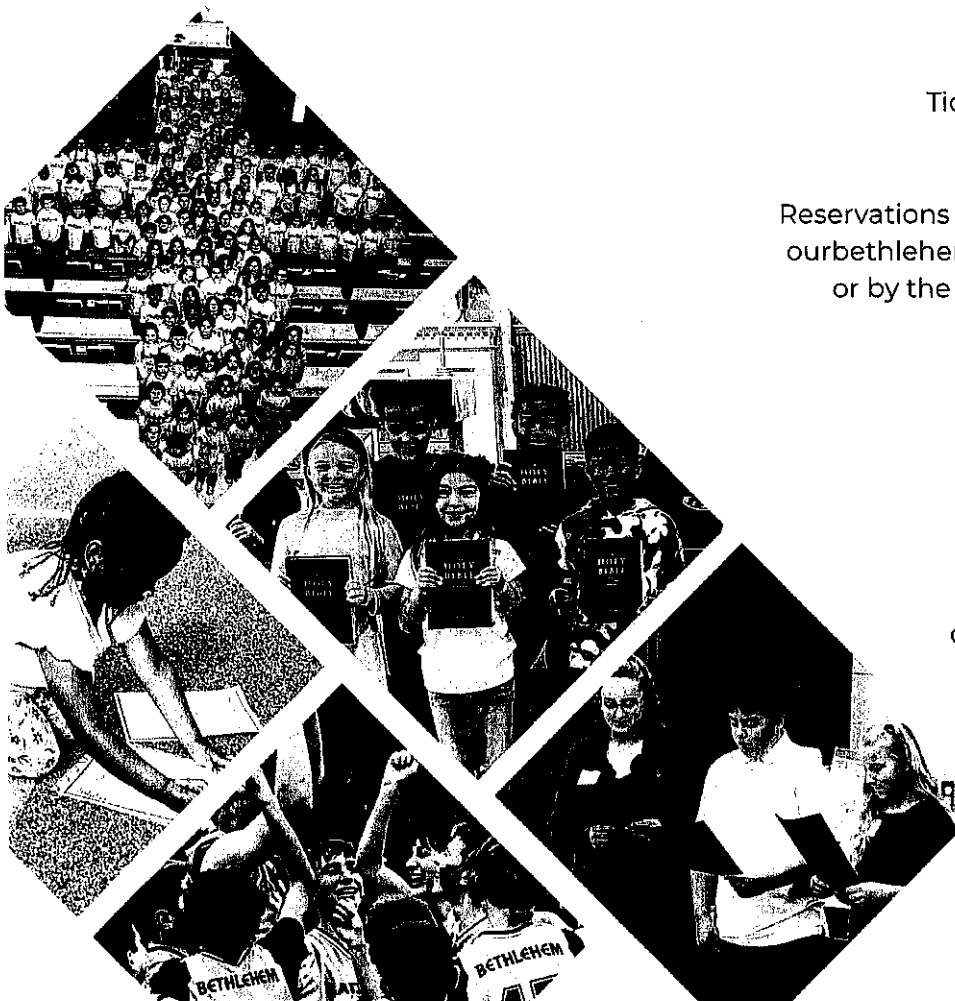
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Ticket includes a Catered Dinner,
Dessert Dash, and Cash Bar.

Reservations are required. Register online at
ourbethlehem.com, after weekend services,
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dinner, fellowship and fun in
support of Bethlehem
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- Reserved seating for up to sixteen (16) guests, with two (2) drink tickets per guest, available upon request
- Premier recognition throughout the event
- Full-page advertisement in the auction program
- Special recognition during the evening's program
- Prominent event signage
- Online recognition



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- Enhanced recognition at your sponsored table
- Full-page advertisement in the auction program
- Prominent event signage
- Online recognition



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- Recognition at your sponsored table
- Half-page advertisement in the auction program
- Event signage
- Online recognition



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- Reserved table for eight (8) guests
- Two (2) drink tickets per guest
- Recognition at your sponsored table
- Recognition in the auction program

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Help offset the cost of catering for the evening.

