

Bethlehem Star



NEWSLETTER OF BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PEMBERVILLE, OHIO

Pastor's Message

By Pastor Tim Philabaum - November 2026

I love transitions. Early in the morning when the moon and stars are still out, but the sun is about to shine; late in the evening when dusk has settled in and we say goodbye to the sun; after 9 months of growth the baby decides its time to come out into the world; you see the progression of child to youth to young adult to mid-adult, to senior citizen; when Jesus starts the process of calling us home; the edge between sand and sea; oh, and so much more.

In this article I'm centering in on the transition of birth to baptism. Specifically, Martin Luther's transition. Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483. The new child of Hans and Margaretha he transitioned from in-the-womb to a gift of God in our world. As he entered that world he was, just like us, a sinner – one whose whole orientation in life was toward



himself. To be fed, warm, clothed, clean. All good things, but he kept his parents busy attending to his needs.

Then the next day they brought him to the Church. November 11 is the "saint day" for Martin of Tours. In the late 300's Martin first gave part of his cloak to a cold beggar, was introduced to Jesus, and became a disciple of our Lord. On his day Martin Luther was baptized and given the ancient saint's

name. This day was a different transition. Yes, a sinner, but now washed in the Name of the Triune God. Those baptismal waters connected him to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as it still does today. Not only a sinner, but in the eyes of God, a "saint," one loved by Jesus, sent by Jesus, and grafted into the Christian family.

We go through transitions every moment of our day. But this one for Luther, and for us, was/is life-changing. No longer captive to sin, death, and the devil, but part of a new family, full of grace and forgiveness, one encompassing the world and all time, one wrapped in God.

As you work your way through the transition of fall into oncoming winter, and then soon from 2026-2027, I pray that you know God love for you at every moment. In all the changes, God is faithful and present, and will bring you to God's kingdom. Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving Worship

Of course, every day, every moment of our lives are times of thanksgiving. St. Paul reminds us to "...give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thessalonians 5:18) As our nation gathers to offer a day of thanksgiving, we too gather. Our time of worship will be Wednesday, November 25, at 7pm. Here we will sing our praises, offer our time, talents, and treasures, and re-orient our hearts to the One who gives us everything. Thanks be to God!

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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All Saints

On the 1 st Sunday of November we give thanks for those who, in this past year, have died in the Lord. These “saints” (claimed, washed, and fed by Jesus) are now in the eternal arms of God, in grace. We give thanks for these saints:

Dead people

Also, we have received new “saints” into our community, people who are washed and claimed in the Name of Jesus. For these newly baptized saints we give thanks:

Wet people

May our loving Lord continue to bless them and this community with healing, grace, and love, as we move forward into the years ahead.

Welcome New Members

At the October Council meeting, the following families were accepted into Bethlehem's congregation. Please join us in welcoming these new members.

The Muir family: Lon and Kristin Muir and their sons, Easton, Brooks, and Hayes.

The Welling family: Zach and Kristin Welling and their daughters, Kira and Kinsley.

Special Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting will be held following the service on November 8th in the sanctuary. The meeting agenda is election of church council officers and to approve the spending plan for 2027. The following members have agreed to run for church council.

Vice President: Corey Bettenbrock

Junior Elder: Brandon Snyder

Deacon: Kristen Welling

Trustee: Dean Schuerman, Matt Walters, and Kyle Brueggemeier

From The Financial Office

BY THE NUMBERS

September, 2026	Beg Balance	Deposits	Expenses	Balance
Operating	\$202,865.89	\$17,687.97	\$17,729.33	\$223,276.21
Memorial	\$30,552.74			\$29,254.06
Benevolence	\$16,292.04	\$1,173.00		\$17,465.04
Outreach	\$69,006.41	\$998.08	\$8,441.88	\$42,409.61

*In September - \$20,451.68 was transferred into the General Fund. \$1,298.68 from the Memorial Fund and \$19,153.00 from the Outreach Fund covering expenses paid from the General Fund.



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.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BENEVOLENCE AND OUTREACH GIVING?

