

## Mission Statement

**Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School disciples each generation to grow deeply, serve humbly and go boldly in Christ to advance God's Kingdom.**

We are blessed with you in worship today and we pray you are encouraged by God's love. We invite you to complete an attendance card that was handed out with this bulletin - guests of Suburban Bethlehem please use the green side of the card and place it in the offering plate. The Sundays in the Epiphany Season are all about the Light of Christ growing in our hearts and lives. Jesus is our Light and our Salvation, whom shall we fear? Since Jesus is for us, nothing can be against us. Grow in this Light!

### Worship Schedule

#### **SATURDAY:**

5:00 pm Informal Worship *(in Fellowship Hall)*

#### **SUNDAY:**

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Education Hour – All Ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

#### **DRIVE-IN WORSHIP**

Tune Your Car Radio to 87.9 FM

**ONLINE WORSHIP @ SBL YouTube**

#### Wednesdays in Lent

**(Through March 24)**

**3:05 & 6:00 pm Worship Services**

*Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no Lenten meals.*

#### Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Palm Sunday March 28 (27)** – Regular Services

**Maundy Thursday – April 1** – 3:05 & 6:00 pm

**Good Friday – April 2** – 12:00 & 6:00 pm

**Easter Prayer Vigil – April 3** – 12:00 – 5:00 pm

**Easter Vigil Service – April 3** – 5:00 pm

**Easter Sunday – April 4** – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

*Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no Easter Breakfast.*



# Suburban Bethlehem

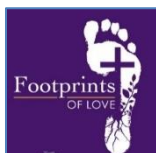
## Lutheran Church & School

Deeply rooted to grow

6318 W. California Rd  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

**February 20 & 21, 2021**  
**First Sunday**  
**in Lent**

“Be strong and courageous.” The Lord told this to Joshua as he was taking up the mantle of leadership after the death of Moses. These same words are the theme for our 2020-21 Ministry Year. Our courage and strength are rooted in the truth our Savior is with us wherever we are. We praise God you are joining us in worship and we pray you know His love in Jesus!



## Bible Study

### Sunday Morning – 9:30 am

**“Places of the Passion”** will provide us an opportunity to spend some time in God’s Word exploring more details about the places we discover in our Wednesday worship services. Come along for the journey each Sunday as we dig into God’s Word. 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Bill facilitates.

**“Sports and the Bible!”** (Feb. 7 – Feb. 28, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-High School) Did you know that the Bible has many sports analogies and connections? Join the Youth Team on Sundays, 9:30am-10:15 am in the Youth Room. We will dive into these connections and discuss how they can be a part of your playbook of life!”

**Kid’s Klub Sunday School (2yr – 5<sup>th</sup> grade):** 9:30 am-10:15 am. This year the Biblical stories and lessons will focus on the Old Testament. (Meet in the gym) If you are still worshipping in the parking lot or at home, virtual lesson will be available.

**Men’s Saturday Morning Bible Study (8:00 am – Upper Room)** We are a small group that enjoys fellowship and the study of God’s Word for an hour every Saturday morning. If you have any questions, please call Dan Schwarz 637-8318.

**Saturday Mid–Morning Men’s Bible Study** in the Upper Room from 9:30 am-10:30 am. Forgiving what you can’t forget”. Facilitated by Tim Mueller you may contact him at 438-1149 or at timothy123mueller@gmail.com for information.

**Mon. Evening Women’s Bible Study** Meets in the Fellowship Hall and by Zoom at 7:00 pm-Forgiving what you can’t forget” by Lysa TerKeurst. Only the Study Book is needed. Please call Tina Harmeyer at 260-310-0367 for more information.

**Wednesday Women’s Bible Study** We will be starting Women of Easter by Liz Curtis Higgs on February 17 at 8 am in the Upper Room at church or by zoom at 7 pm. This is going to be a 6 week Bible study. Please read chapters 1 & 2 for the first week. Contact Diana Taylor 260-413-8157. We will take Ash Wednesday, February 24, 2022 off plus it is a very special voters meeting after the 6:00 pm worship service

## His Love – Our Response

### Attendance

February 13 & 14, 2021

41 +110 (88 / 22) + 139 (104 / 35) = 290

Worship Video viewed 65

Main Bible Study 17

Family & Youth Bible Study 6

Kids Corner Sunday School

<b>Weekly</b>	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$ 13,485.31	\$ 18,094.85
Building Fund	\$ 830.00	\$ 3,089.47
<b>YTD</b>	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$ 564,233.88	\$ 597,130.05
Building Fund	\$ 72,428.98	\$ 101,952.51

*Positive change begins with your generosity.*

**Food Pantry Ministry** We are very blessed to have a Food Pantry at Suburban Bethlehem. We want to be able to reach out and assist those who are going through challenging times. If you know of anyone, who is in need of food assistance, please let one of the Pastors or Kay Howard know. Thank you.

