



# 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 2, 2022

### Principal's Message

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! Isaiah 43:1

This week the prediction of a snowstorm is in the news. For some of us this news excites us while others of us are left with a chill in our bones just thinking about it. This snow and the reading of my devotions this morning got me thinking about the Christmas song, "Good King Wenceslas." It is an allegorical story of a king who looks out to see a poor man in need and leaves His home to provide for His need. The king's page, who represents a believer, voices that he cannot take the harshness of the cold and snow. The verse goes like this:

*"Sire the night is darker now and the wind blows stronger. Falls my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer. Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread thou in them boldly. Thou will find the winter's rage, freeze thy blood less coldly."*

Even as redeemed, children of God, we live in the coldness of this sinful world. Quite honestly, sometimes this world throws things that can bring great fear, sadness, and despair. You don't have to go far to know or to hear about someone else who is dealing with a tough situation. Christian or not, God cares for each of us and tried to provide for all our needs. God knows our human weaknesses and promises to be with us. In Psalm 23 it says "Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of the death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me." Isaiah 43:1 has God saying, "You are mine!" We don't wander aimlessly or helplessly but instead like the page, in the times that we feel the winter's rage and we don't know if we can go any farther, we take refuge in the confidence that we have our King walking with us. He walks in front of us to block the cold of the world and ease our path by marking for us each step to take in His.

I pray that as the snow arrives, you will be reminded of our Savior, Jesus, who conquered sin and took away the sting of death by His own death on the cross. This world will still scowl fiercely and do its best to take our eyes off our Savior. But don't be fooled. He is right there with you. If you don't see him leading, then most likely, He has scooped you up and is carrying you. May the love of our Father warm you in these coming days and bring you peace.

*In Christ, Mrs. Greener, Principal*

### In Our Prayers This Week

- Nursery:** Betty Wadley
- Preschool:** Emmett Yoder and Jorah Folk
- Kindergarten:** Serenity Gehring
- First Grade:** Vincent Underwood
- Second Grade:** Kyla Adair
- Third Grade:** Lucy Stahl
- Fourth (A) Grade:** Sophia Bennett
- Fourth (B) Grade:** Madilyn Johnson
- Fifth Grade:** Hailey Norris
- Sixth Grade:** Oliver Merritt
- Seventh Grade:** Sienna Walker
- Eighth Grade:** Blaine Stiffler
- Support Staff:** Elaine Auer
- Teachers:** All Teachers

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To ACT justly and to LOVE mercy and to WALK humbly with your God..." Micah 6:8*

### What's For Lunch?

Week of February 7 to February 11

**MONDAY:** Cheeseburger, Baked Beans, Raw Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dip, Pears and Milk

**TUESDAY:** Fettuccini Alfredo, Mixed Vegetables, Breadstick, Romaine Salad, Mandarin Oranges and Milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Cheese Toastie, Green Beans, Tomato Soup, Applesauce and Milk

**THURSDAY:** Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Pizza Sauce, Corn, Raw Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dip, Chocolate Pudding, Fruit Juice and Milk

**FRIDAY:** Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Romaine Salad, Strawberries and Milk

Peanut Butter and Jelly Uncrustable Sandwiches can be substituted for the main dish

Ham and Cheese Sandwiches can be substituted for the main dish

## *New Announcements*

### **February Invoices**

Invoices for February Registration, February Tuition, January Latchkey and Hot Lunch were sent via Fast Direct this week. We ask that you please get these paid as soon as you are able. Payments accepted include cash, credit/debit card, check, or Push Pay. Checks are to be made payable to SBLs. If you are using Push Pay, please use the link below.

**Push Pay Link:** <https://pushpay.com/g/sblschool?src=hpp>

### **Valentine Grams**

The student council is selling Valentine Grams to let someone know how much they mean to you! Each Valentine Gram you buy costs \$0.25 and will include a tag and a sucker. All orders are due on Friday, February 11 and will be delivered on Monday, February 14. All SBLs students can get one of these Valentine Grams! Order before school in the Commons on Tuesday, February 15 or Thursday, February 17, any time from Miss Miesner, or by sending in the order form. Any questions? Ask Miss Miesner via FastDirect or at [jmiesner@sblschool.com](mailto:jmiesner@sblschool.com).

### **School Auction**

Our annual school auction is back this year! It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 19**. We not only need you to attend, but we also need your help to make it a great event!

**NEW:** If you are interested in helping, please join us on **Thursday, February 3 at 5:00PM** via Zoom. Please use the link below to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294764089?pwd=eW5lekZvd0JNVThOdExHRmV4VVM1Zz09>

## *Repeated Announcements*

### **Annual Fish Fry**

Mark your calendars for our annual Church Fish Fry on Saturday, **February 12 from 4:00 to 7:00PM** (or when the fish runs out). We hope you can join us!

### **Pre-K – 1st Grade Singing**

Our students in grades Pre-K to 1st grade will be singing on **Sunday, February 13** at our 8:00AM service.

### **SBLs First Annual Bulldog Walk-A-Thon**

We are excited to share that SBLs will be hosting a new fundraiser for our school this year, the Bulldog Walk-A-Thon, which will be on **Thursday, February 17**. ALL students will have the opportunity to participate in this event during the school day. Information was sent home with your students last week, which included pledge packets. All proceeds will go towards updating and maintaining our school playground. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact the School Office. We will need volunteers to help with this event, a sign up will be sent out this week via Fast Direct.

### **7th and 8th Grade Play**

Our 7th and 8th grade students will be performing, "What Happened After Once Upon A Time" on **Friday, February 25** at 7:00PM.

### **2nd-4th Grade Singing**

Our students in grades 2nd to 4th grade will be singing on **Sunday, March 13** at our **8:00AM** service.

### **5th-8th Grade Singing**

Our students in grades 2nd to 4th grade will be singing on **Sunday, March 20** at our **10:30AM** service.

### **Paper Gator**

Did you see our new dumpster? We now have a paper gator and would love for you to spread the word that people in our community can use this to bring paper and put it in. Please take a look at the flier that is being sent home this week to see what items are acceptable to put in the gator. Thank you for your help.

## *Staff Spotlight*

Get to know your Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School and Church Staff!

**Staff Member:** Mrs. Dawn Linnemeier

**Position:** Kitchen Director

**Hometown:** Fort Wayne, IN

**Favorite Drink(s):** Pepsi and Carmel Frappe

**Favorite Restaurant:** Mexican

**Favorite School Subject:** Art

**Favorite Color:** Purple

**Favorite Sports Team:** IU Basketball

**Favorite Drive Thru:** Culvers

**Fun/Interesting Fact:** I helped build army radios.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** "Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good....his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

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## *Happy Birthday!*

We want to wish a very special and happy birthday to our students who are celebrate their birthday during the month of **February!**

Evalyn O'Brien  
Avery Felger  
Micah Mullendore  
Mrs. Johnston  
Jace Nichols  
Tyson Labit  
Sienna Walker  
Nathan Stoops  
Molly Moffitt  
Penny Gumbert  
Iris Sai  
Adelyn Brown  
Carson Gass  
Connor Brackmann  
Ethan Lawrence  
Cortney Hockemeyer  
Lily Hart  
Kaitlyn Mertens  
Isabella Blaugh  
Laylah Costilla-Frederick  
Noah Felger  
Gideon Zolman

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