SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL BITS AND BARK

February 6, 2025

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

Devotion: "Anything That Makes Me Need God Is a Blessing"

We live in a world where comfort, independence, and self-sufficiency are often celebrated. It can be tempting to strive for a life where we don't have to rely on anyone or anything—especially God. But the truth is, there is blessing in recognizing our need for God, because it draws us closer to Him.

The quote, "Anything that makes me need God is a blessing," reminds us that in moments of weakness, struggle, or uncertainty, we are presented with an opportunity for greater closeness with our Creator. It's in these times of need that we are most aware of our dependence on His strength, wisdom, and provision.

In the Bible, Paul speaks of this paradox beautifully in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10: "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

God does NOT delight in our struggles, but He can use them to shape our character and bring us closer to Him. When we face challenges that make us acknowledge our need for His help, we find the grace, peace, and strength we never knew we had. These moments become blessings that teach us to trust Him more deeply.

Today, if you're facing a difficult situation or feeling overwhelmed, consider it an invitation to draw nearer to God. Remember that the moments when we are most aware of our need for Him are the very times He is closest to us. Our weakness is a canvas for His power to be displayed.

In Christ.

Mrs. Amy Greener, Principal

PLEASE REMEMBER AND NOTE:

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEB. 10 AND FRIDAY, FEB. 14.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of February 10 to February 14 Salad Choice: Caesar Salad

MONDAY: NO SCHOOL

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: NO SCHOOL

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

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

NURSERY: Genevieve Wilson **PRESCHOOL:** Henry Berry and Iris

Bertsch

KINDERGARTEN A: Maggie Hammond

KINDERGARTEN B: Stahli Konicki **1ST GRADE:** Emma Vancelette

2ND GRADE: Noah Welch

3RD GRADE: Alivia Comstock

4TH GRADE: Alexander Barry **5TH GRADE:** Landon Wolford

6TH GRADE: Korbin Snyder

7TH GRADE A: Madilyn Johnson **7TH GRADE B:** Abby Griewank

8TH GRADE: Lillian Fisher

SUPPORT STAFF: Mr. Jeff Comstock

TEACHERS: All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invoices

February Invoices were sent out this week via Remind. We ask that you please pay these as soon as possible. Payments accepted include: cash, check, credit/debit card or Push Pay. If you have any questions, please contact the School Office. Thank you!

You're Invited! Annual Fish Fry

This **Saturday, February 8, i**s our Annual Fish Fry. Join us for our famous all you can eat Fish Fry Dinner. Dinner includes: fish, potato salad, baked beans and dinner rolls with a drink.

The cost is: \$15 for adults, \$7 children 4-12 and free for children under 3. Please see the attached flier for more information. We hope to see you there!

Fish Fry Volunteer Help!

Our annual Fish Fry is on Saturday, February 8 from 4:00 to 7:00 in the School Commons.

The Fish Fry is right around the corner, and we're looking for help from youth to continue the tradition of clearing tables for our guests! Please pass this along to any grades 6-12 contacts you have! Sign up with this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48AFAA2EA2F8C16-54226112-fish Contact Deaconess Michelle or Kayli Greener with any questions!

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't Miss This Event!

Protect Young Eyes – How To Create A Tech-Ready Home Thursday, February 13 from 7:00-8:30PM at Concordia Lutheran High School Auditorium.

Girls on the Run Volunteer Coach Needed

Niki Brincefield is seeking a parent to help her lead the 3rd-5th grade Girls on the Run session starting March 10. The program runs for 8 weeks and ends with a 5K. Each week, the group meets twice for 1 1/2 hours after school. Coaches must complete a 4 hour training session before the season starts. All lesson materials are provided by the Girls on the Run headquarters. Each lesson includes games and workouts that teach young girls important life lessons. "It's not just about running a 5k and their physical health, but also the girls' emotional and social development and self-image while learning to run the 5K. What a rewarding opportunity it is to volunteer for girls on the run!" Northeast Indiana has approximately 300 girls meeting at about 15 different locations and they all do the fun 5K together. This past fall, Suburban Bethlehem had 8 girls take part in the program and it was very enjoyable for the girls and the coaches. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Niki Brincefield at varsityland@gmail.com.

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 **FEBRUARY!**

Evalyn O'Brien Elias Pollick Lillian Lively Deaconess Michelle Schultz Mrs. Lauren Johnston Asher Alderman Jace Nichols Evelynne clemons Tyson Labit Nora Elder Duncan McGregor Nathan Stoops Iris Sai Lucia Lofgren Braedon Snyder Connor Brackmann Ethan Lawrence Cortney Hockemeyer Lily Hart Kaitlyn Mertens Liam Sawvel

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know our Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Staff... This week we meet,

MRS. LILLY LAHEY!

Position: Church Office

Administrator

Hometown: Churubusco,

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Favorite Color: Dark Red

Favorite Sport: Ice

Skating

Favorite Memory of

School: Playing kickball

with my friends

Fun Fact: I was born in Brooklynn, New York **Favorite Food:** Chinese

Bible Verse: Philippians

4:13