**2021 Offering Envelopes** The envelopes are available in the welcome center area.

**The 2020 financial statements** are available to pick up in the church lobby.

**Holy Week Worship Schedule** – See the front cover for the times of our Holy Week Worship Services. As we did at Christmas, we will most likely ask everyone to indicate in advance which Easter service they plan to attend. Look for more details to come soon! Drive-In worship option will be at all the Holy Week Services. Thank you for understanding.

**Flowers on the Altar** are given by the David Reinhard family in memory of Kathryn.

**Baptized today** at the 8:00 am service is Oakley Jane Noll. Child of Matthew & Lindsey Noll, she was born January 29, 2021. Oakley’s sponsors are Beth Schaefer and Kaitlenn Noll. Welcome Oakley to the family of faith!

**Baptized today** at the 10:30 am service is Sawyer Ryan Wyse. Child of Stephanie & Randy Wyse, he was born December 31, 2020. Sawyer’s sponsors are Kevin & Stacie Gass. Welcome Sawyer to the family of faith!

## **Worship Leaders**

Preacher: Pastor Alex Duff  
Liturgist: Pastor Bill Mueller  
Scripture Reading: Sem. John Kastner  
Altar Guild: Susan Eastes  
Mary Zelt  
Musicians: (5:00) Thomas Wilson  
(8:00) Renee Marinko  
(10:30) Redeemed

### **February 21-27, 2021**

**Sunday: *Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am***  
***Drive-in Worship Service audio only available***

Education Hour 9:30 am-Bible Studies – Tough Questions and “Sports and the Bible!, Kids Klub and Confirmation Class  
Blood Drive 9:00 am-3:00 pm

#### **Monday:**

Handbell Choir 6:00 pm  
Women’s Bible Study 7:30 pm

#### **Tuesday:**

Redeemed 6:30 pm  
Outreach meeting 6:30 pm

#### **Wednesday: *Chapel 8:15 am***

**Mid week Lent Services 3:05 & 6:00 pm**  
**Voter’s Meeting 7:00 pm**

#### **Thursday:**

#### **Friday:**

#### **Saturday:**

***Worship Service 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall***  
Men’s Bible Study 8:00 am  
Saturday Mid-morning Men’s Bible Study 9:30 am

**Audio / Video Grant APPROVED** We praise and thank God The Lutheran Foundation has approved our grant application for updating our sound system in the church (this also includes equipment for live streaming of services and updated lighting in the chancel). Thank you for your kind and generous support of this project. We have reached our goal of \$20,000.

**SBLs Grade 6-Sent to Serve Project** - Animal Care and Control Center needs donations. If you would like to help, please donate pet food, pet toys, towels, and blankets – place in the donation box in the Church lobby. Monetary donations are being collected too. Donations are needed by March 7, 2021. Thanks!

**Lenten Worship Services** continue each Wednesday with worship services at 3:05 and 6:00 pm. Due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns and restrictions we will not be offering Lenten Meals this year. The theme for these Wednesday Worship Services is “Places of the Passion.” Each Wednesday we will travel to another particular place in the passion of our Lord to see what happened there and how we grow closer to Him. Join us! “Drive-In” worship option is available at both 3:05 and 6:00 pm Services. Each week the 6:00 pm worship service will be live streamed.

### **Request from Pastor Alex & Voters Meeting February 24**

– As announced in the February newsletter, Pastor Alex Duff has requested the congregation to change his status from full time to part time effective later this summer. Only the Voters can approve this. Also, with this change in status (approved and recommended by Board of Elders and Church Council) and Kay Howard’s retirement, the question is what levels of staffing are appropriate on the church staff. This will be discussed and preliminary approval at a special **Voters Meeting** on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 pm. Also on the agenda will be the approval of using funds from the Special Projects Fund to be matched with the funds raised (and The Lutheran Foundation grant) for the Audio / Video upgrade.

**Suburban Bethlehem Blood Drive:** On Sunday, February 21, 9am-3pm, To register, go to red-crossblood.org. In the upper right corner you will see “Find a Blood Drive.” Type in SBLC and click on it. When you get a list of times, click on the time that you would like to donate. If you do not have a blood donation account, you will have to set one up. The second option is to call 1-800-RED-CROS (1-800-733-2767) and schedule. Let’s come together, fill all the slots and make a difference. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Alex (260-403-6496, alexduff58@gmail.com)

**Did You Know?** that for 2020 tax returns you might be eligible for up to a \$300 tax deduction even if you do not itemize deductions? You will need to pick up your 2020 giving statement in the Fellowship Hall if you want to file that way.

**Save the Date!** VBS Sunday June 27 through Thursday, July 1, 2021. More information to follow in the newsletter and bulletins.

## **Sermon Notes**

### **Church**

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### **School**

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Missionary Pastor Steve & Cyndi Schumacher –*deployed at Ghana, West Africa*

Alex Duff, Pastor of Youth & Family Ministry

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