SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL BITS AND BARK

September 12, 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Principal's Message

In Exodus 3, we read about Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush. This moment is powerful not just because of the miraculous nature of the fire, but because of what it reveals about our identity and God's calling for us.

When Moses encounters the burning bush, he is both amazed and frightened. The fire burns without consuming the bush, a symbol of God's holy presence. But what's even more profound is God's response to Moses' self-doubt. When Moses asks, "Who am I?" God answers with a profound declaration: "I AM WHO I AM." God's name, "I AM," emphasizes that His identity and purpose are unchanging and all-sufficient. It's through God's strength that we are empowered to fulfill His purposes.

In our lives, there are things that can stand in the way of fully embracing and living out our identity in Christ. We all have areas that need confession, places where we struggle, or doubts that hinder our ability to point others to Jesus. However, facing these honestly and seeking God's help is part of our journey. God does not call us to be perfect but to be open to His transforming power in our lives.

Through the sacraments, we are reminded of our status as children of God. We receive His forgiveness and grace, which enables us to move beyond our limitations and serve Him faithfully. These moments of worship are not just rituals but opportunities to reconnect with our true identity and God's purposes for us.

Let us take courage from Moses' story. God's call to us is not based on our own strength or ability but on His. As we confess our shortcomings and seek His help, let us trust in His power to overcome whatever stands in our way. Remember, we are children of God, and He has equipped us to share His love and forgiveness with those around us.

May we embrace our identity in Christ with confidence, knowing that with God's strength, we are more than capable of fulfilling the plan He has for us.

God's Blessings, Mrs. Greener, Principal

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of September 16 to September 20 Salad Choice: Taco 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 Pancake Wrap **Hot Side Options:** Carrots and Hashbrown

THURSDAY: Macaroni and Cheese or Mini

Corn Dogs

Hot Side Options: Baked Beans and Sweet

Potato Puffs

FRIDAY: Nachos w/ Meat and Cheese or

Tacos

Hot Side Options: Refried Beans and Fajita

Veggies

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: Elias Pollock

PRESCHOOL: Margaret Burkett and Eloise

Boggs

KINDERGARTEN A: Dominic Gable

KINDERGARTEN B: Jael Htoo 1ST GRADE: Logan Cornman 2ND GRADE: Amelia Ellinwood 3RD GRADE: Nathaniel DeRose 4TH GRADE: Connor Brackmann

5TH GRADE: Timothy Burridge-Waymoth

6TH GRADE: Gryffen Boatwright **7TH GRADE A:** Connor Green

7TH GRADE B: Beatrice Burridge-Waymoth

8TH GRADE: Emma Fisher

SUPPORT STAFF: Mrs. Kathy Reid

TEACHERS: All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students Singing

Our 3rd-5th grade students will be singing at the 10:30AM service on Sunday, September 15. ALL students should arrive at 10:15. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Peperkorn.

I55 Book Fair

Mark your calendars: The I55 Book Fair is coming to SBLS! I55 Book Fair strives to glorify God in all they say, do, and read! **Our book fair is scheduled to run from October 9-20,2025.** Watch for additional information regarding times to shop, location, online ordering, and volunteer opportunities.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

L.E.E.P (Learning Enhancement and Education Program)

The classes that will be offered this fall were sent home on Thursday! Be sure to turn in your registration papers and payments before it's too late! Sign up for all sorts of fun opportunities to be involved in our Fall LEEP Program beginning on Monday, September 16. Fall LEEP will be held starting September 16 until October 16. If you need an additional copy of the Registration Form, please contact the School Office. PLEASE NOTE: ALL payments must be in to the School Office no later than Thursday, September 12. Payments MUST BE cash or check.

INVOICES

August Latchkey and Hot Lunch invoices were sent to families this week through REMIND. We ask that you please pay these as soon as possible. Payments accepted include: cash, check, credit/debit card or Push Pay. Checks are to be made payable to SBLS. If you are using Push Pay, please use the link below.

Push Pay: https://pushpay.com/q/sblschool?src=hpp

If you would prefer a paper copy invoice, please contact the School Office and we will be sure to send one home with your child.

Box Tops For Education

Box Tops is a fast and easy way for you to support SBLS. Our goal is to earn \$1,000 through Box Tops this year. We have currently earned

\$147.60 since July and are almost 15% there! Here's how you can help us reach our goal:

- See the attached flier to sign up for Box Tops and link your account to SBLS. Many local stores including Kroger, Walmart, Meijer, Target, Sam's Club, and Costco are all connected to the Box Top app.
- Scan your receipt with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase and earn with every Box Tops product you buy. Digital receipts are also accepted, and you can even directly link your Walmart account in the app.
- Refer your friends, family and other parents in the school to download the app. You'll even get Bonus Box Tops for our school with each referral that successfully scans their first receipt. Let's support our school in small ways. Little by little, we can help make a big difference."

Suburban Bethlehem Church and School Blood Drive:

We will be hosting a blood drive on **Monday September 30, 1PM-6PM in the Church Fellowship Hall.** This blood drive will provide much needed units of blood for patients in need, as well as engage the students at our school. All presenting donors will receive a \$15 e-gift card. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code "SBLC"

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 **SEPTEMBER!**

Hudson Carter Teagan Sims Claire Oren Gemma Schmenk Eloise Boggs Gwen Burkett Leighton Treager Elise Bohnke Rayna Rodriguez Thu Rein Claire Heintzman Renleigh Heintzelman Matthew Nichols Remington Shaw Lilly Satterthwaite Juniper Harmon Madilyn and Camille Johnson **Emma Nichols** Brooklynn and Hailey Norris Ben Merritt Trinity Snyder Zoe Dahnke Dexter Schaefer Grace Waszczak and Dominic Gable

GO BULLDOGS!

Good luck to all of our students who are participating in Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

NAME: MR. MIKE DAHNKE

POSITION: 7A Homeroom **HOMETOWN:** Racine, WI **FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Social

Studies

FAVORITE COLOR: Purple **FAVORITE FOOD:** General

Tso's Chicken

FAVORITE HOBBY: Video

Games

SHARE ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM

SCHOOL: Going to Camp LuWiSoMo for 7th and 8th grade for outdoor education. FUN FACT: I have driven dump trucks, built boats and flown a plane.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERESE:

Romans 8:28