

## **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 which you will find next to the hymnals in the pew rack - guests of Suburban Bethlehem please use the green side of the card and place it in the offering plate. The Season of Easter is the time for us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! Jesus lives...and so do we! Our Scripture Readings draw our attention on the fact and joyful implications of Jesus' Resurrection! Alleluia!

## **Spring Worship Schedule**

### **SATURDAY:**

**5:00 pm Informal Worship** *(in Fellowship Hall)*  
*(through May 18)*

### **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**

*Monday 7:00 pm Worship Services resume May 27*



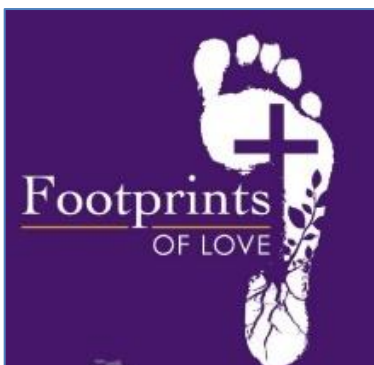
# Suburban Bethlehem

## Lutheran Church & School

Deeply rooted to grow

6318 W. California Rd  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

***May 12 (11), 2024***  
***The Ascension of Our Lord***



“Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.” – our theme verse (Psalm 66:5) for the 2023-24 Ministry Year. What has God done? Through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God gives us our salvation. We are in our 126<sup>th</sup> year as a church (141<sup>st</sup> as a school). We invite you to also “Come and see what God has done!”

## **Bible Study Sunday Morning**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** “Galatians,” 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. Join us as Sem. Stephen Lane explores Galatians.

**“Growing Disciples”** –in science room 208 at 9:30 am. This Bible Study will help teach some of the key aspects of Christianity, including such things as Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. This is open to current members and those wanting to become members of SBLC! Celebrate what God’s Word teaches!

**Sunday School** All ages will be in the Youth Room at 9:15. Please pick up your child at 10:15 am. There will be no Sunday School on May 19 & 26.

**\*Summer Sunday School** VBS style with Mrs. Holman will begin June 2 from 9:15 am-10:15 am. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office so we can plan enough supplies for your children.

**A Different Kind of Men’s Bible Study** 33 The Series-Volume 5: *A Man and His Marriage*. Six weekly Sunday sessions at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall until May 19. RSVP to the church office at 484-7873.

## **Saturday**

**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 609-8319.

## **During the Week**

**Tuesday Night Women’s Bible Study** Join us at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a new study *Trusting God* by Sharon Jaynes. Contact Tina Harmeyer 310-0367 with any questions.

**God’s Girls Bible Study** Wednesdays 8-10 am. *Just Like Jesus: Learning to Have a Heart Like His* by Max Lucado. Questions text Diana 413-8157.

**Friday Morning Women’s Bible Study** meets via ZOOM at 9 am. **Beginning April 5<sup>th</sup>** we start a new Bible Study on “*The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer”. Contact Patty at 247-0788 with questions.

**\*Senior Group Meeting May 16** Join us this Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch and presentation from Amy Greener and Patty Macke about the ministry of our school. Join us!

**VBS Volunteers Needed** - For more information or to volunteer email Deaconess Michelle at mschultz@sblschool.com. This year’s theme is Scuba and will run from 9 am-noon on June 17-21.

## **His Love – Our Response**

### **Attendance**

**May 4 & 5, 2024**

**40 + 145 + 168 = 353**

**Worship Video viewed 46**

**Bible Study 39 + Sunday School 17 = 56**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
General Fund	\$ 19,270.16	\$ 18,217.07
Building Fund	\$ 4,281.07	\$ 3,031.17
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	\$ 235.00	\$ 0.00
<b>YTD</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
General Fund	\$823,169.76	\$819,775.54
Building Fund	\$97,005.81	\$136,402.65
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	\$ 106,453.76	0.00

*Positive change begins with your generosity.*

**June Footprints of Love:** Habitat for Humanity: Saturday, June 8 from 8 am-12 pm. Volunteer opportunities include working on site or providing snacks/lunch for our crew. Register by Sunday, **May 27**, using signup sheet at Welcome Center or contacting Pastor Alex by (alexduff58@gmail.com, 260-484-7873)

**Earrings for Sale-** Women’s Ministry will be selling handmade flower earrings for \$5 (cash or check) per pair while supplies last after Sunday services on May 12. These will make great gifts for Mom for Mother’s Day or for any other women in your life!

