SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

BITS AND BARK

November 14, 2024

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

This week we observed Veterans Day. Their sacrifices — whether through time away from family, injury, or even the ultimate price of their lives — have secured the freedoms we cherish. The American flag, with its bold red, white, and blue, stands as a symbol of their devotion and commitment to protecting these freedoms. But if we take a moment to reflect, we see another flag that bears similar colors and a shared message of sacrifice — the Christian flag.

Both flags, though representing different realms, share a deep connection through their colors: red for sacrifice, white for purity, and blue for justice. Both flags also call us to reflect on the cost of freedom. On this day, as we honor veterans, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us — the sacrifice that won us true and eternal freedom.

In John 15:13, Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." The men and women who serve in our military follow in this example. Likewise, Jesus laid down His life on the cross so that we might be free from the eternal tyranny of sin, death, and the devil. Through His sacrifice, we are given the freedom to live as new creations, freed from the chains of our past mistakes and the weight of our guilt.

Considering these two great sacrifices, we are called not just to appreciate the freedoms we have, but to live out that freedom in a way that honors both our veterans and our Savior. Our freedom in Christ does not give us a license to live selfishly, but rather calls us to a life of service — to serve others with the same selflessness and love demonstrated by both Christ and the veterans we honor. Christ calls us to lay down our own desires, our sinful nature, and to live for Him by loving our neighbors, serving them, and reflecting His light to the world.

Our service takes place in the everyday struggles of life — in our relationships, our work, and how we use our time, talents, and possessions. How are we using our freedom to serve? How are we living out the love of Christ in our daily lives?

Veteran's Day is not only a time to remember the courageous acts of those who have served, but it is also an invitation to embrace the call to sacrifice for something greater than ourselves. Whether through small acts of kindness or bold steps of faith, let us live in such a way that reflects the freedom we have in Christ and honors the sacrifices that have made it possible.

In Christ, Mrs. Greener, Principal

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of November 18 to November 22 Salad Choice: Chef Salad

MONDAY: Chicken Parmesan or Meatballs Hot Side Options: Buttered Noodles and Green Beans

TUESDAY: Pepperoni Calzone or Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich

Hot Side Options: Corn and Broccoli

WEDNESDAY: Waffles or Scrambled Eggs **Hot Side Options:** Sausage Patty and Hashbrown Potatoes

THURSDAY: Macaroni and Cheese or Mini

Corn Dogs

Hot Side Options: Baked Beans and Sweet

Potato Puffs

FRIDAY: Turkey

Hot Side Options: Stuffing, Green Bean Casserole, Sweet Potato Casserole and Dinner Roll

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: Oakley Noll

PRESCHOOL: Louie Oren and Leland Sims KINDERGARTEN A: Addalynn Thomas

KINDERGARTEN B: Teagan Sims **1ST GRADE:** Theodore Lambiase

2ND GRADE: Aspen Patton **3RD GRADE:** Emma Rennecker

4TH GRADE: Claire Oren
5TH GRADE: Paisley Nichols
6TH GRADE: Briella Hicks
7TH GRADE A: Brant Perl
7TH GRADE B: Finn Pipenger
8TH GRADE: Braedon Snyder
SUPPORT STAFF: Mr. Matt Hicks

TEACHERS: All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Openings for 2025-2026

We would like to express our deep gratitude to Stephanie Wilson, who has served faithfully as our School Cook, and to Vera Abresch, who has dedicated many years of service as our Middle School Science and Math teacher. Ms. Wilson is moving on to new opportunities, and Ms. Abresch is retiring after many years of positively impacting the lives of students.

As we prepare for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year, we are excited to announce that we are seeking candidates for these two important positions. We are looking for individuals who are passionate about serving our school community and who are dedicated to impacting the health and education of our children.

Positions Available:

- School Cook
- Middle School Science & Math Teacher

These roles offer the opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in one of these capacities, we encourage you to submit a resume to the school office.

We are looking for individuals who are committed to excellence and have a desire to be a positive influence in the lives of our students. If you feel called to serve in these ministries, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Christmas Shop

Get ready to shop for loved ones at the Christmas Shop coming to your school from Monday, December 9 to Friday, December 13! Your class will have a specific time to shop. More information will be provided next week. Please see the flier attached.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invoices

October Latchkey and Hot Lunch and November Registration and Tuition invoices were sent last week via Remind. We ask you please pay this as soon as possible. Payments accepted include: cash, check, credit/debit card or Push Pay. If you have questions, or need a paper copy of your invoice, please contact the SBL Office.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

If you are interested in applying for Free or Reduced Lunch benefits, please contact the School Office as we have applications available.

Children's Advent Services

Will be streamed. Please stay posted for more information.

Grades 5-8, Dec. 4, 7PM Grades 2-4, Dec. 11, 7PM Preschool, Dec. 15, 10:30AM Grades K-1, Dec. 18, 7PM

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 **NOVEMBER!**

SOPHIA BENNETT **EMMALEE DEUTCHMAN** JONAH SATTERTHWAITE LINKOLN BOATWRIGHT CYDNEY PEREZ **ELLIE BELL BARRETT STAHLHUT** JAEL HTOO **CONNOR JOHNSTON ELLIE SCHAEFER** LANDON WOLFORD **ASPEN PATTON** LANDON PARKER SIMON BOHNKE VINCENT UNDERWOOD **ENSLEY DANIELS** LOGAN CORNMAN STELLA BRACKMANN **ELAINA TRAHIN**

GO BULLDOGS!

VARSITY BOYS
Saturday, November 16
SBLS vs. Emmaus
10:15AM at Emmaus

JV GIRLS
Monday, November 18
SBLS vs. St. Paul
4:30PM at SBLS

JV BOYS
Monday, November 18
SBLS vs. St. Paul
5:45PM at St. Paul

VARSITY GIRLS
Thursday, November 21
SBLS vs. Holy Cross
4:30PM at Holy Cross

