



Change?

Change? After 18 months you would think we would have grown accustomed to change. You would think we would have grown to consider change as normal. However, I see a bit of a struggle and resistance for students as it's the time of year to experience change again.

The weather is beginning to get cooler. Those blistering hot recess days are giving way to 'jackets' needed play. It's time to trade in our swimsuits and flip flops for jackets and boots.

The amount of daylight will continue to decrease. It will be dark when we wake up in the morning and then it will be dark when it's time for supper.

Change may feel difficult at times. But the good news is that God never changes. His enduring and all-encompassing love and care continue on. There is no change. Rejoice in the sameness of God's love and care as we move into this new season of weather.

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

Letter from Pastor Witte

A letter from Pastor Witte has been sent out to all Bethlehem Lutheran School families. If you did not receive a copy of the letter, please contact the school office.

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Middle School

A huge thank you to the parents who were able to carve out 20 minutes to spend time meeting with teachers in the middle school. Also, thank you to the teachers who were able to meet with parents until nearly 8 pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights this week.

The time these groups spent together will be of great service for the middle school students.

Parent Teacher conferences for students in Preschool to Grade 5 are coming up on Tuesday (Oct. 19) and Thursday (Oct. 21). A sign up genius will go out as we get a little closer to the date.

Chapel Offering: Hearts for Jesus **LAST COLLECTION DATE, Sept. 29**

The Lutheran Schools of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan are working together to support the ministry of the King's Community Outreach in Fort Wayne IN. For our September chapel offerings, we are collecting money for this project. It takes about \$30 to pay for one basket of food. King's Community Outreach serves the poor in the inner city of Fort Wayne. The Lutheran Schools will be working together to provide the funds necessary to continue and expand their Thanksgiving food basket project. If you would like to see a news story about the King's Community Outreach please follow this link: <https://www.wane.com/news/localnews/kings-community-outreach-baskets-are-positively-fort-wayne/>.

PTO Pizza Day was Fantastic!



The first PTO pizza day lunch day was today. Thank you, PTO parents for making this happen. It made the day truly wonderful! [Also delicious]. We are already preparing our taste buds for Pizza Lunch Day in October!

Missing Items



Parents, children are reminded to leave home toys at home. This includes Pokemon cards, stuffed toys, etc. Any toys that come from home run the risk of being lost, broken or taken. Children are invited to enjoy the cupboard full of games, puzzles and markers for drawing **and** remember Extended Care has friends to enjoy.

There have also been a number of items removed from backpacks in these first few weeks of school. While some of the items have been found and/or returned, some are still missing. The temptation to take things is too great for someone or several children. Keep your precious items at home. Bethlehem Lutheran School cannot ensure the safe return of toys and other home items that are brought to school.

School Picture Day for Preschool 4 to Grade 8



Today was School Picture Day for Preschool 4 to Grade 8. We all wore cute outfits and smiled pretty for the camera. No class group pictures were taken. Instead, a class composite picture will be available for those who ordered one.

The photos of individuals should arrive in about a month. Class composites will arrive after the October 26 makeup day to allow for photos of students who were absent today. Students in Preschool 3 will also have their picture day on October 26th.

Scrip News



SCRIP News

Back to school time is a great time to use SCRIP. Get new clothes with gift cards for Old Navy, Children's Place, Kohl's, Marshall's, DSW, and more. Get ready for fall activities with cards from Dick's Sporting Goods, Cabela's, or UnderArmour. And as always, cards are available for groceries, gas, and household goods.

- **September Order Schedule:** Physical card orders will be placed on **Monday, September 27 (9/27)**. Order by noon on Monday to get your order in the same week. E-card orders and reloads to existing cards can be done at any time and are either instantly available or available overnight.
- **Raise Right App:** Shop for SCRIP right from your phone. E-cards can be scanned and used directly from the app at many stores and restaurants.
- **Ship to Home:** Cards can now be shipped directly to your home for a small shipping fee. Cards must be ordered in the Raise Right app to use the Ship to Home feature.

Haven't tried SCRIP yet? It's an easy way for you to use your regular shopping to support the school.

1. You sign up at shopwithscrip.com or in the RaiseRight app. **Our enrollment code has expired and the new code is 54LFL6745963.** You order gift cards to pay for your shopping or give as gifts.
2. SCRIP sends a monthly rebate check to the school to support field trips and school events.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 29	Chapel: K, Grades 1-5 attend in-person October chapel offering – Our missionary, Erin MacKenzie
Oct. 6	Baptism Chapel: Grades Kindergarten, Grades 6-8 and Aug and Sept. baptism people attend in-person
Oct. 7	PTO meeting, 6:30 pm
Oct. 13	Chapel: Grades 3-8 attend in person
Oct. 15	End of 1 st Quarter (42 days)
Oct. 19	1 st Quarter report cards Parent Teacher conferences Preschool – Grade 5, after school
Oct. 20	Chapel: K, Grades 1-5 attend in-person
Oct. 21	Parent Teacher conferences Preschool – Grade 5, after school
Oct. 22	NO SCHOOL
Oct. 26	Picture day for P3 and for those who were absent on the original picture day.



Easy Donations to Bethlehem Lutheran School



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: When you shop at Kroger and use a Kroger Plus Card, you could be supporting Bethlehem Lutheran School without making any additional donations. Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, when you link your Kroger Plus Card to the Bethlehem Lutheran School's nonprofit number (80102), Kroger will donate to our school every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus Card.

Please go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com to check your enrollment status.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (10 cents each): Box Tops can be redeemed by sending a photo of your receipt where the product was purchased to the Box Tops site. This program requires each family to be involved. Bethlehem cannot collect and send pictures for you.



POP TABS: Pop tabs are on most aluminum cans. Please: *remove* them, *send* them to school, we *deliver* them to the local Ronald McDonald House. RMDH can *redeem* them for cash to support their ministry of providing housing for families with a child in the hospital.



ALUMINUM CANS: BLS recycles aluminum cans. Two large garbage cans are located under the steps by the Extended Care entrance for aluminum. The cans are redeemed for cash. (We are not currently recycling large appliances.)



GOODSEARCH: A search engine, similar to Google, Goodsearch will donate a penny each time you use it. Also affiliated with it is Goodshop. A portion of your purchase through them also goes to the school. Set up your account at goodsearch.com



OFFICE DEPOT & OFFICEMAX: The Give Back to School Program lets you earn FREE supplies for Bethlehem when you make a purchase of qualifying products and provide Bethlehem ID number at checkout. Bethlehem's ID number is **70123252**.