**New Walker Available** to anyone in need. Contact Pastor Alex with any questions.

**Summer Camp Signs** - are located at the welcome center! Please take one to put in your yard to help us advertise. Thank you!

## **\*Birthdays This Week**

**May 12** Olivia Fabian, Emmett Yoder  
**May 13** Brittany Bultemeyer, Kaylee Fairfield, Susan Werner  
**May 14** Ayden Frederick, Doug Hook, Marcia Kohn, Aaron Miller, Kameron Snyder, Candice Stahl  
**May 15** Gabriel Gardner  
**May 16** Nick Bohnke, David Hess, Elijah Sipe  
**May 17** Matt Furniss, Justin Hoffman, Ryker Schoenle  
**May 18** Carol Booher, Pam Dreyer, Russell Harmeyer

## May 12 – May 18, 2024

**Sunday: Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30am**

**Drive-in Worship Service audio only available**

*Mother's Day*

Education Hour 9:30 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades

Men's 33 Bible Study Begins 6:00 pm

**Monday:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip Begins

6-7<sup>th</sup> Grades @ Camp Lutherhaven

Stephen Ministry Training 4:00 pm

Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm

**Tuesday:** 6-7<sup>th</sup> Grades @ Camp Lutherhaven

Redeemed 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

Board of Elders 7:00 pm

**Wednesday: Chapel 1:45 pm**

**Thursday:** Seniors Group Potluck & School

Presentation 11:30 am

Council Meeting 6:30 pm

**Friday:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip Returns

Women's Bible Study via Zoom 9:00 am

**Saturday: Worship Service 5:00 pm**

Men's Bible Study 8:00 am

Young Mom's Bible Study 9:30 am

**\*2024-25 Ministry Plan** Church Council will be presenting information about this (annual budget) at an Informational Meeting on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Agenda includes acceptance of 2024/25 ministry plan. Voters Meeting to approve will be Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 pm.

**Mother's Day Carnation Project TODAY!** Celebrate moms, grandmothers, and all those that embody the calling of motherhood with a beautiful carnation this Mother's Day! Carnations will be available at both services on May 12th. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Right to Life of Northeast Indiana and help continue life-saving work in our region.

**\*Teacher Called** Last Sunday evening, after prayer and discussion, our School Ministry Board extended a Divine Call to Mr. Michael Dahnke for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom position. Please keep Mr. Dahnke and his current school (Emmaus here in Fort Wayne) in your prayers.

**\*Prayer Families**

Dolores Aman; Mateo & Kaylah Calle

Chad & Jill Hockemeyer Family

Kay Howard; Marilyn Link; Joe Pyle

Lowell & Laura Stahlhut

## Worship Leaders

Preacher Pastor Bill Mueller

Liturgist Pastor Alex Duff

Scripture Reading (8:00) Sem. Stephen Lane  
(10:30) Sem. Adam Nieting

Acolyte: (8:00) Elise Yoder  
(10:30) Cameial Mays

Altar Guild: Deb Myers

Musicians: (5:00) Thomas Wilson  
(8:00) Bob Diss  
(10:30) Redeemed

Greeters: (8:00) Larry & Kim Schaefer  
(10:30) Dolores Aman

**\*Join Us for Lutheran Night at the Tin Caps Tuesday, June 18** at 7:05 pm. If you would like to sit with your SBL family sign up at the welcome center or call Lilly at the church office. Anyone wanting to sit in the Sub Beth section, please sign up and have cash or check (payable to SBL) given to the church office no later than **Sunday, May 26**. All tickets are \$12 until June 4. Proceeds will benefit Worship Anew Care Package Program. There will be postgame fireworks and the famous family feast night.

