



September 13 & 14, 2026

Esther Bible Study

Join us around 9:25am each Sunday for a study on the book of Esther. Do you struggle to see how God is working in your life? Esther teaches Christians to believe that although God's hand in our lives is often hidden, he is always there, working for the good of his people.

Sunday School/Youth Bible Hour

Today's lesson is "The Kingdom of Children – Jesus Blesses the Children" (Luke 13:15-17). Visit bethlehem-wels.com/sunday-school for updates and messages. Anyone interested in helping with SS/YBH, or for more information, contact Linda Lambie at 920-757-6889.

Bible Basics Starts September 14

Our next Bible Basics course starts Monday, September 14 at 5:15pm at church. This is a 13-lesson course for those interested in membership at Bethlehem. It's also a great opportunity to review for current members.

Catechism for 5th-6th graders – Wednesday, September 16

Our 5th-6th parent-led course for BLS, public, and home school 5th-6th graders will start on **Wednesday, September 16 at 5pm**. Talk to a pastor if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study – Special Event – September 14

Attention all women of Bethlehem and beyond! For our first session on **Monday, September 14 at 1pm**, we will view the "Sacred Rhythms" webinar. Panelists will share their ideas, insights, and experiences to help us build or improve a life of daily devotion. There are so many great tips! The webinar lasts 1 hour and 15 minutes so please plan accordingly. Hope you can join us! Regular meetings for "Rejoice in the Lord" begin on Monday, September 21 at 1pm.

WORSHIP

Sundays: 8am & 10:30am
(both streamed)

Mondays: 6:30pm

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays from 9:25-10:15am

Bible Basics on Mondays at 5:15pm

Women's Bible Study, Monday, September 14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Bethlehem

Monday	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	5:15pm	Bible Basics
		Voter's Meeting – Building our Legacy
	6:30pm	Worship
Wednesday	5:00pm	5 th -6 th Catechism Class
	5:00pm	7 th -8 th Catechism Class
	6:00pm	Growth Group
	7:00pm	Choir
Thursday	9:30-11:30am	Pastor Office Hours at Church
	12:30pm	OWLS
	5:30pm	Executive Board
	6:30pm	Council Meeting

Gifts Given

September 6, 2026: *General Fund* - \$14,236; *General Debt* - \$1,540; *LWMS* - \$50; *Church Picnic* - \$100; *Central Africa Medical Mission* - \$25; *Deaf & Hard of Hearing/WELS* - \$50; *FVL Capital Project* - \$60; and *Building Our Legacy* - \$3,155.

Building Our Legacy – Voter's Meeting – Monday, Sept. 14

Please see the insert for more information and make plans to attend.

Dash Down Nash Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the Annual Dash Down Nash! What a great day! And a special thank you to the Dash Down Nash Committee for putting on another excellent event!

September Dine Out for Building Our Legacy!

This month our dine-out night is multiple nights. Every Monday in September, from 4-9pm, Warrant 5896 Saloon & Chow (formerly Otter Creek) in Hortonville will donate 15% of your bill to our Building Our Legacy campaign. That's **September 14, 21, and 28!** Dine-in or carryout. Just mention you're with Bethlehem, and that's it!

Sign up for a Home Visit with Pastor Rugen!

Pastor Rugen would like to better get to know you, the members of Bethlehem! A sign-up sheet to schedule a visit with Pastor Rugen is available at the back of church. Please write your name, phone number, and the location where you'd like to meet (home, church, coffee shop, etc.). Once you sign up, Pastor Rugen will be in contact with you to confirm the visit. He is excited to be here and is looking forward to getting to know you all!

No Monday Night Worship September 21

Please note that we will not have Monday night worship on Monday, September 21, as all 3 pastors will be away at a conference.

Help Needed – October LWMS Fall Rally – October 3

Bethlehem is hosting the LWMS Fall Rally on **Saturday, October 3** and help is needed! Can you help with serving food or bake? Do you like to decorate or help at the registration tables? If you would like to be involved, contact Brenda Ehlers (text or call 920-540-2037).

Pictorial Directories are here!

The directories have arrived and can be picked up in the narthex between services. Please contact Sarah Ziesemer with questions, 920-915-5250.

Meals are appreciated!

We are asking for meal donations for the Dauntes family. If you would like to participate, please follow this link: <https://mealtrain.com/l485e4>
The family really appreciates the kindness and help they have received from the congregation. They want you to know that Hero is doing well but still has multiple surgeries and many doctor appointments ahead of him. They are feeling grateful and thankful!

Looking for a Part-time Job?

Do you enjoy working with children? If so, BLS is looking for an **Aftercare Teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year. Reach out to Ms. Nikki (njohnson@bethlehem-wels.com) for more information and/or to apply.

AROUND THE AREA

WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry

The following is the list of items currently in need of at the pantry: Adult cereals, all canned fruit, canned peas and corn, tomato and chicken noodle soups, spaghetti noodles and pasta sauces, egg noodles and other miscellaneous pasta, mashed potato sides and boxed potato sides, rice side dishes, jam/jelly, pancake mix and syrup, and bathroom cleaning products. Thank you for your support of our pantry during these challenging times.

Fox Valley Lutheran High School

- **FVL Giving Day is September 15! We are kicking off our \$1.5 million match effort with a \$250,000 goal for Giving Day.** Contributions will help us pay vendors now, and meeting the match in full by July 2028 will reduce our annual mortgage payments by nearly \$200,000 each year. Go to fvlhs.org/giving for details. If you have questions, contact the Director of Mission Advancement, Rev. Tom Mielke (tmielke@fvlhs.org).
- **Youth Sports opportunities** are shared online. Included are a few more openings for Jr. Foxes Baseball in the summer of 2027, 8U softball in summer of 2027, FVL Boys Hoops Club, and Nothin' But Net Girls Basketball. They can be found at fvlhs.org/youth-sports.
- Join us for the **No Frills Golf Classic** on Monday, October 12. Proceeds will help to defray costs of FVL IMPACT trips. Go to fvlhs.org/no-frills for details.
- **Seven of FVL's graduating classes** are invited to receive special recognition at the Homecoming football game vs. Waupaca on **Friday, October 9**. The classes of 1966, 1976, 1986, 1991, 2001, 2016, and 2026 are included in this special recognition. Tours of the school begin at 5:00 PM. All alumni are invited to attend for free (check in at the alumni table) and for a chance to win a drawing.
- **The Fall Sacred Concert** is on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 PM in the FVL auditorium. The concert, featuring FVL choirs and bands, will also be streamed on the FVL YouTube channel.