Did you know that traditionally, Benevolence and Outreach Giving have been referred to as “gifts from the heart” meaning the act of giving, sharing and true goodwill rather than an obligation around material wealth or expectation? Bethlehem’s thoughtfulness in supporting both the Benevolence and Outreach Funds goes a long way in helping many people and causes.

Benevolence Gifts are collected via weekly offering envelopes which members can designate an amount to go to ELCA Benevolence. 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 quarterly 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 and administrative costs. We also have special envelopes in our offering boxes for Genacross, Luther Home of Mercy, Lutheran Social Services, MIA Haiti and ELCA World Hunger. **In 2027**, the offering envelopes say “ELCA Benevolence” to clarify where these funds are designated to go.

Outreach Gifts are used for local outreach projects such as the Community Food Pantry and Snack Pack as well as Mission Honduras. Special envelopes are included in our offering boxes designated for Outreach and Mission Honduras throughout the year. The church uses these funds for local support. You are always welcome to write on your offering envelope that your gift is to one of these or drop a gift in the office.

Church Carpet Replacement – Donations Welcome

As we prepare to replace the carpeting at Bethlehem, we welcome and appreciate donations to help offset the cost of this project.

If you would like to contribute, simply designate “**Carpeting**” on your check or offering envelope. Special donation envelopes are also available in the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support in helping us maintain and care for our church home!

ELCA Good gifts:

In Christ, we receive the gift of God's love with others. ELCA Good Gifts are a fun, meaningful way to honor friends and family with Christmas gifts that go on to make a difference in the world. Choose from more than 50 gift-giving options (goats anyone?), each with the ability to make a real difference in the life of someone in need. Give in honor of someone special and you can print, mail or email a card to let them know.

Catalogs and order forms are available outside the office. Complete an order form and submit your payment to the office with checks made payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with ELCA Good Gifts in the memo line. We will send the orders to ELCA as a group with a goal of sending at least \$600. Please submit your order forms by Sunday Dec. 13, 2026.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS ORDER FORM

Name

Address

City

State

ZIP code

Email

GIVE BY CHECK

Enclose completed order form in an envelope. Make checks payable to the ELCA and mail to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

Save a stamp. Give online! ELCA.org/goodgifts

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD		Item	Price	Qty	Total
Chicks	WHG0106	\$10		\$0	
Rooster	WHG0133	\$15		\$0	
NEW! Rooster + flock of chicks	WHG0179	\$25		\$0	
Goat	WHG0102	\$50		\$0	
Goat + flock of chicks	WHG0154	\$60		\$0	
Couple of goats	WHG0147	\$100		\$0	
Herd of goats	WHG0155	\$300		\$0	
Cow	WHG0097	\$500		\$0	
Share of a cow	WHG0098	\$50		\$0	
Piglet	WHG0099	\$40		\$0	
NEW! Piglet + honeybees	WHG0180	\$60		\$0	
Fish farm	WHG0101	\$250		\$0	
Share of a fish farm	WHG0152	\$50		\$0	
Honeybees	WHG0100	\$20		\$0	
Honeybees + vegetable garden	WHG0153	\$220		\$0	
Abundant community	WHG0172	\$1,020		\$0	
Family farm	WHG0107	\$735		\$0	
God's Global Barnyard	WHG0051	any \$ amount			
CLEAN WATER		Item	Price	Qty	Total
Water filter	IDG0099	\$30		\$0	
Portion of an irrigation project	WHG0111	\$100		\$0	
Safe-water access	WHG0108	\$2,500		\$0	
Share of a safe-water project	WHG0109	\$250		\$0	
Latrine	WHG0134	\$150		\$0	
WOMEN AND CHILDREN		Item	Price	Qty	Total
Safe birth	WHG0173	\$750		\$0	
Microloan for a woman	WHG0119	\$125		\$0	
Farmers' field school for a woman	WHG0148	\$75		\$0	
School fees and uniform for a girl	WHG0121	\$50		\$0	
School supplies for a child	WHG0122	\$10		\$0	
School supplies for a classroom	WHG0123	\$300		\$0	
Computer for a community center	WHG0162	\$800		\$0	
Internet connectivity for students: One month	WHG0168	\$100		\$0	
Environmentally friendly cookstove	WHG0166	\$105		\$0	
Nutrition for a child: One month	WHG0115	\$25		\$0	
Nutrition for a child: One year	WHG0117	\$300		\$0	
Stock a backpack with food	WHG0129	\$15		\$0	
NEW! Care for kids: Sponsor a classroom	WHG0177	\$3,050		\$0	
NEW! Care for kids: Healthy beginnings	WHG0178	\$1,825		\$0	

