

Our Mission: Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School disciples each generation to grow deeply, serves humbly, and goes boldly in Christ to advance God's Kingdom.

Principal's Message

(Based on a writing from Max Lucado)

Ordinary. That's how the evening began—ordinary. The sky was ordinary, offering nothing remarkable to keep a person awake. The sheep were ordinary too—some fat, some skinny—just common animals, nothing special. The shepherds? Ordinary peasants, probably wearing most of what they owned, simply doing their job: keeping watch. It was an ordinary night, with ordinary sheep and ordinary shepherds. And yet, if not for God, the night would have slipped by unnoticed. But God has a way of taking the ordinary and adding the extraordinary. Suddenly, the sky exploded with brightness. Angels filled the heavens, and stars shone like never before. The stillness shattered as sheep that had been silent now bleated with excitement. The shepherds, who were prepared to face enemies, stood frozen—terrified—not by attackers, but by the heavenly messengers proclaiming unimaginable news. This was no ordinary night because this was no ordinary baby. He was the Son of God.

His birth, life, death, and resurrection would defeat sin, conquer death, and crush the devil.

Why? Because you are not ordinary to Him. To God, you are extraordinary. He loves you so much that He couldn't imagine eternity without you.

May you be reminded of God's bold declaration of love for you this Christmas and always!

Merry CHRISTmas!
Mrs. Greener, Principal

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of January 6 to January 10
Salad Choice: Caesar Salad

MONDAY: Cheeseburger or Hot Dog
Hot Side Options: French Fries and Baked Beans

TUESDAY: Biscuits and Gravy or French Toast Sticks
Hot Side Options: Maple Sweet Potatoes and Sausage Patty

WEDNESDAY: Cheese Quesadilla or Chicken Salad Sandwich
Hot Side Options: Carrots and Green Beans

THURSDAY: Enchiladas or Layered Taco Dip
Hot Side Options: Corn and Fajita Veggies

FRIDAY: Chicken Alfredo or Ravioli
Hot Side Options: Broccoli and Salad

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches and Yogurt & Cheese can be substituted for main dish.

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- NURSERY:** All Preschool Boys
- PRESCHOOL:** All Preschool and Elaina Trahin
- KINDERGARTEN A:** All Kindergarteners
- KINDERGARTEN B:** All Kindergarteners
- 1ST GRADE:** Aria Rodriguez
- 2ND GRADE:** Edison Schaefer
- 3RD GRADE:** Dylan Thompson
- 4TH GRADE:** All 4th Grade Students
- 5TH GRADE:** Lillian Satterthwaite
- 6TH GRADE:** Lillian Lively
- 7TH GRADE A:** Sophia Bennett
- 7TH GRADE B:** Audriana Archer
- 8TH GRADE:** All 8th Grade Students
- SUPPORT STAFF:** Miss Stephanie Wilson
- TEACHERS:** All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Advent Services

Thank you to our Nursery and Preschool students for leading us at the 10:30AM Church Service this past Sunday morning. You all did a wonderful job!

A special thank you to our Kindergarten and 1st grade student for your leadership in the service this past Wednesday. It was a joy! Thank you parents for your support getting the kids ready and here!

Open House and National Lutheran School Week

Looking Ahead: Mark your calendars for **Sunday, Jan. 26**. It is National Lutheran School Sunday. The students will be singing and we will also recognize the following for special ministry anniversaries: Lindsey Noll – 10 years, Terri Hobbs – 25 years, Deb Honn – 30 years, Dan Gottschalk – 35 years and Amy Greener – 35 years.

Our **Open House will be from 12:00PM-2:00PM** on Sunday, too, which will be for incoming preschool, kindergarten and any new students in grades 1-8.

Christmas Break

School will **resume on Monday, January 6**.

Scheduled Two Hour Delay

On **Monday, January 6**, there will be a **scheduled** 2 hour delay as our teachers will be in professional development that morning. Morning latchkey will still be available.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

End of Quarter and Report Cards

End of 2nd Quarter is on **Friday, December 20**. Report Cards will come home after break on **Wednesday, January 8**.

Dismissal Carline Tags

As a friendly reminder, we ask that you please have your carline tags during our end of the day school dismissal. If you need any additional tags, please let the School Office know and we will be sure to send them home with your child. Thank you for your help with this.

Robotics Club

We are looking for enthusiastic adults who may be interested in leading a robotics team! Whether you have experience in robotics or simply a passion for working with kids, we would love to have you on board. This is a great opportunity to mentor students, foster teamwork, and encourage problem-solving skills through hands-on learning in STEM. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Greener.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We would like to wish a very special birthday to our SBL students and staff who celebrate their birthday in the month of **DECEMBER!**

MRS. AMY GREENER
MRS. STEPHANIE MERTENS
JORDAN HICKS
HUDSON FRYMIER
WESTON LEWIS
BENTLEY SIMS
CORABELLA KESSLER
JAXON STEVENS
NOAH WELCH
HENRY BERRY
ALANNAH BROOKS
ARIAHNA STEWARD
OWEN WOOD
ISAAC WOOD
ALEX BARRY
SAWYER THOMAS
KYLER AUER
LILIANA RUSSELL
MILES BITTNER
MS. VERA ABRESCH
ARYA BROWN
SHELBY WHAN
THEODORE BAXTER
JALEN KEMMERLIN
EMMIE OREN

GO BULLDOGS!

**Good luck to our Boys and Girls
Basketball this Season!**

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Name: Mrs. Lauren Johnston

Position: School Secretary

Hometown: Flint, Michigan

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Subject: History and Biology

Favorite Sport: Soccer

Fun Fact About Yourself: I never imagined having 4 dogs... But, I do... and 3 are under the age of 3... BUT... I wouldn't trade it for the world. They definitely keep me on my toes. 😊

Favorite Bible Verse: "Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction and Faithful in Prayer." Romans 12:12