- Prominent event signage
- Half-page advertisement in the auction program

Beverage

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Help underwrite the cost of beverages and bar supplies.

- Recognition at all beverage stations
- Quarter-page advertisement in the auction program

Table

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- Recognition at the event
- Quarter-page advertisement in the auction program

Thank you for your support!

Interested?

Feel free to reach out to:
Co-Chairs
Kristine Faucher & Melinda Oetzel



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possible!



September News

PICNIC THANK YOU

On behalf of the Picnic Committee, I wish to thank everyone that braved the heat and humidity to attend the Bethlehem Family Picnic at Lutheran High School on August 16. It was great to see so many members and friends enjoying worship, food, and fellowship. A big "thank you" to everyone who volunteered their time, talents, and treasures. Without you, an event like this doesn't happen!

The goal of the committee was to host an event that provided activities for all ages. As with any event, especially one taking place at a new location, we know there are things that we could have done better. The committee has identified certain areas, but we also want to hear from you. Please look for a survey in the coming weeks: What did you like? What didn't you like? What was missing? Input from you will help us improve the picnic in the future. ~ David Ames, Picnic Chairman

FALL CAN BE A SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS

We often think of spring as a time of renewal. That's certainly true in nature, but autumn can be a time of spiritual renewal. Consider the following:

- 1). New opportunities for group-study of the Bible for high school students and adults are being developed by our pastors.
- 2). An 8-session Monday evening Bible class, led by Rick Zeuner of LHS, will start on September 14.
- 3). An online women's study, facilitated by Mary Jo Cyr, will begin on October 5.
- 4). Sunday School for children grades 3K-8 resumes on September 13. This is for children who attend public school, Bethlehem Lutheran School, or who are home-schooled.
- 5). Bethlehem Lutheran School is already up and running!

Where will we see you and your family? Which opportunities will you embrace?
Watch the monthly Visitor, Facebook, and upcoming bulletins for more details.

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM, DO YOU FEEL THAT MISSIONS ARE IMPORTANT?

Maybe you support the monthly missions of Lutheran Women in Mission and/or their Mite-Box for Missions collections. If so, LWIM is grateful for your support. But why not become active with the Bethlehem group that supports these causes? Everything with our LWIM operates on a volunteer basis. You give what you want and participate as you can. Why not give us a try? Our monthly meetings resume on Tuesday, September 1. Drop in to the Century Room and find a group of gals just waiting to be your friends.

DON'T MISS "BIBLE STUDIES WEEKEND"!

On Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, the spotlight will be on Bible studies. The Bible Studies Task Force will provide special refreshments and worshippers will be given a memento of the occasion. A rolling display, played on the smartboard, will enhance the event. Be sure to be on hand!

LWIM'S SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Bethlehem's Lutheran Women in Mission have chosen the South Wisconsin District Church Worker Student Support Grant as the September Mission of the Month. The need for pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers is critical to serve the church at large and in the mission field. The South Wisconsin District is committed to furthering the education of our future professional church workers. The annual expense at a synodical university is \$54,000 and at a synodical seminary it is \$57,000. This grant would assist students who are attending one of the synodical universities or seminaries with funds to be used for tuition and room & board. We ask you to pray for and consider supporting this wonderful mission!

NEW MEMBER CLASS TO BEGIN

Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a member here at Bethlehem? Or are you currently a member and would like a refresher of what Bethlehem believes, teaches, and confesses? This class is for you! Join Pastor Niles in the library on September 13 (9:15am). The class will run for 5 weeks.

If you would like more information on becoming a member, please contact the church office or Fred Jabs (920-889-4304 or pfkjabs@hotmail.com).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

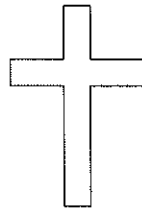
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

VISIT US ONLINE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School is on Facebook. Please also visit us at our website, www.ourbethlehem.com. Check out the main page where you will find information about upcoming events and activities. See the calendar of important items. Find helpful information by clicking on the various tabs under *Church* and *School*.

OCTOBER VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the October Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on **Monday, September 21, 2026**. Please feel free to email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com or drop it off in the church office with a note that it is for the Visitor.



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 the 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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