



## 3 Good Questions to Ask Every Night at Dinner

Bethlehem teachers attended Connections Conference on November 22-23. While we were there, teachers met with 1300 other Lutheran teachers. They met with small groups and large groups of people to enhance and grow their teaching repertoire.

Our main speaker, Ted Neitzke IV, sparked the imaginations of the group when he talked about his own home life. To hold his own children responsible for learning and behavior each day at school, he had three questions they were required to answer at dinner each night.

**Question 1:** *What one thing did you learn today?* In school or not, the Neitzke parents held their children to learning at least one thing each day. Ask your children to explain what they learned. Maybe someone else will benefit from what they have learned or they will cement the learning in their brains by explaining it to someone else. (Hint: If the Neitzke children tried to say they had learned nothing, he took them to the office and taught them something like Einstein's Theory of Relativity. No one was off the hook for learning any day.)

**Question 2:** *What one thing did you do the help someone else?* Children who see the world around them, care about the people they see. Ask your children to tell you how they helped someone else. Opened the door? Picked up trash? Carried groceries? We can all be aware of the assistance that other people need. (Hint: If they had no answer, they got to "voluntarily" do the dishes. This fulfilled the need to help someone for the day.)

**Question 3:** *What funny thing happened today?* We have a God of joy. Spend a moment each day and find the funny thing that you observed or caused. (Hint: Ted mentioned that his children seemed never to forget to find funny in their days. They were anxious each day to get through questions 1 and 2 so they could tell about the funny thing they saw or did.)

Armed with these expectations each night at dinner, children can add in a meaningful way to the conversation. The dinner table becomes a place where learning, helping and laughter happen.

Try out the plan as see if you can build a closer family unit through sharing during dinner. Practice over Christmas and make it a habit for 2022.

Serving the Master Teacher  
Beth Landon, Principal

***P.S. Each parent is also responsible to be ready to answer all three questions at the dinner table. Modeling is good and fair is fair.***

## Chapel Offering for December



We will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for the Greene County Health Department. All collected offerings will be used to 'dress' the Christmas tree in the lunchroom. We hope that little by little we will see our tree disappear during the month of December under the compassionate, generous and warm gifts that are given.

## Mr. Bohardt is Leaving Bethlehem

Dear School Board, Ministry Staff, Faculty, Congregation and Support Staff at Bethlehem Lutheran School,

It is with a heavy heart that am I submitting my resignation as the Middle School ELA and Social Studies teacher effective January 7th, 2022 due to health issues for my daughter and for myself.

I have loved everything about my time at BLS, the support of Beth Landon, my fellow staff members, Pastor Witte and, of course, the students. I take with me very fond memories, especially walking through the first floor in the morning and seeing all of the K-5 students.

Good Luck to everyone! I will truly miss you and will always hold a spot in my heart for BLS.

Sincerely  
Mark Bohardt

*We will miss Mr. Bohardt and we will be praying that God gives his richest blessings to both him and his daughter as they battle health issues.*

*The School Board has contracted with Tiffany Kearns to complete the school year for Mr. Bohardt. Mrs. Kearns will work with Mr. Bohardt from January 4-7 in the hopes of a smooth transition of teachers.*

### 2021 Christmas Worship and Activity Schedule

#### **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Third Sunday in Advent*

Worship Services	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Children Christmas Program	
Cast Party (Fellowship Coffee)	10:10 a.m.
Christmas Caroling for shut-ins	4:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

*O King of Nations*

*LSB 357, v.1 & Dec 22 antiphon*

Advent Supper	6:00 p.m.
Advent Worship Service	7:00 pm

#### **Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Basket Delivery	11:00 a.m.
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#### **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

Worship Services	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages	9:30 a.m.

#### **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

*O Emmanuel*

*LSB 357, v.1 & Dec 24 antiphon*

Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
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#### **Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

*O Key of David*

*LSB 357, v.5 & Dec 20 antiphon*

Divine Service	10:00 a.m.
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For the Advent and Christmas seasons, we will concentrate on studying the hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* and the O antiphons that are found on the page next to the hymn (LSB 357). These antiphons are separated into several days of the Advent season.



**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*O Dayspring*

*LSB 357, v.6 & Dec 21 antiphon*

Worship Services 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve**

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

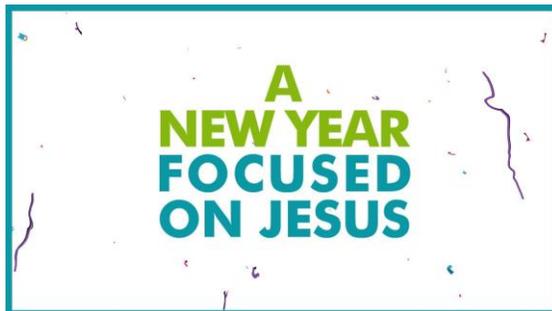
*Second Sunday after Christmas*

*O Wisdom*

*LSB 357, v.2 & Dec 17 antiphon*

Worship Services 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.



**Upcoming Events**

December chapel offering – Mitten Tree

Dec. 16 Release of the Christmas program on our Facebook page

Dec. 17 Classroom Christmas parties  
Christmas chapel at 11:00 am  
Early dismissal at 11:30

Dec. 18-Jan. 2 Christmas vacation



**Scrip News for December**



Still have some Christmas shopping to do? Skip the stores, order SCRIP, and have gift cards from hundreds of different retailers delivered directly to you. And your purchases benefit the school.

Orders of SCRIP need to be placed by Monday 12/13 at noon for delivery before students leave school for Christmas break.

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](http://shopwithscrip.com) or in the RaiseRight app using our enrollment code: 54LFL6745963.

2.) You order gift cards to pay for your shopping or give as gifts.

3.) Your cards are shipped directly to school and sent home with your student.

4.) SCRIP sends a monthly rebate check to the school to support field trips and school events.

If you have questions or need help ordering, contact Alison Witte or Leslie Lindsey.

Merry Christmas,  
Alison Witte, PTO President