**\*Youth Group Bowling** Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-4 pm. Everyone meet at Pro-Bowl West, cost is \$10 per person and RSVP by May 29 to Kayli Greener kayligreener13@gmail.com.

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month** There are many resources available to you through The Lutheran Foundation. Their site can be found at <https://thelutheranfoundation.org>. Type in "Look up Indiana" in the search bar. If you need to talk to someone immediately, call 988. For help with resources talk with Kay Howard, Erica Walworth, Dr. David Reinhart, Lisa Batchelder or David Steiss.

**Sign Up for Kroger Community Rewards** to benefit SBL. Kroger will donate based on your percentage of spending to SBL.

- Go to Kroger.com and scroll to the bottom
  - Under COMMUNITY click Kroger Community Rewards
  - You will be taken to detailed information on how to sign up.
  - Enter our organization number: TS012
- For those who don't have a way to sign up for the Community Rewards online or through a phone app, they can call Kroger at 800-576-4377 for assistance or contact Lilly in the church.

**Acts 1:6-11**  
***“Chiding Angel”***

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**Prayer Ministry  
Focus  
May 12, 2024  
Miss Carli Rossow  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Hello, from Seventh Grade!

Life is busy for us right now. We've finished with our State testing, the Musical is this weekend, and next

week we're off to Camp Lutherhaven for some Outdoor Ed. Summer Vacation will soon be here.

We've been up to many different things since we last checked in.

We ask for prayers as we finish out the school year. Prayers for focus, fun, and friendliness. Blessings! ~Miss Rossow & the 7th Grade



We also spent some time in math class measuring our classroom to create a scale drawing.

We did another BreakOut Ed in honor of the Resurrection.



We designed some bibs and onesies for our Confirmation teacher. Deaconess Michelle enjoyed our surprise.

**Illness Our Members:** Richard Baker, Bernie Bollinger, Logan Cornman, Terri Hobbs, Deb Honn, Pat Murphy, Emily Nieting, Ronnie Partridge, Carl Schmidt, Jason Steiss

**Others We Know:** Ed Borchelt, Rance Burns, Gail Diss, Paul Doenges, Sandy Dubbelde, Tom Ehle, Jaylynn Fairfield, Steve Fisher, John Gottschalk, John Hagen, Robin Hagen, Jerry Honn, Sheila Hudson, Carolyn Kemper, Gretchen Krumm, Nick Rohrs, Tabitha Saylor, Don Shafer, Rev. John Schoedel, Val Taylor, Tabitha Will

**Long Term Illness** Bernie Bollinger, Patty Brundige, Devron Burnett, Stephanie Coburn, Michael Dauscher, Pat Kruse, Jackson Longenbaugh, Pat Murphy, Anita Trick

**Homebound** Jim Butcher, Karen & Tim Eastom, Gretchen Fuhrmann, Larry Haugk, Sally Hutchisson, Elaine Jones, Carolyn Linnemeier, Dorothy Nitz, Julia Weber

**Cancer Our Members:** Corbin Gallmeier, Dorothy Gilmore, Anna Jank, Kevin McGuigan, Richard Scaer, James D. Streit

**Others We Know:** Pam Banet, Reginald Barry, Arden Boochee, Emily Buck, Cindy Burns, Bonnie Camp, Mark Carbaugh, Adam Connelly, Pastor Dave Dubbelde, Al Esterline, Bill Esterline, John Furniss, Phil Gallmeier, Tyler Grossman, Laura Jackson, Heather Kauffman, Brian Konger, Shari Konger, Jackson Longenbaugh, Dana Nakanishi, Sharon Platz, Travis Robinson, Pastor Mike Schempff, June Schroeder, Pastor John Stennfeld, Mike Thomas, Ruth Ann Thomas, Phyliss Tilbury, Bryan Umberg, Cindy Willyard, Jack Woodruff, Joe Zimeki

