



May 3 & 4, 2026

Adult Bible Study

We continue with our study of Esther—“Our Often-Hidden, Ever Present God”. This study will give us the opportunity to reflect on God’s work in our lives and through our actions. Bible study is Sundays from 9:25-10:15am.

Sunday School/Youth Bible Hour

Today’s lesson is “A Servant Speaks-Stephen” (Acts 6-7). For more information and/or updates, go to bethlehem-wels.com/sunday-school.

After 45 years, Becky Barkholtz will be retiring from teaching Sunday School. We thank Becky for the many, many years of loyal service to our Lord & Savior! Just think of all the lives she has touched through those years! In conjunction with our last **Sunday, May 17th**, we are hosting a recognition & fellowship gathering for Becky following the early service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, especially past students.

Growth Group

Our sermon-based Bible Study Growth Group meets on Wednesdays at 6pm at church.

Confirmation Today

Confirmation will take place today during the 10:30am service. Our confirmands are Jaymison Albert, Leahann Grossman, Chloe Kryszak, Maryssa Krutke, Kellan Mullock, Gunner Trudeau, Amelia Waterstradt, & Adam Ziesemer.

Choir at Living Tree Estates – May 6

The choir will be at Living Tree Estates on **Wednesday, May 6**, at 6pm to sing for the residents. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join them there.

Congregational Meeting - Building Our Legacy Update – May 17

On **Sunday, May 17**, starting at 9:15am, our Building Steering Committee will be bringing forward an update on the project as well as looking to approve the next major step. Everyone is welcome!

WORSHIP

Sundays: 8am & 10:30am

(both streamed)

Mondays: 6:30pm

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays from 9:25-10:15am

Bible Basics: Sundays from 9:25-10:15am

Women’s Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Mondays from 1-2pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Bethlehem

Monday	1pm	Women's Bible Study
	5:30pm	Board of Member Care
	6:30pm	Worship
Wednesday	6pm	Growth Group
	7pm	Choir
Thursday	9:30-11:30am	Pastor Office Hours at Church
	6pm	Board of Discipleship
	6pm	Board of Worship

See **Rummage Sale This Week** for dates/times this week!

Gifts Given

April 26, 2026: *General Fund* - \$13,767; *General Debt* - \$287; *Needy People* - \$500; *Youth Group Rally* - \$50; *Floor Scrubber* - \$20; *WELS Christian Aid & Relief* - \$100; *WELS Deaf Hard of Hearing* - \$20; *FVL Let the Children Come* - \$10; *The Hope Center* - \$20; and *Building Our Legacy* - \$8,200.

In honor of Carol Huebner's 92nd birthday, \$92 was given to the general fund. God's blessings to her on this special occasion.

Meditation Booklets Available

Meditation booklets (May 31 – August 29, 2026) are available in the back of the church.

Employment Opportunities – Bethlehem Lutheran School

BLS is looking for **Teacher Assistants** and an **Aftercare Teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year. Reach out to Mr. Kujath (principal@bethlehem-wels.com) or Ms. Nikki (njohnson@bethlehem-wels.com) for more information and/or to apply.

Dairy Queen Dine-In Day - This Wednesday, May 6th

This **Wednesday, May 6th**, is the next Bethlehem Dine-In Day at Dairy Queen, here in Hortonville. Dine in or grab take-out from 4pm-8pm and 20% of all orders that evening will be donated to Building Our Legacy. This time, we don't need to let them know we're with Bethlehem, all orders that evening will earn for Bethlehem. Stop by the church office to purchase a Dairy Queen Scrip card and earn an additional 6.5% for Bethlehem on your order.

Youth Group Meeting – May 13th

The Bethlehem Youth Group (5th-12th graders) will have a "pizza party" from 6-7pm at church on **Wednesday, May 13th**. Contact Pastor Paustian or Mrs. Bellile at bellile@bethlehem-wels.com for more information & to RSVP.

OWLS Meeting – May 21st

Our next OWLS meeting is on **Thursday, May 21st**, beginning with a lunch at 12:30pm. Please bring your own lunch & drink. Our speaker will be from Christian Family Solutions and will talk about mental health for seniors.

