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RALLY SUNDAY

Sept 13

Joint Worship Service 10:30am
Church Picnic 12:00pm



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Bethlehem
Lutheran Church & Preschool

Bethlehem Mission Statement

*"Building the family of God through
relationship with Jesus Christ."*

PRESCHOOL NEWS

WRITTEN BY JULIE BEDARD, DIRECTOR

Preschool News!

September will be the start of a new year. New Director, new Teacher, new Teacher Assistant and many new students. Please pray for us during this transition time.

Our first day of school will be September 8 for the 3's and September 9 for the 4's. We have 16 in the 4's class and 9 in the 3's class with room for more in the 3's class. Please pray for more 3's and their families who need to hear about Jesus!

Debbie Chinn will be the lead teacher for both 3's and 4's classes. She may be familiar to some of you for her participation in handbells. She is a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tigard and has her Masters in Early Childhood from Concordia Portland.

Our Teacher Assistant is Chantel Greene. Chantel has experience in teaching art and will bring her student relationship skills to our Preschool classrooms.

We still need some sorting and organizing help, so contact Julie if you have any time to give. (blc.preschool@frontier.com).

We can still use some nice office chairs and a new vacuum cleaner. So if you feel inclined to donate, let Julie know.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

Julie Bedard, Director

FOREST HILLS NEWS



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FROM THE DCE



Dear Bethlehem,

We're getting us a pastor! We actually will beat the average amount of time it takes to get a pastor in the LCMS by a full month. We also this month have

two candidates sent off to seminary who by the time you read this likely will have started their studies. In the last three years we've watched other friends and staff leave Bethlehem. Joel has stepped into his role of leading the worship team. Elders in the last year have stepped up to lead services. We befriended Pastor Phil as he's led a whole lot of our worship services as well. It's a time of transition for many.

So how do you welcome a new pastor? I don't know. Never done it before. I'm much more used to being the new guy than the vet. For many of you though- this is not new. Bethlehem has done it- at least 6 times in our 60 some year history. I assume though it's the same as welcoming anyone else. Be friendly, pray for him and his family. Invite them over for dinner. Help them find meaningful work. Ask their opinions. Bring them a meal. As I was searching scripture thinking about this- when it comes to hospitality the Bible doesn't say much about being hospitable to church

leaders. It tells church leaders to be hospitable. It's certainly not against treating church workers well- but when it comes to hospitality it encourages us to treat the poor, the foreigner, the orphan, those overlooked by others and seen as less than, the same way. So those things you do for Pastor Brian and his family- do them for Robert. The homeless man who has found a home parking his RV in front of Bethlehem. Do them for the new person in the pew you just met. The easiest and best way you can handle someone else is likely by greeting them with a smile, listening to them, and simply being present for them.

Why would we do all of that? Well welcoming the stranger and loving your neighbor is one of the highest callings God gives us. And it's also what Jesus does for us. Jesus listens, unconventionally loves us, and provides for us in ways we will never quite know even though we are certainly less than He.

God bless,

Eric Oswald DCE

YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS

Sept. 6th Labor day weekend- we say goodbye to Pastor Phil at 8:30 and 11am worship.

Sept. 13th We say hello to Pastor Brian Francik at one rally day communion service at 10:30am followed by a potluck.

Sept. 20th-Sunday School begins Sept. 20th from 9:45-10:45am. We will have four classes for those under 18 this year! Pre-school through 2nd grade they will be looking at the life of Christ this fall. 3rd through 6th grade will be together doing a curriculum called "Simply loved" they will be begin by looking at Genesis and learning about God's love and God's plan for us! 7th and 8th graders will be doing an overview of the Bible in confirmation class and Eli Plopper will be leading high

schoolers in a look at the creeds. Please fill out the attached medical form before bringing your kids to their first class!

Sunday Sept. 27th- 3pm will be the installation service of Pastor Brian Francik. I hope you can make it! There will be a service with a reception to follow!



