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PEMBERVILLE, OHIO



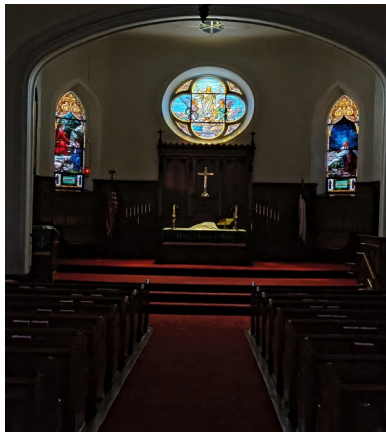
Pastor's Message

By Pastor Tim Philabaum - August 2026

What? How can it be August already? It feels like summer has just begun, but it is quickly coming to conclusion. This is the month of the Pemberville Free Fair ("This Fair's for You!") when the community gathers for activities, food, pies, animals, parades. It's also the month for County fairs, at which many of our youth display their work with their animals. And then, just after the Free Fair, school begins. Ah.

My favorite "saint" for August is Lawrence, after whom the St. Lawrence Sea Way is named. Lawrence (died 258 AD) was one of the deacons for the early church in Rome. When the Roman Emperor demanded to receive the treasures of the Church, Lawrence paraded before him all the poor and lame of the town, proclaiming, "These are the true treasures of the 'Church!'" Well, the emperor was so mad he roasted Lawrence on a grill. (Tradition states that a one point Lawrence said, "It's getting hot, could you turn me over!")

There was a strong faith in Lawrence as he witnessed to Jesus. There was a



strong faith in those men and women who founded Pemberville, who founded Bethlehem, who ultimately share the faith with us. I am most grateful for their faithfulness.

So, now, what? It seems that fewer of our "kids" have a sense of faith that leads them to Church involvement. Many have an awareness of God's presence, but fewer see the Church as the place to live out that faith. And, our congregations are getting older.

Maybe the place to witness to Jesus is not just in the sanctuary - - but out of it!

Each of you reading this know someone for whom the love of Jesus is just what they need. How do you tell them of this love? How do you show this love? What do you need so that you are more comfortable expressing this love?

So much is going on, not just in August but throughout the year. Activities for families, for youth, for "seasoned" believers all take our time. It may more difficult to live as we sing, "this is my little Gospel light, I'm gonna let it shine!" But that's our call and our purpose.

August is a delightful month, full of the beauty and promise of harvest that the summer has offered. God's paint brush continues to tassel the corn, green up the ground, color the sky, bless our children as they grow, and show off God's amazing diversity. May this also be a month in which you let that light shine, where you share God's love (and your love) with someone who need this good news. May you too be filled with God's light and love in your days and nights.

Bethlehem Apparel

Bethlehem apparel is available! Choose from T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and more in a variety of colors and styles.

Visit the online store with the link or QR code:

https://stores.inksoft.com/bethlehem_lutheran_church_/shop/home
to browse the selection and place your order today!



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Thank You, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are deeply grateful to the Church Council and congregation for supporting Rare Relief's mission - easing financial burdens and restoring hope for families impacted by Williams Syndrome.

Through your generosity - along with sponsors, donations, and race event proceeds - we raised nearly \$10,000 in our first year. A portion has already been given directly to the Williams Syndrome Association, with additional funds earmarked to support families directly through medical grants.

Thank you for helping make a meaningful difference!

- The Snyder Family

Fair Workers Meal

The area churches are planning to provide an evening meal for fair workers on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00pm. We are in need of hot dishes, salads, and desserts. We also need several kitchen workers and those to mingle with the fair workers. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office window. Please contact Luann Snyder for any questions at 419-349-4032. Link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945A4A723A7F85-64859026-feed>



Fair Pie

Bethlehem is responsible for providing and serving pies on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office window. Please contact Luann Snyder for any questions at 419-349-4032.



Walking in the Grand Parade

Bethlehem is planning to have a golf cart in the Pemberville Grand Parade on Saturday, August 22, 2026. We are asking any children willing to walk in the parade to let the office know.