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Name on card

Credit card number Expiration date (mm/yy)

Signature Date

CALL 800-638-3522 WITH QUESTIONS OR TO GIVE BY PHONE.

AGRICULTURE	Item	Price	Qty	Total	
Climate resilience kit	WHG0175	\$910		\$0	
Fruit-tree seedling	WHG0124	\$10		\$0	
Fruit-tree farm	WHG0125	\$150		\$0	
Community vegetable garden	WHG0126	\$200		\$0	
Seeds and gardening tools	WHG0157	\$50		\$0	
HEALTH AND NUTRITION		Item	Price	Qty	Total
Meals at a feeding ministry: Serve 10	WHG0130	\$20		\$0	
Meals at a feeding ministry: Serve 50	WHG0131	\$100		\$0	
NEW! Feeding ministry grant	WHG0176	\$500		\$0	
Clinic visit for a child	WHG0114	\$10		\$0	
Stock a health clinic for a week	WHG0118	\$75		\$0	
Mosquito net	WHG0138	\$10		\$0	
Mosquito nets for a family	WHG0165	\$20		\$0	
Vaccinations for a child	WHG0113	\$30		\$0	
Hygiene kit	WHG0167	\$25		\$0	
HELP IN TIMES OF CRISIS		Item	Price	Qty	Total
NEW! Disaster preparedness kit	DG00096	\$100		\$0	
NEW! Disaster preparedness training	DG00095	\$800		\$0	
Accompany a migrant returning home	WHG0174	\$1,750		\$0	
Feed a refugee family: One week	IDG0081	\$75		\$0	
Feed a refugee family: One month	IDG0082	\$300		\$0	
Mental health support for a disaster survivor: One week	DG00092	\$160		\$0	
Mental health support for a disaster survivor: One month	DG00091	\$640		\$0	
Shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth: One night	WHG0164	\$50		\$0	
Shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth: One week	WHG0163	\$350		\$0	
Necessities for a disaster survivor: One month	DG00080	\$250		\$0	
Blanket	IDG0093	\$10		\$0	
NEW! Pallet of rebuilding supplies	DG00097	\$5,000		\$0	
LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS		Item	Price	Qty	Total
Scholarship support for a global scholar	GCS0001	\$100		\$0	
Support a YAGM for one month	GCS2136	\$1,500		\$0	
Vocational training	WHG0358	\$75		\$0	
Seminary for a week	E2701348	\$150		\$0	
Seminary for a semester	E270134C	\$2,500		\$0	
Support an ELCA missionary	GCS2135	any \$ amount		\$0	
GROW THE CHURCH		Item	Price	Qty	Total
NEW! Communion supplies for a new ministry	CCL0020	\$150		\$0	
Bible	GCS1001	\$12		\$0	
Motorbike for a pastor	GCS1002	\$375		\$0	
Sunday school start-up kit	GCS1003	\$65		\$0	
ELCA WHERE NEEDED MOST	MCG0053	any \$ amount			

CLEAR FORM

TOTAL

\$0

☐ Please check here if you would like a card for each of your gifts delivered to your home. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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Your donation will be used within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other healthcare initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the United States or abroad.

Thrivent

The deadline for designating Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2026 is December 31, 2026. This is a change from previous years when the deadline was in March. You can make your designations online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice or contact Mick Sayen at 419-344-3597.

Mission Honduras Buckeye Sale

Saturday, November 14th- Sunday, November 15th.

Our annual Buckeye Fundraiser is underway! Every purchase helps provide safe drinking water and clean water education for families in rural Honduras.