Rummage Sale This Week / May 7th–9th

Bethlehem is having a rummage sale this week along with the city-wide sale, with all proceeds going toward Building Our Legacy. For those donating items, all drop-offs should be brought to church on **Tuesday** between 10am-7pm. For those coming to shop, we're open **Friday** 8am-6pm & **Saturday** 8am-2pm. Everything that fits in a paper bag is \$10 a bag & oversized items are priced individually. ***We could use more volunteers specifically from 2-6pm on all days, all day Saturday and with after sale cleanup.***

Brat Fry & Bake Sale

Join us for lunch during the rummage sale! We'll be serving brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs on Friday and Saturday. Stop by, say hi, and grab a bite at our brat fry. New this year — we'll have a Bake Sale during the rummage sale until items run out. ***We need bakers!*** Thanks to a Thrivent card, the church kitchen is stocked (today only!) with ingredients you can take home. Simply stop by the kitchen, grab what you need, bake your goodies at home, and drop them off at church — we'll handle the packaging.

Bethlehem Timber Rattlers Game - May 15th

Mark your calendars for Bethlehem night at the ballpark. Join us on **Friday, May 15th** at 6:40pm as we cheer on the Timber Rattlers while supporting Bethlehem. This special night is being held in conjunction with the BLS Students FANGs Reading Challenge, and those students who participated will receive a free ticket to the game. For anyone else attending, \$3 of each ticket sold using our custom order link will be given back to Building Our Legacy.

Bethlehem's Custom Link to Order

Tickets: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/BethlehemLutheran26>

Link to Order Student Reading Club tickets: bit.ly/fangsreadingclub

New Concessions Opportunity

Bethlehem has an opportunity to partner with the Greenville YMCA to run a simple concessions stand at Lions Park during the summer soccer games. It could be a great opportunity to earn additional money for Building Our Legacy. Right now, there are a lot of details that need to be worked through with the Y, so we are just looking to gauge interest in the opportunity. ***If you are interested in running or working the stand, please let the office know this week so we can get back to the Y.*** A stipend would be available for those working. Dates: Mon, Tu or Wed in June/July. Times: 4pm-8pm. Age: High school age and up.

WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry

Our next collection is **Saturday, May 9**. The following items are needed at the pantry: pork n beans/baked beans; tomato soup; cream of mushroom soup; canned carrots, mixed veggies & peas; jam; canned peaches, pears, & jars of applesauce; boxed potato side dishes; boxed instant rice; & women's body wash. Thank you for your support of the pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

LMSG Workshop for Veterans & First Responders

Veterans, First Responders and Public Safety Personnel — You're Invited! Join us on **Saturday, May 9**, from 9am-2pm at St. Paul Lutheran Ministries, Appleton, for a special LMSG Workshop created for those who serve others under pressure, as well as their families. Co-hosted by Lutheran Military Support Group and Institutional Ministries. Register or learn more at www.lutheranmilitary.org.

MLC Day – May 6

Friends of Martin Luther College (MLC) are coming together on MLC Day, **Wednesday, May 6**, to support the Knights—the men and women training to become your pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. MLC Day gifts support the [Congregational Partner Grant Program](#), a giving initiative that contributes directly to student tuition and reduces student debt. The goal this year is to raise \$150,000, and generous donors are matching each gift, dollar for dollar. Learn more here: [#MLCDAY26](#)

Fox Valley Lutheran High School

- **Summer Camps and Youth Sports opportunities** are shared on fvlhs.org/youth-sports.
- All are invited to the **FVL High School Band Concert** in the FVL Auditorium on **Wednesday, May 6**, at 6:30pm.
- Join us in the FVL auditorium for the **FVLHS Jazz Band Concert** on **Monday, May 11**, at 6:30pm. Concert will also be livestreamed.
- You are invited to the **FVL Choirs & Choraliers Spring Concert** in the FVL Auditorium on **Sunday, May 17**, at 2pm. Concert will also be livestreamed.
- **FVL's annual Golf Outing (Friday, June 12) registration (\$125/golfer) opens on Friday, May 1**. Get your foursome together now—this event tends to fill up quickly! Information and registration at fvlhs.org/golf.
- **Need for host families!** Consider hosting an international student, so they can get a Christ-centered education at FVL. Contact Monica Uhlenbrauck (muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org).