

*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

A woman was on her way to Easter services when her car broke down. Stranded and still too far to walk, she decided to call an Uber. The driver picked her up and they got going. He was silent, very focused on the road, so she gently leaned forward and tapped him on the shoulder. Suddenly, the man jumped and swerved—nearly hitting oncoming traffic! Shaken, he managed to pull over safely. “I’m so sorry!” the woman blurted out. “I didn’t mean to startle you!” He took a deep breath and replied, “It’s not your fault. This is my first day as an Uber driver... for the last 30 years, I’ve been driving a hearse.”

We laugh at the misunderstanding, but that driver didn’t expect life. He was used to stillness and silence...death. A tap on the shoulder was unthinkable—until it happened. It also reminds us of something true about Easter: sometimes, life can catch us off guard.

The Resurrection of Jesus caught the world in much the same way. No one expected the tomb to be empty. No one imagined death could be reversed. Even the disciples were confused, frightened, and slow to believe. But Jesus rose. Life returned. Hope stepped out of the grave.

The Resurrection means that death no longer has the last word. It means forgiveness is real. It means God is still writing the story. It means we live with hope—not just someday, but now.

So, let the Resurrection catch you off guard again. Let it shake loose your doubts and fears. Let it awaken you to a living hope that changes everything. Because the tomb is empty... and life is tapping us on the shoulder.

And because Jesus lives, we can live differently. We can choose grace over anger, understanding over judgment, joy instead of despair. We can forgive because we’ve been forgiven. We can hope because hope has broken through the grave. The Resurrection doesn’t just change our eternity—it changes our today. Let’s live like it.



## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of May 5 to May 9, 2025

Salad Choice: Caesar Salad

### MONDAY:

**Hot Lunch Options: Lasagna or Cheesy Garlic Bread**

### TUESDAY:

**Hot Lunch Options: Chicken Wings or Meatball Sub**

### WEDNESDAY:

**Hot Lunch Options: Chicken and Noodles or Salisbury Steak**

### THURSDAY:

**Hot Lunch Options: Pizza -Pepperoni, Sausage or Cheese**

### FRIDAY:

**Hot Lunch Options: Chipotle Chicken Dip or Enchiladas**

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

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OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**NURSERY:** All Preschool Girls

**PRESCHOOL:** Aubrey and Mila Roberson

**PRESCHOOL:** Kedon Spurling

**KINDERGARTEN A:** All K students

**KINDERGARTEN B:** Everett Thomas

**1ST GRADE:** Isabelle Haggard

**2ND GRADE:** Ethan Lawrence

**3RD GRADE:** Jonah Satterthwaite

**4TH GRADE:** Lily Hart

**5TH GRADE:** Layla Jones

**6TH GRADE:** Lydia Goheen

**7TH GRADE A:** Sophia Bennett

**7TH GRADE B:** Audrey Archer

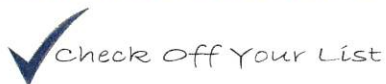
**8TH GRADE:** Sophia Bell

**SUPPORT STAFF:** Rachel Comstock

**TEACHERS:** All Teachers



## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **The Final Chapter Is Here!**

As we turn the last pages of the school year, it's time to close the book on library checkouts! 📖 Please return all library books by a.s.a.p. so we can get everything shelved and ready for next year's adventures.

While you're tying up loose ends, don't forget to check your account balance—all school invoices should be paid in full before the last day.

Let's finish the year strong (and with empty book bags and zero balances)!

Thank you for your help!

### **You're Invited to Celebrate the Retirement of our own, Vera Abresch!**

**Sunday, June 1** | Following the 10:30 a.m. Service

Please join us as we give thanks for the faithful service and loving heart of

**Vera Abresch**, who has dedicated **34 years** to the teaching ministry. Her impact on generations of children and families has been a true blessing to our community. Vera hopes to be teaching Vacation Bible School this summer in **Taiwan** before moving to **Nebraska** to be closer to her family. Before she begins this new chapter, we want to gather together to honor her with gratitude, stories, and celebration.

We would be delighted to have you join us to share your appreciation and well-wishes with Vera as we send her off with love and prayer. Use this link to sign up.

