SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

BITS AND BARK

May 8, 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

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

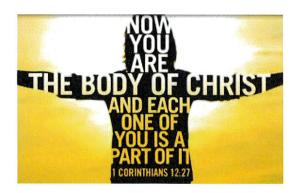
-1 Corinthians 12:27

Life isn't meant to be lived alone. God designed us to walk together in faith—not in isolation, but in community. Paul reminds us that as believers, we are the body of Christ. Not separate individuals just trying to "be good Christians," but connected parts of something bigger—His Church.

Think about your own body. Every part matters. Your hand can't say to your foot, "I don't need you." It's the same with the Church. Each of us has different gifts, personalities, and callings, but we're meant to function together, relying on Christ as the head and supporting one another in love.

Our calling, then, isn't just about *me and Jesus*. It's about *us and Jesus*. God calls us to encourage the weak, celebrate with the joyful, pray for the hurting, and serve side by side. In a world that pushes independence, God calls us to interdependence.

It's not always easy. Community can be messy. People disappoint us, and we disappoint others. But this is where grace comes in. We love not because people always deserve it, but because God first loved us. And when we live that out—when we show grace, forgive freely, serve humbly—we reflect the heart of Christ.



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of May 12 to May 16, 2025 Salad Choice: Cobb Salad

MONDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Waffles or Scrambled Eggs

TUESDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Fiestada Pizza or Breakfast Pizza

WEDNESDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Chicken Wings or Meatball Sub

THURSDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Bosco Sticks with Marinara or Fish Sticks

FRIDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Pepperoni Calzone or Philly Steak and Cheese

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: All Nursery Boys

PRESCHOOL A: Rebbecca Snyder and

Jaylon Robinson

PRESCHOOL B: Mrs. Calle and Baby

KINDERGARTEN A: Boys KINDERGARTEN B: Boys 1ST GRADE: Evie Hess

2ND GRADE: Dylani Moffitt 3RD GRADE: Lincoln Shaw

4TH GRADE: Logan Mertens 5TH GRADE: Cannon Lively

6TH GRADE: Briella Hicks

7TH GRADE A: Linkoln Boatwright

7TH GRADE B: Aspen Benz 8TH GRADE: All 8th Grade

SUPPORT STAFF: Justin Hoffman

TEACHERS: All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rescheduled Mother-Son Game Night Event

Saturday, May 17, 4-6 p.m.

Tables

We have some old 8 ft. long tables that are available to anyone who may like them. Please let me know if you are interested by calling the school office. First come, first serve.

Youth Group

6th-12th Grade Youth Group End of School Party - slide into summer with a pizza and slip n slide kickball party Sunday May 18th from 3-4:30pm. Don't forget to bring a towel and change of clothes!



Starting June 2-Tuesday- Thursday, 9a.m.-2p.m.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS



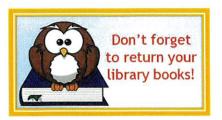
You're invited to Celebrate the Retirement of our own, Vera Abresch, on Sunday, June 1, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us as we give thanks for her faithful service. Vera has dedicated 34 years to the teaching ministry, her impact on generations of children and families. She is a true blessing to our community. Vera will 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 prayers. Use

This link to sign up. https://forms.gle/YhjPr9BTzpPuJgFa6

All School invoices must be paid in full by the last day of school.



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 Burridge-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

Upcoming Dates:

May 26- No school, Memorial Day
May 27- Field Day
May 28-Field Day Rain Date
And Yearbook Signing Party
May 29- Awards (8:15 a.m.) and
Faith Family Recreation Day
May 30, Last Day of School,
Closing Chapel, 1:45 p.m.
Graduation- 7p.m.