Buckeyes are \$10 per dozen. Payment may be made by cash or check payable to Mission Honduras-Bethlehem.

Pre-order by November 9th: Text your name, phone number, order (sold by the dozen), and pick-up day to 419-575-0078, emailing missionhonduras.bethlehem@gmail.com, or signing up on the clipboard outside the Bethlehem office. You will receive an email/text confirming your order. Maximum number of buckeyes to be sold: 170 dozen so order early!

Pick-up your buckeyes in the Bethlehem Fellowship Hall

- Saturday, November 14th between 11 AM -1PM
- Sunday morning between 9:30 AM-11:15 AM.
- Any pre-orders not picked up by 11:15 will not be held unless prior arrangements are made.

We would love your help making buckeyes.

- We need help rolling the buckeyes between now and November 14th. Call for details.
- We will be dipping and packaging buckeyes on Saturday, November 14th starting at 8 AM in the fellowship hall at Bethlehem. An RSVP is not required but it is helpful for planning.

Interested in helping or have questions? Call or text 419-575-0078 or email missionhonduras.bethlehem@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of this ministry!



In Loving Memory

In Memory Of Carolyn Borchertling

Doug & Shelly Albright
Donna Alexander
Paulette Bresler
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Joanne Busdeker
Rick Cajka
Donna Cajka
Amy Varner
Pat & Gary Cline
Larry & Mary Dickens
Amy Eisenhour
Renee Farmer



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Evelyn Gerwin
Ken & Bev Gerwin
Mickey Gerwin
Jeff & Jo Graber
Lois Hansen
Roger & Teri Hansen
Noris & Pat Cline
Jan Hoodlebrink
Mark Hoodlebrink
Kevin Hoodlebrink
Marlene Hoodlebrink
Melvin Karns
Ray Kohlenberg
Cathy Kutzli
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Jim & De Witker

20th ANNIVERSARY

BRAD REDDICK SCHOOL

20 years of learning - growing - community - faith



Brad Reddick

Brad was an amazing Christian husband, father of eight, church leader, and an inspiration to so many. Brad and Jan were working together on youth programs at Grace Church when the idea of a school in Haiti was first conceived. Brad's encouragement and vision were instrumental in turning that dream into a reality. Sadly, Brad passed away before the school opened in 2006. With God's guidance, the school was named in his memory.

- 440 students attend BRS.
- Over 1.5 million muffins have been served.
- Our First Grade teacher attended BRS.
- A new small library was opened in January 2026. None of BRS students have a book at home.
- The first high school class graduated in 2026
- We are partnering with Trinity Hope to serve our students a full lunch of rice and beans this year.



Jay Nielsen was asked at the last minute to fill in for an ill physician on a mission trip to Haiti in 2002. He quickly fell in love with the spirit and resilience of the Haitian people. He and Jan returned the following year, and Jan was equally touched by the people and the tremendous needs she saw.

Soon afterward, they felt God directing them to build a school. They asked a translator they had met on a previous trip to find a community with no access to education, no clean water, few opportunities for employment, and a strong influence of Vodou. Savanette met those criteria perfectly.

When they returned to Perrysburg, they shared with Grace Church their vision for what they believed God had called them to do. Amazingly, God touched many hearts, and the funding quickly came in to build a simple school for children in kindergarten through second grade. Brad Reddick School opened its doors in the fall of 2006.

Since that time, churches, businesses, and individuals have made it possible to add new classrooms and grade levels year after year. Today, more than 440 students, kindergarten through 13th grades, attend the school.

This past spring, we celebrated an extraordinary milestone: our first class graduated from the full classical secondary program—the equivalent of completing high school. In Haiti, only about 1 in 5 children reaches this level of education but BRS has significantly improved literacy in the area! To see our students accomplish this after 20 years of growth, faith, and perseverance was truly a reason to celebrate.

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Containers

The 15th 40 ft. container was shipped in August, and as always, it was packed with wonderful supplies that will help us continue our work in Savanette. It included amazing surgical equipment for the new Faith Surgery Center, hundreds of children's books for the library, more Chrome books, tools, farm equipment and many other much-needed supplies.

