

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 looked at the Passover during the time of Moses. The Passover is a powerful reminder of God's deliverance and grace. In the original Passover, the Israelites marked their homes with the blood of a lamb, their best lamb, so that the angel of death would "pass over" them, sparing them from judgment and freeing them from slavery in Egypt.

For us, the perfect lamb offered, was embodied in Jesus. By giving his life, he offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to bring salvation to each of us and defeat sin, death, and the devil on our behalf. Jesus transformed this historical event into a living confidence for each of us. This means that we are no longer prisoners of sin but can live in the confidence of Jesus' victory on the cross.

We are now invited to live out our freedom with gratitude and purpose. The Passover Lamb has removed the barriers between God and us. He opened the way for a new life filled with hope and renewal. As we are reminded of this confidence, may it deepen our joy and trust in Jesus and our desire to share Him to the community around us. May our life be a witness to His goodness and strength.

Even though we are freed from sin's eternal consequence, by faith in Jesus, we still battle to not let it win in our daily choices. Thank you for the help and guidance you give to your children and your partnership with us as we strive to help grow the children of this generation in their faith, confidence and knowledge of Jesus.

In Christ,

Mrs. Greener, Principal

There have been several threats being made to schools in our area in the news. Most have been discredited but as stated in an article given to 21alive, the superintendent today shared, "it seems there is a social media trend across the state regarding school threats across numerous districts. Please talk to your students about the seriousness of spreading potential misinformation on social media."

I want to encourage all of you, also, to please have those conversations with your kids. We don't want them to get in trouble. So often kids don't realize the danger of posting and to talking to unknown people that they believe they know or saying things as a joke. On the same hand, please also talk to your children about reporting any concerning things they may see to you.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of September 23 to September 27
Salad Choice: Chef Salad

MONDAY: Chicken and Noodles or Salisbury Steak

Hot Side Options: Mashed Potatoes and Corn

TUESDAY: Baked Chicken Drumstick or Chicken Fried Rice

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: Deli Wrap or PB&J Uncrustable

Hot Side Options: Carrots and Apple Slices

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: Genevieve Wilson

PRESCHOOL: Declan Ensley and Rhett Call

KINDERGARTEN A: Maggie Hammond

KINDERGARTEN B: Stahli Konicki

1ST GRADE: Blakely Davis

2ND GRADE: Stella Garvison

3RD GRADE: Zola Duncan

4TH GRADE: Arya Brown

5TH GRADE: Edden Carter

6TH GRADE: Simon Bohnke

7TH GRADE A: Abby Hoffman

7TH GRADE B: Ava Dunne

8TH GRADE: Lillian Fisher

SUPPORT STAFF: Mrs. Rachel Comstock

TEACHERS: All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

SBLs Walk-A-Thon

On **Friday, September 27**, our students will be participating in our Annual Walk-A-Thon. Packets were sent home with our students last week. We are looking forward to a great event!

Camp Lutherhaven Work Day: Saturday, October 5, 8:00am-6:30pm.

Help Camp Lutherhaven prepare for the fall and winter seasons at their Fall Workday. This event is family friendly. All ages are invited to participate. If you like to spend a free night at Lutherhaven, an optional Friday overnight program starts at 7:30 pm. After a hearty breakfast on Saturday, Camp welcomes additional day helpers, and everyone gets started. All meals, cabin lodging, and children's programs are **FREE** as a thank you for your time and hard work! Find out more information and/or register at Lutherhaven.org or phone 260-636-7101.

SBLs Trunk or Treat

Save the Date for our Annual Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 20 from 12:30-2:30PM**. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Substitute Aide

We are in need of parents/grandparents/friends that would be willing to serve as a sub for aides that work in Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten. If you would be willing, please call the School Office.

SBLs Basketball Tournament Sponsorships Needed!

The 8th Grade organizes two three-day varsity basketball tournaments in early November as a fundraiser for their Washington DC trip. The support of individuals and local businesses helps cover administrative costs, concession supplies, and referee fees, allowing for money raised from ticket sales and concessions to go towards the student funds needed to attend the trip. These sponsorships are crucial to the success of this fundraiser. Businesses or individuals who help sponsor the tournaments receive recognition both tournament weekends including being added to the programs, signage, and announcements. Sponsorship amounts are usually between \$100-500. The class is grateful for any amount that is donated to them. Please contact Heather Brown at 260-416-6461 or heather@webclutter.com by October 25th if you or a business you are connected to are able to support this cause.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code "SBLC".

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.

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, Kourtnee
Johnston 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: MRS. KATHRYN PEPERKORN

POSITION: Music Teacher

HOMETOWN: Atkins, Iowa

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Music

FAVORITE COLOR: Red

FAVORITE FOOD: Apples

FAVORITE HOBBY: Volleyball

FUN FACT: I have a Grammy Award.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "Be still and know that I am God."