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WEEKLY DEVOTION Walk with God . . . BETHANY HAMILTON WALKS WITH GOD

"Be still, and know that I am God."
(Psalm 46:10)

October 31st was a beautiful day to spend at the beach in Hawaii doing what Bethany Hamilton loved best, surfing. Bethany was an avid surfer and knew all the moves. But this day proved to be a challenge for her and her faith. Here's how Bethany tells her story:

It came, literally, out of the blue. I had no warning at all; not even the slightest hint of danger on the horizon. The waves were small, and I was just kind of rolling along with them, relaxing on my board with my left arm dangling in the cool water. I remember thinking, "I hope the surf picks up soon..."

That's all it took: a split second. I felt a lot of pressure and a couple of lightning fast tugs. Then I watched in shock as the water around me turned bright red. Somehow, I stayed calm. My left arm was gone almost to the armpit, along with a huge crescent-shaped chunk of my red, white and blue surfboard...

I remember most clearly what the Kauai paramedic said to me in the ambulance: He spoke softly and held my hand as we were pulling out of the beach parking lot. He whispered in my ear, "God will never leave you nor forsake you." He was right.

I believe in God. Some people don't think much about this kind of stuff unless something terrible happens to them, or like my parents, until they are older. But I can remember putting my trust in Jesus Christ when

I was just a kid. When people ask me what my faith in Christ means to me, I usually answer in just one word: "everything!" This was true before the shark attack as well as after. And I truly believe that this faith is a big part of what got me through it. It helps to know that even when you don't have a clue why something has happened in your life, God has a master plan and is watching over you. It's a tremendous relief to be able to put your trust in God and take the burden off your shoulders.

My plans to be a professional surfer got hit pretty hard on that Halloween morning. In the days, weeks, and months that followed I had a lot of cleaning up to do. Often, it was scary or trying. And I won't lie to you: in some ways it still is. Although my left arm is completely gone, I've worked really hard to become a pro surfer.

But for me, knowing that God loves me and that he has a plan for my life that no shark can take away is like having solid rock underneath me. Bad things are bound to happen to everyone. That's life. Here's my advice: don't put all your hope and faith in something that could suddenly and easily disappear. And honestly, that's almost anything. The only thing that will never go away, that will never fail you, is God and your faith in him. All I can say is He gives me a really strong foundation for everything I do in life.

Today Bethany is competing with the best women surfers in the world. God has blessed her with a wonderful Christian husband and a child. What a beautiful lesson in faith and trust we can learn from Bethany Hamilton.



St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday worship services at 10:30AM. Bible class begins at 9:30AM.

Check out the website at www.stphilipsmilwaukee.com for more details on events, newsletters, bulletins, calendars and pictures as well as email addresses for all staff.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Wednesday, September 14

Volleyball Practice A & B Team

Star of Bethlehem Invitational @ Malone Park

Thursday, September 15

Cross Country Practice

B Team Home Volleyball Game 4:30PM

Academic Recovery - 3:30-5:30PM

Sunday, September 18

Bible Class 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

Monday, September 19

A & B Volleyball Practice 3:30-4:30PM

Cross Country Practice 3:30-4:30PM

Tuesday, September 20

A & B Home Volleyball Games at 4:30PM

Wednesday, September 21

A & B Volleyball Practice 3:30-4:30PM

Cross Country Meet



Singing Schedule for K4 – 8th Grade

Sunday, October 2nd

K4 – 8th grade sing for worship service 10:30AM Sunday, October 16th

K4 – 8th grade sing for worship service 10:30AM Sunday, November 20th

K4 – 8th grade sing for worship service 10:30AM Saturday, December 24th

K4 - 8th Children's Christmas Eve service 6:00PM



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September Birthday's

Lynnia Doss	September 2
Jamere Shands-Williams	September 10
Jada Lawrence	September 12
Jayden Campbell	September 13
Savannah Beach-Waters	September 13
Jose Galarza	September 15
Deyuana Dent	September 19
Tiara Nolden-Ellison	September 22
Seviyon Doss	September 27
Kashnic Davis	September 28

Happy Birthday & God's Blessings from your St. Philip's Family.