BY THE NUMBERS

From The Financial Office

May/June, 2026	Beg Balance	Deposits	Expenses	Balance
Operating	\$233,043.10	\$40,845.22	\$44,336.84	\$219,551.48
Memorial	\$33,124.68	\$5,755.00	\$1,605.55	\$37,274.13
Benevolence	\$17,607.04	\$25,027.00 **		\$42,634.04
Outreach	\$58,950.22	\$60,325.57 **	\$1,436.00	\$117,839.79

** Endowment Funds Proceeds of \$79,725 were deposited from Edward Jones at the end of June. These funds are distributed at the beginning of July totaling \$79,725.

Tithe.ly QR Code

Anyone is welcome to make a one time or reoccurring donation by using the QR code that links to Tithe.ly, Bethlehem's online giving portal. When you scan the QR code, you will be required to set up an account, which only takes a few minutes. There is a small transaction fee for the use of the app. The app will prompt you to indicate your choice to pay the transaction fee or have it deducted from your donation. Thank you for supporting the ministries at

Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



Mission Honduras:

During May 2026 John Carroll University medical brigade, Dr. Colin Swearingen and a small team of students made unannounced visits to homes in each village. During these visits, the team asked each family their thoughts on our filter ministry. These are a few of the people they met that week.

Maria received her filter during our January 2023 brigade in El Plan. She says it has made “a real difference” for her family. They save money since they no longer need to buy something clean to drink. The drinks they bought were often sugary drinks which were cheaper than clean water. Since they are sick less, Maria also saves money since she does not need to buy medications as often since her family is healthier. She is also glad she no longer needs to take the time to boil water for her family to use throughout the week.



Nely, who also lives in El Plan, received her filter in January 2024 and stated our filter “has changed their lives. Her children used to get sick quite a bit but now rarely have stomach aches or diarrhea. Another benefit of the filter is her family saves money since they no longer need to buy clean water.



Blanca, lives in Lomas Limpias, and received her filter in 2020. She reported her family is healthier since using the filter and reported they are saving money, which allows them to use those funds for other things her family needs. She also appreciates the filter checks to ensure her filter is working well.



I will head to Honduras in mid-August for filter checks in five of our villages. Please keep our team in your prayers. I will update you when I return. Thank you for your support of this ministry and making a difference in the lives of those in rural Honduras. Darla Boyk



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH IS SPONSORING A

Free Swim

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

At the Pemberville Pool

Please come join the fun and enjoy
fellowship with our community
members.

TROOP 344



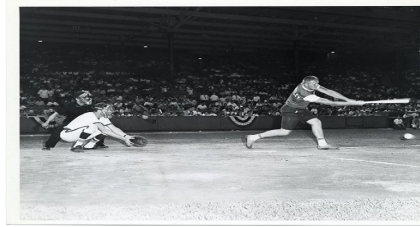
PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 22, 2026
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall at
Bethlehem Lutheran
(220 Cedar St, Pemberville, OH)

The Troop is hosting our annual freewill donation pancake breakfast during the Pemberville Free Fair. Please bring your family and friends for a great breakfast!

Breakfast items to include pancakes,
sausage, eggs, tater tots, and applesauce
(subject to change)





The Lord's Baseball Game

**Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game.
The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.**

**The Lord's team was at bat, and the score was tied 0 to 0. It was the bottom
of the ninth inning with two outs.**

**They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate, named
"LOVE". Love swung at the first pitch and hit a SINGLE because 'LOVE
NEVER FAILS'.**

**The next batter was named "FAITH", who also got a SINGLE because
Faith works with Love!!!!**

**The next batter up was named "GODLY WISDOM". Satan wound up and
threw the first pitch. Godly wisdom looked it over and let it pass. BALL
ONE! Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked, because he
NEVER swings at what Satan throws.**

**NOW, the bases are loaded. The Lord then turned to Freddy and told him
HE was going to bring in his STAR player!!! Up to the plate stepped
"GRACE".**

Freddy said, "He sure doesn't look like much!".

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw "GRACE".

**Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch.
To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever
seen. But Satan was not worried, his center fielder let very few get by.**

**He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him in the
head and sent him crashing to the ground.**

**The roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence. It was a
HOME RUN!!!!**

The Lord's team won!

**The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why LOVE, FAITH, and GODLY
WISDOM could get on base, but COULDN'T win the game. Freddy
answered that he didn't know why.**

**The Lord explained, "If your love, faith, and wisdom had won the game,
you would think you had done it by yourself.**

**LOVE, FAITH, and GODLY WISDOM will get you on base but only MY
GRACE can get you home!!!**

**Psalm 84:11 :For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace
and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."**

Prayer Garden Renewed

A big thank you for all those who worked to revitalize the prayer garden made possible by donations made in memory of Joyce Brinker and Alton Beeker. Thanks to Brian and Denise Pickerel, Willie Fisher, Matt Meyer, Dean Schuerman, Steve Rife and Aiden Lee for doing the physical work of digging, planting, painting and mulching. Also thanks to Joanne Busdeker who has volunteered to water the plants



In Loving Memory

IN MEMORY OF JOYCE EISENHOUR

Ray Kohlenberg
Norris & Pat Hinds

IN MEMORY OF VIC SCHUERMAN

Doug & Shelly Albright
Donna Alexander
Virginia Baumer
Carolyn Borcharding
Paulette Bresler
Robert & Joanne Bruning
Joanne Busdeker
Daniel & Pamela Cadaret
Willie & Wendy Fisher
Don & Sue Gerke
Dan & JoLynn Gerwin
Evelyn Gerwin



Ken & Bev Gerwin
Tim & Gail Gerwin
Mike & Karen Godfrey
Roger & Teri Hansen
Dave & Deb Helm
Norris & Pat Hinds
Pam Hiser
Melvin Karns
Ray Kohlenberg
Ruth Kruse
Cathy Kutzil
Marilyn Linkey
Aaron & Pam Marten
Beth McCowin
Jean Melcher
Matt & Marlene Meyer
Terry & Sharon Nigh
Brian & Denise Pickerel
Steve & Nancy Rife
Faye Schuerman
Scott & April Schuerman



Dean Schuerman
John & Tiffany Schuerman
Janice Smith
Luann Snyder & Daryl Wagner
Brandon & Jackie Snyder
Brent & Erin Snyder
Kendra Marhoover
Rick & Cyndi Walters
Janet Witker

IN MEMORY OF DONNA SCHUERMAN

Sam & Jodi Black
Joanne Busdeker
Joyce Dauer
Tim & Gail Gerwin
Ray Kohlenberg
Brian & Denise Pickerel
Paul & Linda Rolf

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Funds

General Operating Fund

Gifts and tithes collected during services are deposited in this fund and used for day-to-day expenses of the congregation such as salaries, utilities, operating expenses.

General Memorial Fund

Bethlehem Lutheran Church often receives Gifts to honor the memory of individuals who have died. These gifts are placed in the Memorial Fund as either designated or undesignated memorial gifts. Designated gifts are made to any current ministry or project that has been authorized by the congregation or the congregational council. Undesignated memorials are gifts made to the congregation with no specific ministry or ministry project designated. The congregational council then chooses the ministry or ministry project which will be funded. During the first 12 months, after the individual has died, the family of the deceased may request in writing that the gift be used for a designated ministry. Any undesignated memorials in the account for 12 months or longer will be used for a ministry or ministry project or transferred to the general operating fund as designated by the congregational council.

Benevolence Fund

These gifts are collected via weekly offering envelopes which members can designate an amount to go to the Benevolence Fund. Additionally, there are special envelopes designated for ELCA Benevolence several times throughout the year, such as Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The funds collected are sent from Bethlehem to the Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA. The Synod then sends a portion of what they receive to the National Church Offices. These funds help support the global missions, disaster relief, administrative costs, etc.

Outreach Fund

These gifts are used for local outreach projects. Special offering envelopes are designated for the outreach fund several times throughout the year.

Good Samaritan Fund

This fund is a joint ministry of the Pemberville congregations and managed by the Community Food Pantry. The money collected are used locally to assist people with food, clothing, utility expenses, fuel, and the like.