Bethlehem Children's Medical Form 2026-2027

Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45am Sundays at Bethlehem 18865 SW Johnson! This form is for those 6th grade and younger. Pre-school 3's & 4's meet in the back middle of the community center. Kindergarten through 6th grade meets in the double classroom of the community center facing the pre-school playground.

Child(ren) 's name(s) _____

Date(s) of Birth _____ Grade(s) in School 2026-27 _____

Allergies or other conditions we should be aware of (ADD, physical issues, etc.) _____

Parent or guardian's names _____

E-mail _____ Cell phone _____

Address _____

Med. Ins. Company _____ Policy #: _____

Dental Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Authorized persons to pick up my child: _____

Emergency Contact (Names and cell phone #s): _____

I give permission for my child's image to be used in promotional materials on the internet Yes No.

I understand reasonable precautions will be taken by Bethlehem and its agents during the events and activities including Bible study, playground time, music, crafts, games like tag and relay races, and being on stage for productions. I, the undersigned parent or guardian, authorize emergency medical, dental, or hospital services to be given at the discretion of a Bethlehem Lutheran staff member or designated volunteer at my expense when needed while involved in activities connected with Bethlehem Lutheran Church's children's ministry, which may be off site, when I or my emergency contact is unavailable to give consent. Further, the participant (or parent/guardian) releases and promises to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the activity sponsor for any injury arising directly or indirectly out of the described activity or transportation to and from the activity, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of the activity sponsor, the participant, or otherwise. I agree not to hold Bethlehem, its leaders, employees, and volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, diseases, death, or injuries incurred by the subject of this form. This authorization is effective Sept. 2026-Sept. 2027. In case of an emergency, we understand we will be contacted as soon as possible. If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the participant (or parent/guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the participant (or parent/guardian) and the activity sponsor cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel for resolution in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

_____ Date ____/____/____ If you have questions on any of this - contact Eric Oswald ericmoswald@gmail.com or 801-518-9411 for more details! Bring this form to the church office or class which begins Sept 20th.

LWML

All ladies are invited to attend our meeting/luncheon on Thursday, September 17th at 11:30am.

Bring a salad or dessert and join us!

NEXT MEETING: September 17th @ 11:30a

Bring a salad or a dessert and join us!



**Lutheran
Women
*in Mission***

LOVE INC NEWS

Hello Wonderful Love INC Partner Churches!

Thank you so much for your partnership! Love INC provides opportunities for churches to connect with neighbors with needs and also opportunities for both neighbors with needs and church volunteers to learn about and grow in their God given potential and walk into that abundant life God has for them. One way we do this is by providing classes and a space for people to learn practical skills and life-changing concepts in our Restoring Hope classes.

Our Fall term of Restoring Hope classes begins Thursday, September 24, 2026!

Ways your church can be involved:

- Join our class as a participant and/or invite others to join
 - Invite church members and/or neighbors to take a class
 - Take a class for yourself to learn the valuable information
 - Take a class to become a mentor in a future class to walk alongside participants

- Provide a meal
 - Rally a small group to provide dinner to Restoring Hope class participants and volunteers
 - Dinners typically need to serve 12-25 people
 - Bring the meal and serve it on a Thursday night
 - Volunteer with Restoring Hope
 - Apply to join our rotating team of childcare workers to assist in our children's program
 - Learn more about becoming a facilitator, a discussion leader, or a mentor in a future class
- Donate financially
 - Participants of the classes are provided with a workbook or binder printed materials, at no cost to them, which costs \$10-20 to purchase or produce. Each week Restoring Hope Participants are eligible to earn incentives valued at \$10-15 for attendance and completed homework



**Greater
Hillsboro**

RALLY SUNDAY

Sept 13

Joint Worship Service 10:30am

Church Picnic 12:00pm



YOUTH NIGHT! KICKOFF

Family Potluck & Kickball
Sunday, September 20th
5:30p | Community Center



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Young Adult Bible Study

2nd & 4th Mondays

6:30p | Youth Room

For those in the 18-29 age range.



