



# Bits and Bark

## Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School



*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.*

February 29, 2024

### From the Principal:

**“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.” Matthew 14:19-21**

The account of the feeding of the five thousand is one that most of us have heard. It is a story that reminds us that God is the giver of all good things, and that we can always trust that our Lord will provide.

We often forget how much we really have in life and seem to always complain or feel discouraged, get caught up in only seeing the things we don't have, or envying how much more others have. Having so much can easily lead to thankless hearts and little desire or need for God. Of course, for those who lack basic needs, life can be consumed with fear and worry for the next meal, clean water, safety, or health. This lack can create bitterness, a broken spirit, or lack of trust in God or his word.

Because of this, our Lord calls us to a better way. He teaches us to rely on him, trust him in every need, and learn to be content with what he daily provides. Christ would neither have us worry, nor be filled with greed (no matter how much or little we have), but rather trust in him to sustain us according to his pleasure. He would have us see that we are poor and possess nothing except what he gives, and desires that we would be generous toward the needs of others.

We may not be bringing five loaves and two fish, but God promises that when we trust and give our offerings in His name, whether they are gifts of time, talents, or money, He can use them in ways we could never expect.

*In Christ,  
Mrs. Greener, Principal*

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Nursery:** Kedon Spurling
- Preschool:** Sloan Burton & Margaret Hammond
- Kindergarten (A):** Blair McGregor
- Kindergarten (B):** Theodore Lambiase
- First Grade:** Emmett Yoder
- Second Grade:** Wyatt Heintzelman
- Third Grade:** Connor Brackmann
- Fourth Grade:** Landon Wolford
- Fifth Grade:** Brayden Bohlinger
- Sixth Grade (A):** Finnley Pipenger
- Sixth Grade (B):** Addyson Comstock
- Seventh Grade:** Emma Fisher
- Eighth Grade:** Devin Bunker
- Support Staff:** Mrs. Elaine Auer
- Teachers:** All Teachers

*“Come and see what God has done, he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.” Psalm 66:5*

### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

**Week of March 4 to March 8  
Salad Choice: Chef Salad**

**MONDAY:** Lasagna or Cheese Toastie  
**Hot Side Options:** Tomato Soup

**TUESDAY:** Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Spicy Chicken Sandwich or Grilled Chicken Sandwich  
**Hot Side Options:** Various Fruits and Vegetables

**WEDNESDAY:** Waffles or Breakfast Burrito  
**Hot Side Options:** Maple Sweet Potatoes

**THURSDAY:** Orange Chicken w/ Vegetables or Chicken Teriyaki  
**Hot Side Options:** Rice

**FRIDAY:** Sausage, Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza  
**Hot Side Options:** Various Fruits and Vegetables

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches and Yogurt & Cheese can be substituted for main dish.

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## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Sunday... March 3rd

Suburban Bethlehem is offering a presentation regarding children's mental health during the Sunday morning Bible Class hour on **Sunday, March 3 at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall**. Dr. Rachel Lilly, a pediatric psychologist will be the presenter. All **adults** are invited to come. Kids Sunday School is available beginning at 9:15AM.

### IREAD

Students in grades 2nd and 3rd will begin their IREAD testing the **week of March 5**. Please watch for details from teachers.

### SBLS Spring Picture Day

Our Spring Picture Day will be on **Friday, March 15**. Order forms were sent home with your child(ren) this week. If you need an additional order form, please contact the School Office.

### SBL Auction Class Baskets

Our Annual Live and Silent Auction is quickly approaching on **Saturday, March 23**. We need the help of every parent to make it a huge success for both our students and teachers. Here is one small way you can help.

Please see below for your child's theme for their classroom. All proceeds of the money that is raised from the baskets goes right back to the classroom which donated it, blessing both teachers and students. **PLEASE NOTE: All food items must be non-perishable. ALL items must be in no later than the start of the day on Thursday, March 21, this is when the assembling of baskets will begin!**

#### Nursery/3 Year Old: Baking

Preschool (Calle): Pamper Mom/Daughter Day

Preschool (Hobbs): Summer Fun

Kindergarten A (Gottschalk): Gardening

Kindergarten B (Braun): Pool Day

1st Grade: Ice Cream

2nd Grade: Coffee/Tea

3rd Grade: Family Game Night

4th Grade: Sports

5th Grade: Family Movie Night

6th Grade A (Abresch/Barnholt): Breakfast

6th Grade B (Gottschalk): Drinks/Snacks/Junk Food

7th Grade: Home Spa Night

8th Grade: Gift Card Basket

## REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PTO Meetings

Join us on **March 7 at 8AM and 6:30PM in the Church Fellowship Hall** for our next PTO meeting. We will plan to discuss the remaining events for this school year, discuss leadership roles for next school year and brainstorm ideas to better serve our staff, students and school families. We invite all parents that want to have an impact on our school to attend.

### SBLS Spirit Wear

Is on sale again now until March 3. Order items online at [suburbanbethlehem2024.itemorder.com/shop/sale](http://suburbanbethlehem2024.itemorder.com/shop/sale). This will be the last time the store will be open this school year.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know our SBL Staff! ☺

**STAFF MEMBER: MRS. PATTY MACKE**

**POSITION:** Admissions Counselor / Office Manager

**HOMETOWN:** Fort Wayne, IN

**FAVORITE RESTAURANT:** Texas Roadhouse

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** History

**FAVORITE COLOR:** Orange

**FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

## GO BULLDOGS!

**SBLS Wrestling has begun!  
Good luck to our athletes  
this season!**

## 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 **February!**

Evalyn O'Brien

Lillian Lively

Keaton Rodenbeck

Ellison Folk

Mrs. Lauren Johnston

Deaconess Michelle Schultz

Asher Alderman

Jace Nichols

Tyson Labit

Nathan Stoops

Molly Moffitt

Madison Heflin

Iris Sai

Carson Gass

Connor Brackmann

Brody Goheen

Ethan Lawrence

Cortney Hockemeyer

Lily Hart

Kaitlyn Mertens

Laylah Costilla-Frederick

Liam Sawvel

**Donuts with Dad: March 15**

**SBL Auction: March 23**

**Mother/Son Event: April 13**

**Muffins with Mom: May 3**