SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

BITS AND BARK

April 17, 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

CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Easter is the celebration of a world-changing truth: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. The empty tomb is more than a symbol—it's the fulfillment of God's promise to conquer sin and death for us. As Scripture declares, "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said" (Matthew 28:6). Jesus' resurrection proves His power over the grave and assures us that death does not have the final say.

Through His sacrifice and victory, Jesus defeated sin, death, and the devil on our behalf. Though we still face hardship in this life, Christ's triumph gives us peace and purpose. As He told His disciples, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). His resurrection offers the promise of eternal life in heaven—a place without sorrow, pain, or fear.

This salvation is not something we earn—it is a gift. God offers it freely to all who believe. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). I pray each of you trust in the promise of Easter and know this: because He lives, there is real hope—for today, and for forever.

This message is at the heart of why our school exists—to share the hope and love of Jesus so that all may come to know Him. If you don't have a church home, we'd love to welcome you to worship with us here at Suburban.

Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter Services at Suburban Bethlehem

Good Friday- Noon and 7:00 pm

Sunrise service: 6:53 a.m. Early Service: 8:30a.m. Late Service: 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 8-10:30 Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of April 21 to April 25, 2025 Salad Choice: Caesar Salad

MONDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: No School/Elearning

TUESDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Biscuits and Gravy or French Toast Sticks

WEDNESDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Hot Dog or Cheeseburger sandwich

THURSDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Enchiladas or Layered Taco Dip Cup

FRIDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Chicken Alfredo or Ravioli

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: Louie Oren
PRESCHOOL: Patrick Shupe
KINDERGARTEN A: Owen Wood
KINDERGARTEN B: Aria Sonner
1ST GRADE: Holland Ewell
2ND GRADE: Victoria Kelly
3RD GRADE: Camden Parker

5TH GRADE: Cortney Hockemeyer

6TH GRADE: Kaitlyn DeRose
7TH GRADE A: Trinity Snyder
7TH GRADE B: Dexter Schaefer
8TH GRADE: Simon Stoops

SUPPORT STAFF: Stephanie Wilson

TEACHERS: All Teachers

4TH GRADE: Cohen Gass

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS



Easter Monday- No School- Elearning Day-

School resumes in person Tuesday, April 21.

Lower Grade Musical-Friday, May 9

The first and second graders will be performing, "Stone Soup." This famous fable encouraging working together and generosity is told in story and song. The third and fourth grade will be performing a musical version of Hans Christian Anderson's story, "The Emperor's New Clothes." This story of a vain and easily influenced ruler, teaches us to be honest with each other, and to build character through actions and not through looks. The dress rehearsal will take place for our V.I.P.'s in the morning starting around 8:15 in the school gym. The evening performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:15p.m.

V.I.P. Day-

Be aware that V.I.P. day information will be coming out after Easter. We look forward to the students' special guests coming.

Congratulations

This year Sophia Bell is our 8th grade class Valedictorian and Elise Yoder our class Salutatorian. We are proud of them in their accomplishments!

8th grade D.C. Meeting-Parents and Students

Wednesday, May 7-7p.m in the Fellowship Hall



Plant Show

Students in Grades K-4 will be receiving their SCFVA plants from Fort Wayne Parks & Rec Thursday, April 24th. Mark your calendars for the Plant Show Thursday, September 11th.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Auer or Lisa Sipe

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapel Change

Next week, Keith Peters from Camp Lutherhaven will be leading our Chapel on Tuesday, April 22, at 8:10 a.m.



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 APRIL

> Salem Macke Micah Johnson Emma Rennecker Willow Rentschler Sawyer Storm Lincoln Bowen Stahli Konicki Nora Johnson Nathaniel DeRose Patrick Shupe Layla Jones Emersyn Perry Benjyn Lambiase Isabella Jomo Asa Patton Cannon Lively Landon Mueller Hannah Holman Blair McGregor Fiona Boatwright Gryffen Boatwright Isla Peer **Hunter Gordon** Carson Mueller Kaitlyn DeRose



