

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

The Importance of Giving Thanks

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Giving thanks is not just a polite gesture, but an important spiritual discipline. In the Bible, gratitude is often paired with humility, recognizing that all we have comes from God. When we thank God, we acknowledge His goodness, faithfulness, and provision. Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we've been given. It's an act of worship, a way to honor God, and a reminder that we are not in control—God is.

Colossians 3:15 says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Gratitude guards us against bitterness, envy, and discontent. Thankfulness fosters a spirit of contentment and joy, even in difficult circumstances. The more we practice gratitude, the more we become aware of God's goodness, and the less we are overwhelmed by life's challenges.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." – James 1:17

Recognizing that every blessing, whether big or small, comes from the Lord transforms the way we live. It helps us to see the world through the lens of His generosity. When we're aware of His blessings, we're more inclined to give to others, to live with an open hand, and to be quick to forgive. We see that our lives are rich with His grace, and this deepens our relationship with Him and with others. Recognizing that all things come from God changes our priorities, giving us a sense of peace and purpose.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." – Philippians 1:3-5

As we work alongside God's children, we are reminded of the beauty of the partnership we share in the gospel. God has invited us into His mission, and through His strength, we can serve others, spread His love, and support each other. This partnership is not just a privilege, but a blessing. When we come together to serve God, we are united by His purpose, and we see His work in and through us. We thank God for each one of you, for the way He uses us together for His kingdom's work.

May your hearts be filled with gratitude for God's goodness, and may you experience His peace and joy this season!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

In Christ,

Mrs. Greener, Principal

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of December 2 to December 6
Salad Choice: Taco Salad

MONDAY: Chicken and Noodle or Salisbury Steak

Hot Side Options: Mashed Potatoes and Corn

TUESDAY: Baked Chicken Drumstick or Fried Rice with Chicken

Hot Side Options: Broccoli and Carrots

WEDNESDAY: Walking Taco or Spicy Walking Taco

Hot Side Options: Pinto Beans and Fajita Veggies

THURSDAY: Lasagna or Cheesy Garlic French Bread

Hot Side Options: Green Beans and Salad

FRIDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Spicy Chicken Nuggets or Grilled Chicken Nuggets

Hot Side Options: Sweet Potato Puffs 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: Sadie Vancelette

PRESCHOOL: Asa Patton and Kedon Spurling

KINDERGARTEN A: Owen Wood

KINDERGARTEN B: Aria Sonner

1ST GRADE: Blair McGregor

2ND GRADE: Thu Rein

3RD GRADE: Jonah Satterthwaite

4TH GRADE: Chase Perl

5TH GRADE: Evalyn O'Brien

6TH GRADE: Camille Johnson

7TH GRADE A: Hadyn Rley

7TH GRADE B: Rayna Rodriguez

8TH GRADE: Simon Stoops

SUPPORT STAFF: Mr. Ryan Schaefer

TEACHERS: All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Packing Event

Operation Christmas Child packing event was this past Wednesday. We were able to pack 100 boxes. What a blessing!

No School Next Week

The teachers will be attending a conference on Monday and Tuesday next week and then we, with you, will be enjoying time with family and friends.

End of Quarter

End of 2nd Quarter is on **Friday, December 20.**

Christmas Movie Night

You are invited on **Saturday, December 7 from 2:30-4:30PM in the School Gym** to watch the movie, The Star. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Middle School Production of Alice in Wonderland Jr.

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in auditions at CLHS on **Sunday, December 8 from 1-4PM.** The performance will be on March 14-15, 2025. Please see the attached fliers for more information.

REPEATED 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!**

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
LINCOLN BOATWRIGHT
CYDNEY PEREZ
ELLIE BELL
BARRETT STAHLHUT
JAE HTOO
CONNOR JOHNSTON
ELLIE SCHAEFER
LONDON WOLFORD
ASPEN PATTON
LONDON PARKER
SIMON BOHNKE
VINCENT UNDERWOOD
ENSLEY DANIELS
LOGAN CORNMANN
STELLA BRACKMANN
ELAINA TRAHIN

GO BULLDOGS!

JV GIRLS

Monday, December 2

SBLS vs. Central
at SBLS at 4:30PM

Monday, December 9

SBLS vs. ESM
at SBLS at 4:30PM

JV BOYS

Monday, December 2

SBLS vs. Central
at SBLS at 5:45PM

Monday, December 9

SBLS vs. ESM
at SBLS at 5:45PM

VARSITY GIRLS

Monday, December 5

SBLS vs LSUS at 4:30PM

VARSITY BOYS

Monday, December 5

SBLS vs. LSUS at 5:45PM