<https://forms.gle/kCi4J32vv23XizBV8>

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, May 4- 10:30 a.m. Service- Confirmation**

**May 5- 2 hour delay**

**May 9- VIP day and Lower grade musical**

**May 12-16 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC trip**

**May 12-13 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Lutherhaven**

**May 19-24 PTO Teacher Appreciation Week**

## REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Lower Grade Musical- Friday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.** (Time adjusted)

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be performing, "Stone Soup." This famous fable Encouraging working together and generosity is told in story and song. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing a musical version of Hans Christian Anderson's story, "The Emperor's New Clothes." This story of 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 a.m. in the school gym. The evening performance will begin at 6:30 pm and doors will open at 6:00 pm

## 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 **MAY!**

London Schrader

Parker Ensley

Andrew Holman

Elise Yoder

Ariel Frederick

Evander Peer

Timothy Burrige-Waymoth

Raelynn Stevens

Dimitri Turner

Dylan Thompson

Simon Stoops

Emmett Yoder

Kameron Snyder

Elijah Sipe

Easton Rigelman

Stella Winchester

Amelia Robinson

Emma Vancelette

Haven Patton

Declan Ensley

Oaklee Faulkner

Iris Bertsch

Louie Oren

Emerson Tapp

Lily Bunker

**MONDAY,**  
**MAY 5**  
**2-HOUR**  
**DELAY**

2 Hour Delay



# One-on-One Tutoring

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Unique Needs



Specialty Tutoring is a non-profit learning center with 24 years experience helping kids build the skills & confidence needed to be successful learners!

Our trained learning specialists work with  
K-12 kids in these areas:

## READING FLUENCY & SPELLING

*FOR KIDS WHO...*

- need to learn & practice phonics.
- lack spelling strategies.
- rely on memory to read but struggle to read multi-syllable words.

## WRITING

*FOR KIDS WHO...*

- are in 3rd grade or higher.
- struggle to organize their thoughts into writing.
- need to learn and apply grammar, punctuation, & capitalization rules.

## READING COMPREHENSION

*FOR KIDS WHO...*

- forget what they read or can't answer questions about the text.
- struggle with summarizing, predicting, and drawing conclusions.
- need practice using oral language to communicate.

## MATH

*FOR KIDS WHO...*

- have difficulty understanding foundational math concepts.
- need review & practice of skills from prior grade levels.
- lack strategies for solving word problems.



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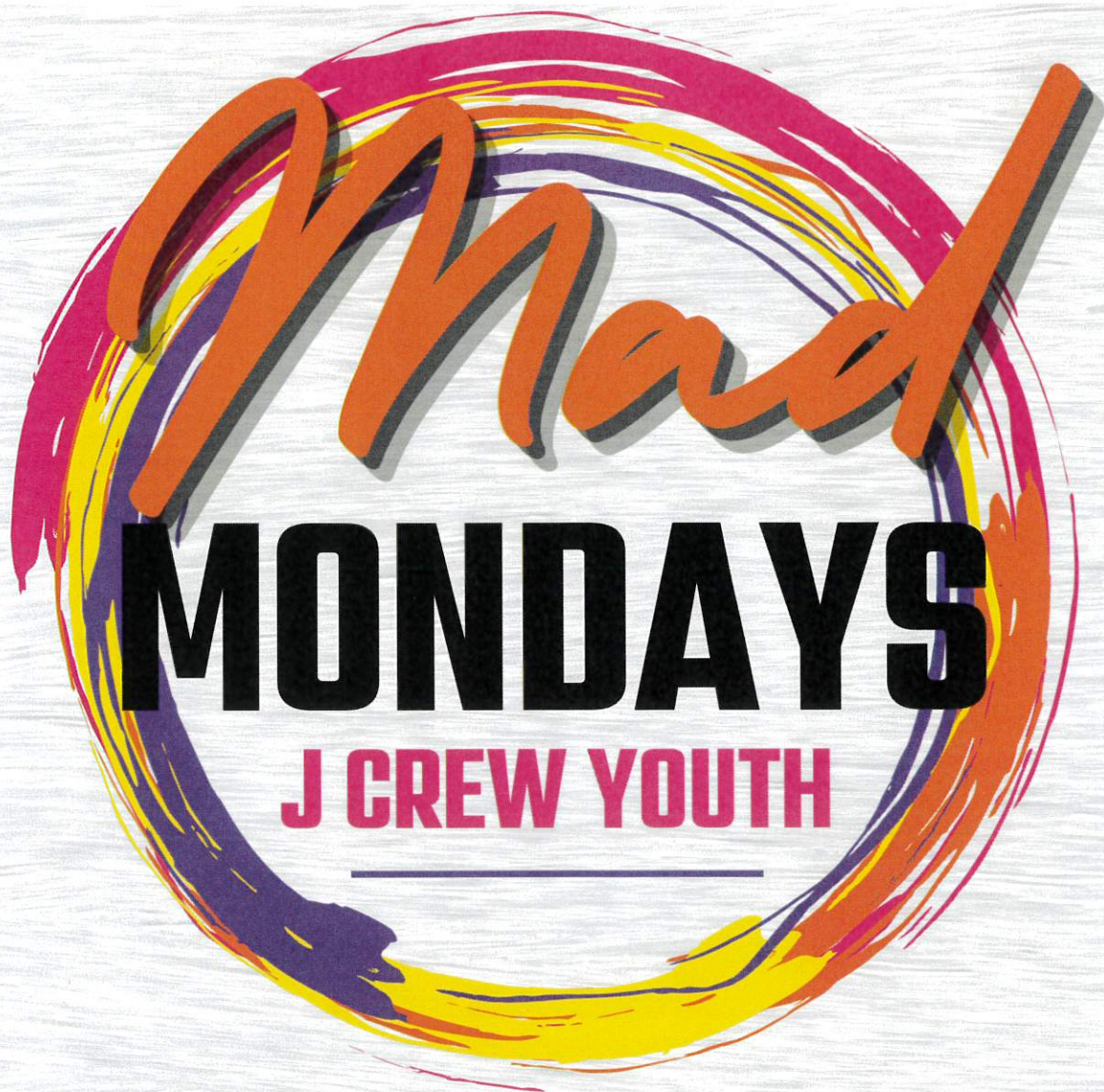