Investment Funds

Mentor Education Fund

Gifts designated for this fund are currently invested with Thrivent Financial Services. The earnings are used to offer financial assistance to any member of Bethlehem congregation who is enrolled in a seminary in preparation for ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Any unused interest each year is to be donated to Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. Thrivent checks must be at least \$500.00.

Endowment Fund

Gifts added to this account are invested. Currently funds are invested in the American Life Annuity and Edward Jones. The principle itself will remain untouched, but the earnings will be available for disbursement. An Investment Committee appointed by the Church Council will be responsible for investing and controlling the monies in the Fund. Long-range Planning (LRP) Committee makes recommendations for distribution of the earnings which is approved by Council. The earnings cannot be used for general operations of the church. The maximum principle of the fund is \$750,000.00. The operation of the fund is to be reviewed every 3 years by the LRP Committee.

Program, Ministry, and Student Trust Fund

This fund exists to support ministries, programs and educational opportunities that nurture spiritual growth, discipleship, and Christian fellowship within our congregation and community. Contributions to this fund help provide resources for worship experiences, youth and family ministries, Bible studies, outreach initiatives, leadership development, and faith-based educational programs for all ages. Applications may be submitted to the Long-range Planning Committee for recommendations to Council. Any distribution of funds must be approved by Church Council. Gifts given to the Program and Ministry Fund are to be invested and controlled by the Investment Committee. Currently, these funds are in an Edward Jones Account.

Capital Improvement (CIP) Rainy Day Fund

The available funds in the account may be used for capital improvements, building maintenance, emergency repairs and to support the general fund if needed. Gifts given to CIP Rainy Day Fund are to be invested and controlled by the Investment Committee, following the established guidelines. Currently, these funds are in an Edward Jones Account and may be used for capital improvements at the discretion of Church Council.

- ♦ Long-range Planning Committee and Church Council would like to publicize the Program, Ministry, and Student Trust Fund. This fund exists to support ministries, programs and educational opportunities that nurture spiritual growth, discipleship, and Christian fellowship within our congregation and community. Contributions to this fund help provide resources for worship experiences, youth and family ministries, Bible studies, outreach initiatives, leadership development, and faith-based educational programs for all ages. Members and church groups are encouraged to apply for funding for projects that align with the mission and ministry of the church. Applications are available in the church office and may be submitted to the Long-range Planning Committee for recommendations to Council.

JUNE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Guest in attendance: Paulette Bresler.

Guest request: Paulette Bresler

Paulette came to the meeting as a representative of the BLCW. She shared information about plans for an upcoming Holy Hoedown sponsored by the BLCW. It is planned for September 20, 2026 in the church parking lot. It was a very successful mission outreach last year so they are continuing it this year. Their request from council is to set up after church the day of the Hoedown and to allocate \$1,000 to cover expenses, as this is free to all who attend. Agreeing that this is good outreach for our church, Willie Fisher made a motion to grant the requests of the BLCW. Daniel Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

Examples of ways Bethlehem is carrying out our mission:

Bible school (105 children attended this year), Preschool graduation and funeral luncheons were all discussed as examples of different ways Bethlehem is reaching other people.

Reports of officers:

Pastor Tim shared his report. He had a busy month with different duties for the church. He shared his Sunday schedule for June and July, and the Pemberville Community Worship schedule for the rest of the year.

Kelly Young shared the treasurer report for the month.

Dean Schuerman shared the trustee report. There were numerous items that were discussed that are going to be getting attention in the coming months: boiler repairs, elevator repairs, getting price for stained glass window repairs, replaced all of the lights in the fellowship hall, replacement of all bathroom faucets and workings underneath the sinks begins soon.

Committee Reports:

Strategic plan

Youth: ELCA gathering June 28-July 2, 2027 in Minneapolis, Grades 8-12. Luann talked to Josh and Janell Gerwin about reaching out to other local congregations that might be interested in sending youth to the gathering. The Gerwins are also willing to help plan the free swim on August 16, 2026 from 1-5:00pm. Flyers were distributed during Bible School.