Shipping containers have also become an important part of our building projects. Eight containers make up our guest house, and eleven more were used to create our conference center, dormitories, and wedding shop.

Everyone who has stayed in one during a mission trip has been amazed at how comfortable they are. They cool down quickly after the sun goes down and mosquitos and spiders are no longer a problem!

Best of all, containers have given us an incredibly cost-effective way to build. They are strong, practical, and durable—and over the years, they have even proven that they can stand up to Haiti's hurricanes.



The school books, uniforms, lunches and teachers are all paid for by donations. There are no paid American staff so at least 98% of all donations go directly to support MIA's programs in Savanette, Haiti.



Our gardeners are constantly working to grow food that is distributed to the community. MIA has leased additional land for crops and pasture.



Our five wells and 20,000 feet of water lines provide clean water throughout the community. The popular well in front of the school is solar powered, with a generator providing backup when there has not been enough sunlight.



We have 40 chrome books now and 80 more in the last container. It has opened a whole new world for our students. Most of our teachers had never worked on any kind of computer.



The Leatherman Conference Center, made from containers, hosts youth events, weddings, graduations, etc. There will be monthly week long agricultural conferences beginning in the spring.



For years, our Haitian nurses have provided compassionate care in the clinic across the road from the school. Our new surgery center, opening soon, will enable teams to provide life-changing surgical care in Savanette.



The Sava FM 99.9 Christian radio station in Savanette has been operating for over 5 years and is very popular for miles. When DJs are not available, Proclaim and YES FM are retransmitted.

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40



September Council Highlights

Guests present: Denise Corns, Chris Madaras, Joe Stribrny

C. Guests

Denise Corns shared information about the preschool, giving a yearly numbers recap for this year. She also discussed the progress of the security project for the preschool. Joe Stribrny presented an update on the Music Library Inventory project, 60% completed. He also discussed updating/renovating the choral library. His final request was support for a Choral Scholarship program he'd like to start in 2027. We asked him to give us a trial performance by the end of 2026 to see if this would be something we would like to participate in as a church. He is going to let us know by the next council meeting in October if he can get 4 people to come and show us how that would benefit our current choir program.

D. Approval of Agenda

There were two additions made to New Business:

- f. Sign out front
- g. Holy Hoedown

E. Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2026

F. Examples of ways Bethlehem is carrying out mission:

Sunday school numbers are way up, Rally Day was a big success. Preschool is learning about religion. Lots of volunteering for activities we sponsored this summer, many fair activities. We sponsored the feed for the fair workers. there were some here from Honduras.

G. Devotions were given by Dan Rife. Next month: Andrew Derr.

H. Reports of officers

- a. Pastor – Pastor Tim has had a busy month with regular duties and also visits and pastoral care. He shared his upcoming schedule and future worship opportunities for the church and community.
- b. Treasurer – Money collected is down/even if you aren't at church, your contribution is still needed for everyday expenses.
- c. Trustee – busy time for the trustees, working on flooring for the second floor and carpeting for the sanctuary. Motion made to have a special congregational meeting on October 4 th to ask for approval to move forward with flooring projects and asbestos abatement in the church, not to exceed \$55,000,

I. Committee Reports

a. Strategic plan

FCA at EHS – Gift cards for pickleball tournament prizes/t-shirts has already gained approval, just need to follow through with guidance from the group. Motion made to give FCA at EMS \$540 for donuts for morning meetings this school year

Josh and Janel Gerwin are getting information about ELCA conference for youth

b. Long-range planning – nothing to report

c. Call Committee – no activity at this point in time/should we reach out to the male pastor from Zoar Lutheran in Perryburg?



September Council Highlights

- d. Security System Report – previously discussed and decisions made regarding this.
- e. Governance agreement(s) subcommittee report- discussed at length and came up with a final version that was discussed with the Preschool Board. Revisions were discussed and put into the agreement.
- f. Sign out front along Main Street- needs some adjustments, not working properly.
- g. Holy Hoedown – Wendy Fisher is asking for some volunteer help after church Sunday to help set up. It was also shared that there have been arrangements made to have a tent if weather requires this.