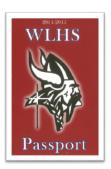


CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPELLING BEE WINNERS! 5th & 6th Grade

1st Place – Jada Lawrence 2nd Place – Davonte Kelly 3rd Place – Michael Smith, Jr.

7th & 8th Grade

1st Place – Joshua Currier 2nd Place – Jeremiah Hampton 3rd Place – Cordell Vales



WISCO PASSPORT

Students are encouraged to make use of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School (WISCO) Passport. A WISCO Passport allows the holder of the passport free admission into any WISCO event, whether sports or fine arts. Every time a student attends an event, their passport will be stamped. Once the passport has five stamps, the student will automatically receive a WISCO t-shirt and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an I-pad. After 10 stamps, students will be entered to win a \$1,000 scholarship to WISCO. Each year a new passport will be issued. All Passports are due by May 24 and should be returned to Mark Ricke at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. For questions, contact Director of Enrollment, Mark Ricke at mark.ricke@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567.

MISSION PROJECT AT ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Our mission project for the first semester will be directed to WELS Christian Aid & Relief. Each student has the opportunity to bring mission offerings. Each classroom will have a container in which to donate.

Christian Aid and Relief

Christian Aid and Relief provides disaster relief and humanitarian aid to people around the world who have been devastated by natural disasters and other tragedies. The committee also helps individuals with catastrophic medical and personal needs. To learn more about the work of Christian Aid and Relief visit

WELS.NET



BAPTISM SUNDAY - OCTOBER 16th

Have your children been baptized? Have you been baptized? If not, our church is providing an opportunity for you and your family to do so and at no cost to you!

We have scheduled a Baptism Sunday for: **Sunday morning, October 16th, at 10:30am.**

St. Philip's Lutheran Church will be holding a special baptism service on that Sunday. We feel baptism is of most importance for children as well as for adults. Through it God brings His promise of love and forgiveness to all.

If you desire to be baptized along with your children, please contact Pastor Raymond Kimbrough at: 414-263-1373. Pastor will briefly meet with you to give you more information and instructions about this special baptism service.

Thank you and we look forward to serving you and your family.

In Christian love, Pastor Raymond Kimbrough 414-263-1373



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th.

Order forms will be sent home in the red folder. Students wear their school uniforms for their picture. All students will be photographed. All students will receive a free class picture in the spring of 2017. If you plan to order pictures please return the envelope with your money by 8:00AM on picture day.

Please contact Mrs. Allard with questions

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St. Philip's to Host Student Teacher

For 10 weeks, St. Philip's will be privileged to have Miss Gina Radue joining our staff from Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, MN. Miss Radue, will be working with Miss Martinez (Grade 3 & 4) for her student If she successfully completes her teaching. student teaching, she will be another step closer to graduating from MLC in the spring. Miss Radue is from Waukesha and is a graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. She will arrive at St. Philip's on October 17th and stay until December 23rd. Being at St. Philip's helps her to experience urban ministry in a racially diverse setting. It also helps St. Philip's students see what becoming a Christian school teacher is about. Let's make Miss Radue feel welcome and show her how St. Philip's has been blessed with a wonderful church and school.



WELCOME!

LUNCH REMINDER: Students may bring a small bag of chips, granola bar, fruit snacks, a sandwich or a piece of fruit to add to their hot lunch. No soda is allowed at school. If a student brings juice to drink with their meal it should be **100% juice** not juice drink or Koolaid. No glass bottles please.



HOME VOLLEYBALL GAME – TOMORROW B-TEAM ONLY – 4:30PM

All students attending the games need to have a parent or guardian present to supervise them. Parents, please remind your child to find a seat where they can watch the game. Students who are present without an adult will not be allowed to attend. Thank you for your support in helping us to have home games which are safe for all involved and free from distractions.



Box Tops for Education

St. Philip's participates in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. Simply cut the coupons out of the product packaging (NEATLY on the dotted line, please) and turn them in to your classroom's collection box. Each coupon is worth 10 cents, and all money raised helps support school activities. Parents can log-on to boxtops4education.com and register to support St. Philip's, Milwaukee. They can earn box tops for our school just by watching videos and entering special drawings. Start clipping!