Bible School: Had good numbers of kids participate from the community. Very well received.

Music/worship: No further movement with contemporary songs/music

Sunday School: Mandy Wasserman has a meeting planned for end of July with parents again. A curriculum has been chosen. There will be two age groups for classes next year.

Aiden Lee also received a scholarship from the church as a graduating senior.

Long range planning (LRP)

Disbursements of Endowment Fund: The LRP committee made the following suggestions for awarding the \$80,000 available.

JUNE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Category	Organization	Requested amount	Granted amount
Global mission	Mission International of America	\$5, 470.00	\$6,000.00
<u>Global mission</u>	Mission Honduras	\$15,000.00-20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Leadership	LifeWise	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Leadership	Family Troop 344	\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00
Leadership	Cub Scouts Pack 344	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00
Congregational Support	BLC Preschool – Security System	\$6,000 plus	\$12,000.00(pending approval of project)
Poverty	Eastwood Area Food Pantry		\$5,000.00
Poverty	Back Pack Program	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Poverty	BLCW Knotting	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Disaster relief	ELCA		\$16,000.00
Total			\$79,725.00

LRP committee reviewed guidelines for the investment committee, the Endowment Fund, the Capital Improvement Fund, the Menter Educational Fund, and the Program, Ministry, and Student Trust Fund. The latter fund recently combined the Program and Ministry Fund with the Student Trust Fund. This fund provides resources for worship experiences, youth and family ministries, Bible studies, outreach initiatives, leadership development, and faith-based educational programs for all ages. Church council must give final approval before any object may proceed. Any member of our congregation may submit an application for funding. There is no minimum or maximum limit to this fund. The operation of the funds is to be reviewed every three years by the Long-range Planning Committee.

Security system report:

Corey Bettenbrock reported that they are waiting on architectural drawings/have quotes from Camera company, Northwood Door.

Governance agreement(s) subcommittee report:

The subcommittee, which consists of, Church Council representation and Preschool Board representation had a meeting that was productive. The Church constitution was shared with the group as well as the suggestions the insurance company gave for updating the church's employee handbook and the preschool handbook. The goal for updating the handbooks is prior to the start of the school year. The Preschool board shared suggestions for the governance agreement. The next meeting is scheduled for July 6. The meeting was overall very positive.

JUNE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Old Business

Insurance: Insurance updates should be available soon but the Preschool handbook needs to be done to coordinate this info.

Landscaping: There was a meeting with Groundskeeper. He submitted a quote for 3 areas of work around the church. It was decided at this time to do 2 or the 3 areas that were quoted.

Memorial projects:

Prayer garden and furniture: Aiden Lee has agreed to help with the garden work. The furniture will be purchased in Amish country.

Sign in the front yard: A quote was received to refurbish the sign. Trustees will review for next meeting.

New Business

Playground equipment at Pemberville Elementary School: The Preschool was approached about whether they were interested in the playground equipment now that the Eastwood Preschool is no longer housed there. After discussion, it was decided the church does not want the equipment. Willie Fisher made a motion to decline the playground equipment, seconded by Kelly Young. Motion carried.

Eastwood Band request: The Eastwood band used the church to prepare for the Memorial Day parade since the old elementary school is no longer available. It worked very well so the band has requested to use it for the upcoming fair parades and the Christmas parade. It was decided that we would allow the band to use our facilities as long as it didn't interfere with current programs at the church.

Holy Hoedown: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Community Service August 16 and Sept 6, 2026: Bethlehem has no responsibilities for this community service.

Fair Activities:

Free Swim August 16: Discussed the Community swim as we have had in the past.

Fair Workers meal August 18: Each community church will provide food – there will be a sign up for all churches. It was suggested that we add a sign up for eating with the workers instead of just serving them. Council thought that would be a good idea, a good way to reach out and share the church's mission to share discipleship.

Passing out items during the fair: It was suggested that we pass out pocket sized Jesus's in a small baggie with a note from the community's churches.