J. Old Business

- a. Staff evaluations – They have been completed.
- b. Employee handbook – Updates have been made and it has been given to Kyle Wright. He is working on evaluating it.
- c. Bethlehem t-shirt sales – Going well.
- d. Preschool scholarship – There has been one approved already for this year, reviewing a second at this time. Didn't need additional funds at this time.
- e. Nominating committee – They have met and are actively working. Committee members have been given lists of people to contact.
- f. Grant for carpeting – decided not to do this. A big Thank You to Corey Bettenbrock for all of his time devoted to this project.

K. New Business

- a. Senior Center: Luann Snyder shared a draft letter to the Wood County Office on Aging asking for an increase of \$100 per month for in rent.
- b. Boy Scouts: Popcorn sale Oct. 11, Scout Sunday will be Sunday, Feb. 14.
- c. Thrivent informational session, Oct. 13 2026 at 7:15. Nick Sayin will be going over certain things with those that attend.
- d. Schedule for Thanksgiving and Christmas:
Thanksgiving service – Wed, Nov. 25 at 7:00 pm
Christmas program – Dec 13 during church service
Christmas Eve services – Dec. 24 at 6:00 and 10:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 27 – all Pemberville churches at Bethlehem 9:00 am
Sunday, Jan 3 – Service at 9:00 am/No Sunday School that morning
- e. Proposed Choral Scholarship Program – discussed during Joe Scribny presentation.

L. Next meeting: October 15, 2026

Adjournment was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Albright

Happening This Month: November



Serving this month in Worship and Beyond

Altar Flowers
Marlene Hoodlebrink

Altar Guild
Pat Cline
Trina Karns

Office Window
Deb Helm

Service Org (Funerals)
Janice Smith
Cathy Kutzil

Help Members Celebrate Their 80+ Birthday!

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

- ◆ 11/2 Ruth Kruse
- ◆ 11/22 James Kern
- ◆ 11/23 Ron Andrews
- ◆ 11/29 Faye Schuerman

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



Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Please help the Food Pantry stock these needed items in

November:

- ◆ Children Cereal
- ◆ Chunky Soup
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Hand Soap

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.

November Mission Action Project: Thankoffering Boxes

Thankoffering boxes are available in the Narthex or the Mission Action room. The boxes are to be used as a collection for small offerings whenever one is thankful for something. The boxes are collected at the Thankoffering Worship Service in November. The BLCW board designates certain programs from the Women of the ELCA that these donations will help fund.



Praying...

FOR HEALING AND HOPE

Randi Parton (friend of Lois Hansen), Nancy Rife, Joni (Abke) Moncrief, Shawn Jacoby, Brenda Gerwin

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 Troop 344

FOR ALL YOUTH

FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN



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Dear Valued Friends,

Many people express a desire to help, but few take steps to make a difference. Thank you for being one of the few who have stepped up with your generous donation. Your gift of **\$242.56** to the **Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation for the Wolf Creek Chapel Fund** will have a powerful impact.

You consistently show up for our mission. Thank you for your incredible ongoing commitment as a sustaining partner.

We understand that you have many choices when it comes to charitable giving, and we are deeply grateful that you've chosen to support *Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation*. Please know that we are committed to being responsible stewards of both your donation and the trust you've placed in us.

We are so grateful for your donation and for being part of our cause. Your generosity inspires us every day!

With appreciation and admiration,

Michael A. George, CFRE
Executive Director
Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation

Paster Philabum + People of Bethlehem 10/16/2026

It was a joy and honor - as it always is - to share the Gospel & the Lord's Supper with you this past Sunday. There is always a joyful buzz at Bethlehem around worship and at sharing of the peace. It is neat to see so many folks walking together in faith & life.