**Public Servants:** *Armed Forces:* Bryce Kanning, Jack Kidd; *Indiana State Police:* Bryce Kanning; *Fort Wayne Fire Department:* Brian Kidd; *West Central Fire Department:* Michael Fairfield, Russ Harmeyer, Charlie Reid  
*All Medical Personnel*

**Others We Know:** Paul Carmen, Mike Duvall, Zeke Felton, Zach Harmeyer, Conner Mills, Dakota Schaefer, Logan Snider, Zeb Stahl

**Prayer Ministry Focus** *7<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ Miss Carli Rossow*

### **Prayer of Blessing**

- Thanksgiving for Mothers (Mother's Day)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the healthy and safe birth of Cora Grace, daughter of Hope & Wyatt Kauffman
- Michael Dahnke, called for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom position
- Singles
- Stephen Ministry
- Our Government
- Our Public Servants
- Missionary Pastor Steve & Cyndi Schumacher

# Characters in God's Word

## Chiding Angel

Chronological Order #63



**Date: May 14, 33 AD**

The date given is based upon the work of scholars to date Easter Sunday to April 5, 33 AD. This makes the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter on Thursday, May 14. As expected, there is debate among scholars about when, exactly, we date the death and resurrection of Jesus. While the discussions are interesting (see Pastor Bill for some detailed discussions about this issue) – and the seriousness of them only underscore the historical fact of Jesus' death and resurrection – the most important item to understand and to impact our faith is that they did happen!

### **Angels in the Outfield?**

This is now the third time that an angel (or angels) is the highlight of this "Characters in God's Word" series. We have already met the angel Gabriel (Luke 1) and the "Christmas Shepherds" (Luke 2) during the Advent and Christmas season. There will be one more time that an angel (or angels?) is part of this "Characters in God's Word" series. When? You'll just have to wait and see!

Since we are on the topic of angels, again, it is good to remember the number of times angels appeared within the context of Jesus' earthly ministry, heralding major steps in the history of salvation:

- ✠ Announcing the Conception of John the Baptist (Luke 1:1-20)
- ✠ Announcing the Conception of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38)
- ✠ Announcing the Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:8-14)
- ✠ Directing Jesus' step-father, Joseph (Matthew 1:20; 2:13, 19)
- ✠ Ministering to Jesus after His Temptation (Matthew 4:11)
- ✠ Strengthening Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:43)
- ✠ Announcing the Resurrection of Jesus (Luke 24:4-7)
- ✠ Ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:1-11)
- ✠ Present with Jesus at His Second Coming (Matthew 24:30-35; 25:31-46)

It is important to note one incident that is NOT on the list. While it is true that when our Lord Jesus agonized in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane an angel appeared and strengthened Him (Luke 22:43), it is also true He did not make further use of the power and might of the heavenly angels. Jesus tells the mob that is arresting Him in Gethsemane, "Do you think I cannot call on My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels.? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" (Matthew 26:53-54) The angels did not protect Jesus from suffering the righteous wrath of God against sin. For this, too, we give thanks! Remember the Apostle Paul's words from 2 Corinthians: "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

### **So, what are we doing here?**

Without delving too deeply into material covered in the sermon about the "Chiding Angel," (for these extra inserts are designed to provide information not covered in the sermons) the angel's question is too good to simply leave for the sermon. Are we merely "playing church" or "being the Church"? Are we merely going through the motions of – at times – acting like followers of Jesus Christ OR are we followers of Jesus who are actively engaged in living His grace and mercy in this world?

The answer to that question is an answer we get to give every morning, every congregational meeting, every Bible Study, every day we can give witness to the truth of Jesus at work in our lives. God bless us as we are His witnesses "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)