Men's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Mondays

6:30p | The Inn



Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 10:30a | The Inn

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Preschool		1 7:00pm Elder's Mtg (Inn) 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	2 10:30am Adult Bible Study (Inn) 6:00pm MK Harp Class (Dbl Clsrm) 6:00pm Preschool Board Meeting (Meeting Room) 6:45pm Preschool Parent Orientation (Worship Center)	3	4 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	5
6 8:30am Traditional Worship Service w/Communion 11:00am Morning Song Worship Service w/Communion 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise) 5:30pm Youth Night!	7 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise)	8 7:00pm Admin Council (Inn) 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	9 10:30am Adult Bible Study (Inn) 6:00pm MK Harp Class (Dbl Clsrm)	10 10:00am Aloha Garden Club (CC)	11 6:30pm Folk Dancing (CC) 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	12
13 "Mite Box" Sunday 10:30am Rally Sunday Joint Service 12:00pm Rally Sunday Potluck 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise)	14 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise) 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Yth Rm) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (CC)	15 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	16 10:30am Adult Bible Study (Inn) 6:00pm MK Harp Class (Dbl Clsrm)	17 11:30am LWML Meeting (Sonrise)	18 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	19
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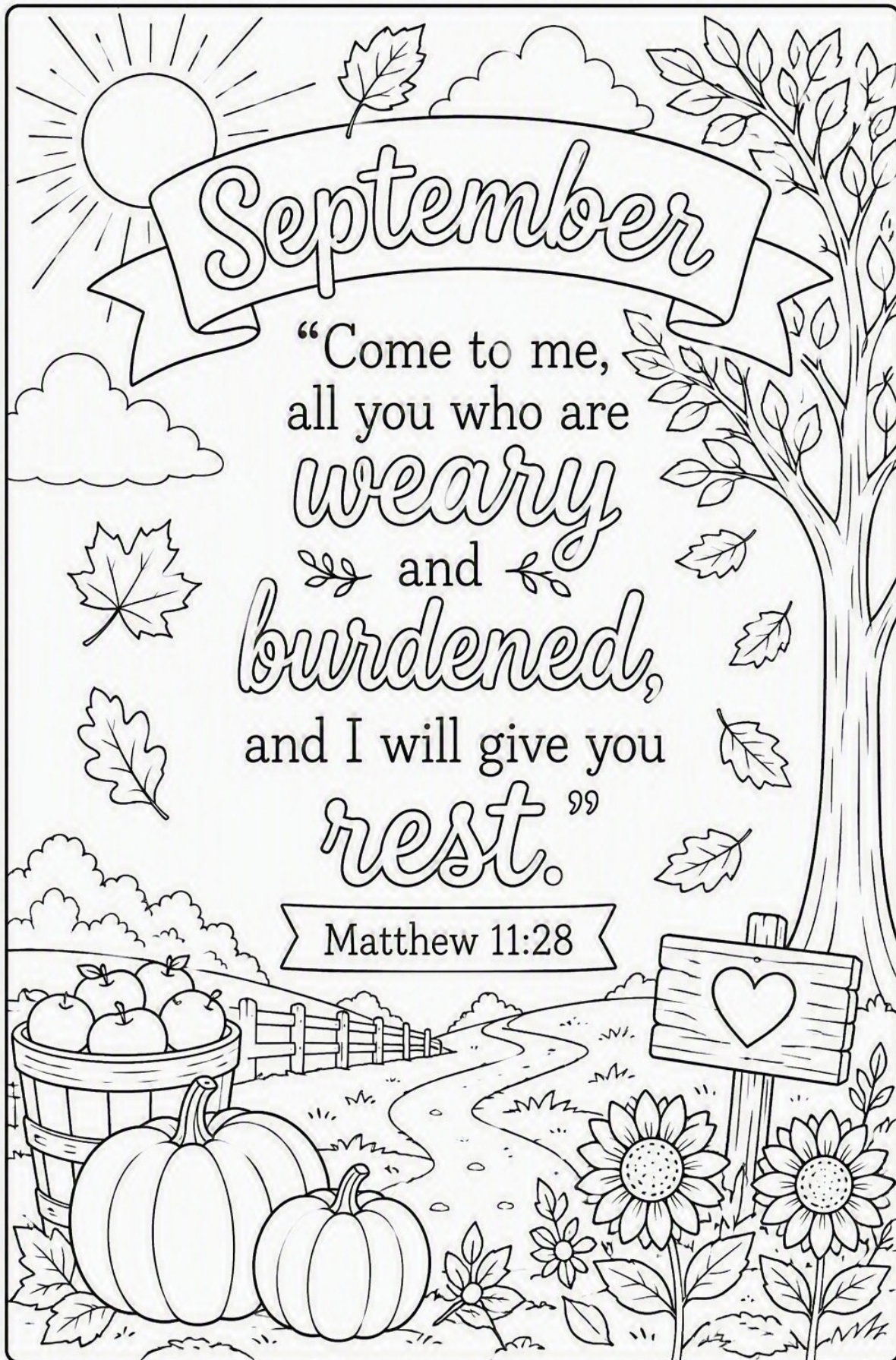