Nominating Committee: They have not met yet. Members include:

Willie Fisher, Paulette Bresler, Renee Farmer, Ken Gerwin, Faye Schuerman, Steve Rife

Staff evaluations: A reminder that staff evaluations need to be completed by the end of August.

Rally Day Sept. 13, 2026: It's time to start planning. More info forthcoming.

Preschool Quotes: There have been discussions with companies for quotes for work.

Corey Bettenbrock met with Denise Corns to help organize this process. Corey will organize getting the quotes necessary.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026.



Happening This Month: August

August Mission Action Project: Honduras

- Flip Flops
- Wash Cloths
- Hand Towels
- Bath Towels
- Twin Sheets



Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Please help the Food Pantry stock these needed items in

August:

- ♦ Creamy Peanut Butter
- ♦ Apple Juice
- ♦ Noodle
- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Kleenex
- ♦ Wipes

The Food Pantry always accepts non-perishable food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, boxed potatoes cereal and soups. They also accept facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, household cleaners, laundry detergent, fabric softener and basic personal items (soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner).

Food for the pantry can be left in the Mission Action Room (111) any time. The bins are located right inside the door on a table.

Monetary donations are always welcomed so that the pantry can restock items as needed.

The Food Pantry is available every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., as well as the second and last Saturday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (excluding holidays) for Eastwood community residents in need of food.

*When making out checks for the food pantry please make them out to Pemberville Food Pantry. This is a community food pantry not just Bethlehem's.

Serving this month in Worship and Beyond

Altar Flowers

Faye Schuerman

Altar Guild

Ruth Phillips
Karen Schultz

Office Window

Service Org (Funerals)

Joan Slebos

Help Members Celebrate Their 80+ Birthday!

Celebrate this joyous occasion with the members below by sending a card or give a greeting!

- ♦ 8/4 Roger Kahlenberg
- ♦ 8/8 Bob Bosse
- ♦ 8/9 Tom Rahe
- ♦ 8/12 Karol Heckman
- ♦ 8/13 Paul Rolf
- ♦ 8/14 Linda Rolf
- ♦ 8/16 Karen Schultz
- ♦ 8/20 Eulitta Ameling
- ♦ 8/25 Ruth Peters

If your 80+ birthday is not included here, please contact the office at 419-287-4182 so we can update our records.

Praying...

FOR HEALING AND HOPE

Randi Parton (friend of Lois Hansen), Tom & Leann Dierksheide, Nancy Rife, Joni (Abke) Moncrief, Carolyn Borchering

FOR OUR BISHOPS

Yehiel Curry and Daniel Beaudoin

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Sociedad Amigos de los Ninos Honduras,
Missions International (Haiti), Redeemer Church,
Operation Christmas Child

FOR LOCAL MISSIONS

Snack Pack Program, Good Samaritan Fund, Community Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Grace's Place, Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool & Extended Care, WCOAA Senior Care, Cub Scout Pack 344, Scouts BSA Troops 344 and 9344

FOR ALL YOUTH

FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN

THANK YOU

{ JUST A NOTE }

Pastor Philabaum & Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gracious hospitality in
hosting a place for the Eastwood H.S. Band to
stage for our Memorial Day performance. Your
Fellowship Hall was perfect and gave our students
a great start to this important community
event.
Sincerely ~ Brian Myers
Director of Bands

Dear Pastor Tim and
Bethlehem Lutheran
Church Members,
I would like to
thank you for allowing
me and my students
to use the "piano room"
on the second floor.
I think that it is
important to include
musical activities in
students' lives.

Playing the piano helps
to develop mental skills,
improves coordination
and creates a love of
music.
Hopefully, these benefits
will stay with them
throughout their lives.
Thank you for making
this possible.
Sincerely,
Carol Slater

Dear Bethlehem Lutheran Church Scholarship,
I really appreciate the opportunity to be selected
for the Bethlehem Lutheran Church scholarship, and
I take great honor in being a recipient.
I will be attending The Ohio State University this fall
to major in Finance and minor in Agribusiness.
This scholarship will help me continue my educational
and career goals. The support is truly appreciated!
Jackson Schuster

Thanks for the use of the
sound system at our recent
move/swim night. Please
accept this donation as a
token of our appreciation

150 250
Pembroke/America
Committee



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Members,

As the school year has ended for 2026,
thank you for your donation.
We appreciate your support as
Lifewise Academy continues to grow.

