

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

This week in Chapel we witnessed a beautiful baptism, an event that reminded us of the transformative power of faith. As our student stood before us, boldly declaring, "Yes, I believe," it moved the hearts of many in the room. This moment was far more than a ritual or practice. It was a powerful testament to the conviction, courage, and excitement that comes from a genuine relationship with God. God had already given the gift of faith, and we saw Him seal that in the baptismal waters.

When we witness God as work, we're reminded of our own trust and faith in Him. It's easy to profess faith in a supportive community, but true conviction requires us to stand firm in our beliefs even when faced with challenges. Living with conviction means owning our values in our decisions and actions, striving to reflect Christ in all that we do. It's about standing up for what is right, even when it's difficult.

Courage is often seen in the most challenging moments, but it is also evident in the small, everyday decisions. This might mean sharing our faith with a friend, being in worship and Bible class with others, serving those in need, or simply being honest about our struggles. When we act courageously, we inspire others to do the same, creating a ripple effect that encourages those around us to embrace their own walk with God.

This baptism was a reminder that our faith is not meant to be dull or routine; it should be vibrant and alive! We cultivate that by being in prayer and worship, engaging in community, sharing our faith, and celebrating God's work in our lives. When people see our enthusiasm for our faith, it invites them to understand and know the gifts Jesus wants all to know. It is awesome how God can use us as his vessels of His love, forgiveness, grace, mercy, and courage, sharing our stories and standing firm in our Biblical convictions.

May we reflect the love and grace of God in everything we do. Never doubt that our lives can be a powerful testimony to God's work in us and through us. Let's say "Yes, I believe," not just in words, but in the very essence of our lives.

If you ever have any questions about baptism, please reach out. We would love to have a conversation with you about it!



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of October 7 to October 11
Salad Choice: Caesar Salad

MONDAY: Hot Dog or Cheeseburger
Hot Side Options: French Fries and Cauliflower

TUESDAY: Biscuits and Gravy or French Toast Sticks
Hot Side Options: Maple Sweet Potatoes and Sausage Patty

WEDNESDAY: Cheese Quesadilla or Chicken Salad Sandwich
Hot Side Options: Carrots and Green Beans

THURSDAY: Enchiladas or Layered Taco Dip
Hot Side Options: Corn and Fajita Veggies

FRIDAY: Lasagna or Cheesy Garlic French Bread
Hot Side Options: Green Beans and Salad

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

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- NURSERY:** Haven Patton
- PRESCHOOL:** Penelope Gwaltney and Lucy Johnson
- KINDERGARTEN A:** Lucia Lofgren
- KINDERGARTEN B:** Weston Lewis
- 1ST GRADE:** Holland Ewell
- 2ND GRADE:** Victoria Kelly
- 3RD GRADE:** Serenity Gehring
- 4TH GRADE:** Megan Dunne
- 5TH GRADE:** Emmalee Deutchman
- 6TH GRADE:** Stella Brackmann
- 7TH GRADE A:** Micah Johnson
- 7TH GRADE B:** Kourtnee Johnston
- 8TH GRADE:** Catelynn Hockemeyer
- SUPPORT STAFF:** Mrs. Kim Cornman
- TEACHERS:** All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 31

A few have asked if students can wear costumes to school on Oct. 31. We will **NOT** be wearing costumes on that day, but we will plan a spirit day to be determined and announced soon.

Invoices

Invoices for October Registration/Tuition and September Latchkey and Hot Lunch were sent via Remind this week. We ask that you please pay this as soon as you are able. Payments accepted include: cash, check, credit/debit card or Push Pay. Checks are to be made payable to SBLS. If you prefer a paper copy of your invoice, please contact the School Office.

SBLS Coupon Books Now Available!

Support our 8th grade Washington, D.C. fundraiser by purchasing a coupon book for \$25. Contact any 8th grader or order online at <https://www.sapaynow.com/89389>. It is not necessary to enter a Seller ID or Name, though giving a name assigns credit to that specific student. **Orders are due by October 18th.**

School Pictures

Your student should have received and brought home their school pictures this week. School picture retakes will be on **Friday, Nov. 8.**

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be on **Thursday, October 17 from 3:15-7:15PM and Friday, October 18 from 1:00 to 4:00PM.** There will **NOT** be afternoon latchkey both days. Please see the Sign Up Genius link to sign up for your child(s) teachers' conferences.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EABAA28A4FCC25-51656772-fall#/>

Note: On Friday, October 18, we will have an EARLY DISMISSAL that day, too at 12:30.

State Choice Meeting

Our school has an opportunity to help expand the voucher scholarship to make it easier to apply and open to all families! There is a chance to remove the income requirements this spring which would mean no family would have to jump through the hurdles to prove their income for the voucher. If you are interested in hearing more come **to this event which will be held both at 5:00pm and 5:30pm on October 17th at the school.** Our parent meetings will last only 30 minutes and will give you everything you need to know about how we will be bringing the voucher to all families in 2025.

Click the link below to register for Across The Finish Line Parent Meeting: October 17th 5:00pm or 5:30pm

Registration Link:

<https://action.i4qed.org/a/suburban-bethlehem-lutheran-school-universal-voucher-meeting>

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

I:55 Book Fair

The I:55 Book Fair is coming to our school! Our fair scheduled to run from **October 10-20, 2024.** Please see the links below to sign up to volunteer.

Sign Up for Volunteers Needed for Preschool Shopping on October 11.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4DACAB29AAFD0-51791701-volunteers>

Sign Up for Volunteers Needed for the Entire Book Fair

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4DACAB29AAFD0-51534623-book>

SBLS Trunk or Treat

Save the Date for our Annual Trunk or Treat **on Sunday, October 20 from 12:30-2:30.** Please see the attached flier for more information.

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 **OCTOBER!**

Lydia Goheen Kimber Kendrick
Audriana Archer
Holden Gordon Logan Mertens
Harper Pollock Asher Sai
Jaylon Robinson
Adelynn Stahlhut
Briella Hicks Edison Schaefer
Emma Fisher Abby Hoffman
Lillian Fisher Whitley Noll
Camden Parker Aubrey Roberson
Annastasia Lampkins
Megan Dunne
Olivia Brincefield-Dorgan
Jordan Andrus Jayden Howard
Carter Brackmann Dylani Moffitt
Vincent Russell

GO BULLDOGS!

Good luck to all of our students who are participating in Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

NAME: MISS KIRSTEN BRAUN

POSITION: Kindergarten B Teacher

HOMETOWN: New Haven, IN

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Phonics and Reading

FAVORITE COLOR: Purple

FAVORITE FOOD: Chicken Tacos

FAVORITE SPORT/HOBBY: Watching baseball and Reading

FUN FACT: I went and saw the Savannah Bananas this summer!

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1:9