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**The last Mad Monday of  
the year will be May 5<sup>th</sup>  
instead of May 12th from  
3-4pm! We hope you  
join us!!**



June 9-12 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm



**INCLUDES:**

- Bonus Drone Photography Experience
- Printed Workbook
- Certificate of Completion
- Professional Portrait
- Snacks and drinks

**GRADES  
1ST - 5TH**

# KIDS SUMMER **\$175** PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP

Van Hoozen Community Building + Park (Behind Homestead High School)  
11321 Aboite Center Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46814

**MORE  
INFORMATION**

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# SBLS V.I.P. DAY

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE  
FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

7:55AM UNTIL LUNCH IS FINISHED

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH DOOR #8 TO SIGN IN, RECEIVE A VISITOR'S BADGE AND ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL.

EACH STUDENT MAY INVITE (1) SPECIAL ADULT (MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER) TO SHARE THE SCHOOL MORNING, WATCH OUR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (1ST-4TH GRADE) MUSICALS AND TO EAT LUNCH WITH THEM.

BELOW ARE THE LUNCH CHOICES FOR THE DAY.  
PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE.

COST IS \$4.55

ENCHILADAS  
CHIPOTLE CHICKEN DIP  
CAESAR SALAD  
PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH  
YOGURT & CHEESE

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION AND PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025.

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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

VIP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

JOINING US FOR LUNCH? PLEASE SELECT YOUR OPTION.

- ☐ YES, I WILL EAT LUNCH AT \$4.55
- ☐ YES, I WILL BRING A COLD LUNCH AND NEED A MILK (\$0.50)
- ☐ YES, BUT I WILL BRING MY OWN LUNCH
- ☐ NO, I WILL NOT BE STAYING FOR LUNCH

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# 2025 WILDCAT SEASON

## BOYS & GIRLS

AGES 6 THROUGH 15 CAN SIGN UP!

Registration days are:

Saturday, May 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,  
Saturday, May 31st, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and

The program starts on June 2nd.

Wildcat sites will accept registrations through June 30th, 2025.  
[www.wildcatbaseball.us](http://www.wildcatbaseball.us)

You may also register online at [www.wildcatbaseball.us](http://www.wildcatbaseball.us); be sure to go to the site to meet the staff, pick up your first week schedule, and buy your hat and shirt for the season.

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