Thank you,
Lifewise
Academy

Dear Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Ministries,
Mr. Fertig + Mrs. Farmer,

Your generosity is very
much appreciated!

Thank you!

Mrs. Burdette + FCA
Huddle
Crew

Brooks
Hinsley Carson
Hertine Henline
Katherine Brown
Tristan Jones
Ryan Hemphill

Lucy Tomlinson
Sophia GEMING
Carmen Reese
Makayla Paul
Brydian Miller
Lyla N. B.

Adie Taylor
Ava M. Maddrell
Carmen Monroe
maddie m.
Jacks
Meadow
August
Lauriston
Doubt

Thank you for
providing donors for
us every meeting!
FCA Huddle

KIDS ACTIVITIES

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a
Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
A. baker B. farmer C. butcher D. teacher
- ___ 2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
A. rocky B. farmer C. path D. sow
- ___ 3. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
A. thorn B. seed C. soil D. root
- ___ 4. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
A. path B. sow C. rocky D. soil
- ___ 5. Covered with stones
A. seed B. rocky C. path D. thorns
- ___ 6. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
A. soil B. shallow C. thorns D. sow
- ___ 7. Not deep
A. rocky B. shallow C. sow D. soil
- ___ 8. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
A. thorn B. rocky C. root D. leaf
- ___ 9. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow
A. rocky B. soil C. farmer D. path
- ___ 10. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
A. crop B. shallow C. sow D. soil

Parable of the Weeds Decoder

The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



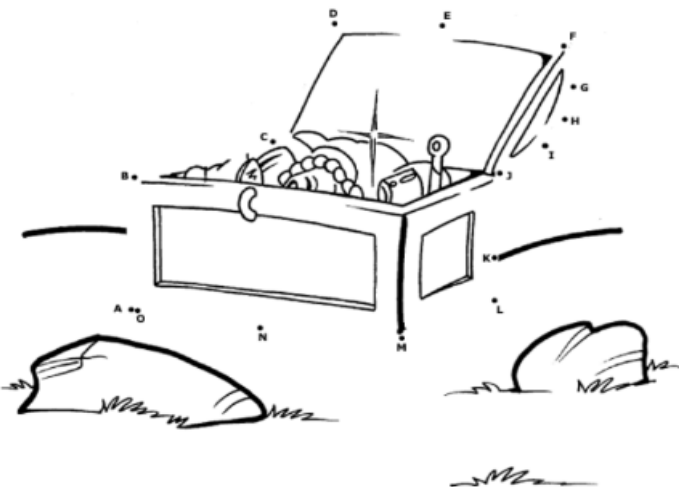
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6. 14-17-23-24-19 _____
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8. 22-21-2-4 _____

WHEAT PARABLE	WEEDS GOOD	FIELD HARVEST	SEED BURN
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THE TREASURE IN THE FIELD

Connect the dots and then color the picture.



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."
Matthew 13:44



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 am Worship In-person and on Facebook/YouTube 10:15am Sunday School 11:30 am Worship broadcast on 99.1 FM	3 6:45 pm Yoga	4 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Food Pantry open	5	6	7 Office Closed	8 8:00 - 11:00 am Food Pantry open
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16 10:00 am Fair Community Worship 11:30 am Worship broadcast on 99.1 FM	17 6:45 pm Yoga	18 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Food Pantry open	19 Kiddie Parade Free Fair Begins	20 Free Fair	21 Office Closed Free Fair	22 Free Fair 8:00-11:00am Boy Scouts Breakfast
23/30 9:00 am Worship In-person and on Facebook/YouTube 10:15 am Adult Bible Study 11:30 am Worship broadcast on 99.1 FM	24/31 6:45 pm Yoga	25 9:00 am Knotting 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Food Pantry open	26	27	28 Office Closed	29 8:00 - 11:00 am Food Pantry open

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9:00 AM

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11:30

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