Thank you as well for your contribution to our chapel fund at Wolf Creek. We are preparing for an annual memorial service Nov. 7, which is an opportunity to help families and read remembrance - all the funds in the sponsor of silent effort. In Christ
Chaplin May

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Playing Favorites

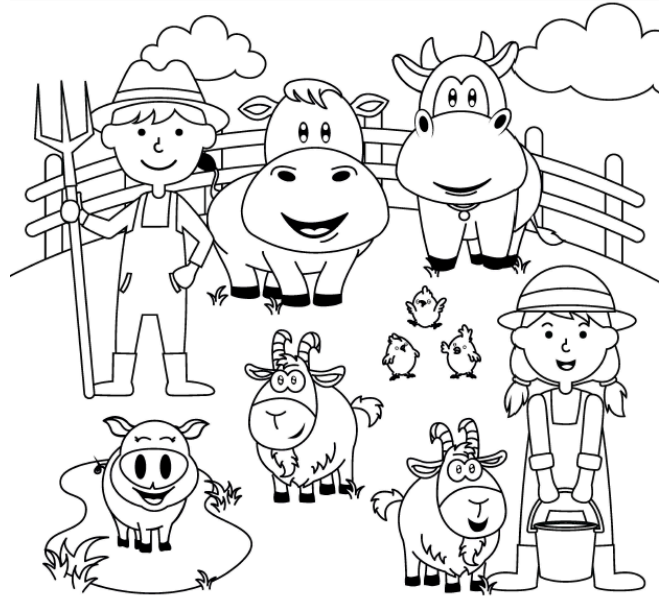
My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. James 2:1 (NIV)



B P O O R A G J R E L A P Y X
R H K F W N M L G I E O U M U
V E L G K C B D O D C S R A X
B S A U B F U E U R E H P D V
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E W S A Y L M N E I G H B O R
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D I S C R I M I N A T E G U P

brothers	favoritism	clothes	judge	royal
believers	rich	shabby	exploit	neighbor
glorious	gold	poor	slander	lawbreakers
Lord	ring	discriminate	noble	guilty

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



Animals can be a big help to people who are hungry. Some animals lay eggs. Others provide milk. How does each animal in this picture help a family in need?

Greatest Commandment 08 Multiple Choice

The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

Choose the word that best matches the definition. Answers can be found in Matthew 23:34-40 (NIV)



1. A rule or law; direction or instruction to do something
A. teacher B. second C. commandment D. love
2. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
A. commandment B. greatest C. teacher D. answer
3. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
A. love B. neighbor C. teacher D. commandment
4. A person who lives near or next to another
A. answer B. neighbor C. love D. commandment
5. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship
A. God B. love C. greatest D. answer
6. Someone who educates or trains others
A. teacher B. heart C. second D. God
7. A system of rules or principles
A. neighbor B. God C. heart D. law
8. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings
A. law B. love C. commandment D. heart
9. Coming next in order after the first one
A. neighbor B. law C. second D. teacher
10. A spoken or written reply to a question
A. God B. greatest C. answer D. second



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Worship In-person and on Facebook/YouTube 10:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:30 am Worship broadcast on 99.1 FM	2 6:45 pm Yoga 7:30 pm Dartball Team 1 Home Team 2 @ PV Presbyterian	3 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Food Pantry open	4	5	6	7
8 Special Congregation Meeting following Worship 9:00 am Worship In-person and on Facebook/YouTube 10:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:30 am Worship broadcast on 99.1 FM	9 6:45 pm Yoga 7 pm Priscilla Circle 7:30 pm Dartball Team @ Cloverdale Team 2 Home	10 9am-12pm Knotting 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Food Pantry open 6 pm Bible Study	11	12 5-9 pm FH Make-it Take-it	13	14 8:00 - 11:00 am Food Pantry open
15 Women's Thankoffering 9:00 am Worship In-person and on Facebook/YouTube 10:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:30 am Worship broadcast on 99.1 FM	16 6:45 pm Yoga 7:30 pm Dartball Team 1 @ Stony Ridge Team 2 Home	17 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Food Pantry open 6 pm Bible Study	18	19 7 pm Council Meeting	20	21
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Worship

9:00 AM

**In person in the sanctuary
and streaming on
Facebook and YouTube**

11:30

Broadcast on 99.1 FM