Bethlehem Lutheran Church

SERVICE ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 27
Eternal Candle	Erline Binkerd			
Altar Flowers		Peter & Mary Heck	Phyllis Vantine	Eric & Becky Oswald
Elder on Duty 8:30 11:00	Terry Beale Mark Leinhos	Matt Boelter 10:30am only	Terry Beale Dennic Fredrick	Terry Beale Ivan Weichbrodt
Acolytes 8:30 11:00	Lily Hartman Clara Plopper	Anna Hoffman Erik Agard 10:30 only	Jillian Davis Anna Hoffman	Lily Hartman Erik Agard
Lay Reader 8:30 11:00	Joel Prusi Mark Leinhos	Heather Cammack	Greg Geist Becky Oswald	Eli Plopper Eric Oswald
Ushers 8:30 11:00	Dave Dubberke Nan Dubberke Lorna Zimbrick	Charles Finster 10:30am only	Gayna Flake Lee Kauth Rick Refsland JoAnna Refsland	Hank Modro Charles Finster
Communion Servers 8:30 11:00	Joel Prusi Bob Baker		Matt Finney Bob Baker	
Altar Guild Set Up Clean Up	Heather Cammack Kay Starts		Lisa Siewert Kathryn Plopper	
Organist @ 8:30	Phyllis Murken	Dwight Siewert	Phyllis Murken	Phyllis Murken
	15th Sunday After Pentecost	Rally Day	17th Sunday After Pentecost	18th Sunday After Pentecost



ANNIVERSARIES



Sep 4	Greg and Anne Dubberke (16)
Sep 6	Randy and Cerise Whitten (18)
Sep 7	Martha and Edward Browning (26)
Sep 10	Mike and Sue Salzman (49)
Sep 11	Eric and Zoe Godsey (27)

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 2 Mark Leinhos	Sep 15 Audra Pfund
Sep 2 Loretta Sloan	Sep 16 Greg Dent
Sep 3 Oliver Hartman	Sep 20 Evelyn Gieszler
Sep 3 Abigail Plopper	Sep 22 Jennie Schwarz
Sep 4 Ruth White	Sep 22 Laurie Siewert
Sep 5 Cindy Schmick	Sep 24 Larry Laws
Sep 6 Hazel Heck	Sep 25 Eric Oswald
Sep 9 Cliff Heldt	Sep 25 Kathleen Willhite
Sep 13 Laura Baker	Sep 26 William Van Altvorst
Sep 13 Viv Saccareccia	Sep 29 Jeff Trump
Sep 14 Emily Heck	



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September

We Worship

Live-Streamed & In-Person
Sundays 8:30am & 11:00am
www.BLCfamily.org/bethlehem-online

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YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD,
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

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