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Please talk to Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer for a referral for counseling to Cross Connections.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday)

Our Worship Schedule:

Saturday Afternoon Worship Service at 4:00pm

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:00am

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Saturday, February 10, and Sunday, February 11, 2024



Bethlehem

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering – Welcoming – Serving – Restoring

WHO WE ARE

*As forgiven children of God, Bethlehem Lutheran Church
shows Christ's love through acts of service
so that we can share the hope of the Gospel with others.*

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Bible the Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (I Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
(Proverbs 28:13; Romans 3:23; I John 1:8-9)
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ by His death offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
(Romans 5:8; Colossians 2:13; Hebrews 9:28; I John 1:7)
- Do I believe that I receive the body and blood of Christ in and with the bread and wine
(not merely symbolically present)?
(Matthew 26:26-28; I Cor. 10:16; I Cor. 11:24-25)
- Do I desire to turn from my sinful ways and live a God-pleasing life?
(Isaiah 1:16; John 8:11; Romans 6:12)

If you are unable to answer "yes" to these questions or believe further instruction is needed, please talk to a pastor or an elder before communing as participating without a proper understanding of Holy Communion can be spiritually harmful (I Corinthians 11:27-29). If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then come with a repentant heart and join us in the reception of the Lord's Supper. If not, adults and children who have not yet taken part in communion instruction classes are invited to come forward for a blessing and are asked to keep their arms folded over their chest during the distribution.

*(Children's Activity bags are available in the Narthex.
Please remember to return them to the rack after the service.)*

✠ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN

LSB #873

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

! INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The King in His might loves justice.

People: **You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

People: **for the Lord our God is holy!**

(Silence for reflection.)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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“Gloria in Excelsis”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ WE HEAR GOD’S WORD ✠

After the reading: L: *This is the Word of the Lord.* C: *Thanks be to God.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29–35

(Moses comes down the mountain with the Law in his hands and the glory of the Lord upon his face.)

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

(We all, with unveiled face, behold the glory of God.)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB pg. 156

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

(With Moses and Elijah at His side, Jesus reveals His glory.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB #413

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

SERMON

“The Sounds of Transfiguration”

✠ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD ✠

APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERING/FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

OFFERTORY

LSB pg. 159

“What Shall I Render”

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE: L: Lord, in Your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.** ... Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Holy Father, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah at our Lord’s glorious Transfiguration, You reveal to us that the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in Him. Send Your blessing upon all pastors and servants of Your Church, that their preaching and teaching would flow from this right understanding of Christ and His work for our eternal salvation.

... Almighty God, grant faithfulness, humility and patience to the sheep of Your flock here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, especially for all the families of Bill Ihssen, Dorothy Jackson, Zuri Jackson, Karen Jarrell, Alma Jarvis, Gail Jenkins, Juanita Jennings, Marissa Johnson, Michael Johnson, Antonio Jones, Chandra Jones, and Trena Jones.

... Heavenly Father, bless the families of Your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember all expectant mothers that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies.

... Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with this responsibility both here and abroad that they would serve with integrity and honor and for the well-being of all.

... God of all grace, look with compassion on those who are in need especially our sick and homebound. We pray especially for our members **Teddy Bishop, Ruby Bonner, Willard Brown, Derek and Dana Crane, Gene Dettmer, Denise DeYampert, Annette Diemer, Joan Domrow, Laverne Eickhoff, Ina Gaunt, Pastor Jeff and Vicky Geisler, Herman and Jenny Guenin, Michael Johnson, Linda Kalthoff, Earl Kruger, Gladys Middleton, Bob and Jane Miller, Corinne Nahrwold, Louise Nahrwold, Barb Netterville, Barb Owen, Richard Pierce, Kim Rasmussen, Josie Reed, Adam Rice, Joan Richter, Doris Scott, Thomas Tinsley, and Phil Urbahns.** We also pray for good health and healing for our friends and family, **Ellen Biers, Darryl Calloway, Maria Gema Camumot** (Nancy Pierce's aunt), **Adrian Dance Jr.** (Grandson of Rachelle Dance), **Matthew Derby** (friends of the Hapner family), **Felicia Derrick** (friend of Gladys Middleton), **Donna Emley, Larry Hollman** (Greg Finner's Brother-in-law), **Tammy Gibson** (sister of Threasa Lightning), **Corinne Johnson** (Summer DeMond's mother), **Dwight Johnson** (LSUS school board president), **Eching Juridico** (Nancy Pierce's mother), **Don and Dini Kovac** (Michelle Miller's parents), **John Moerer** (John and Shirley Davis' son-in-law), **John Nahrwold** (Donna Volmerding's brother), **Brian Rasso** (Gene Kalthoff's brother), **Paul Roach** (son of John and Linda Stafford), **Stacey Self** (friend of Kim Brooks), **Beverly Van Nalten** (Jennifer Bradley's mother), **Willie Wiggs Jr.** (Ocleva Williams's brother), **LaToya Williams** (Ocleva Williams's daughter), our Food Bank clients **Annette** and **Lora** and those known only to You. Grant them relief and comfort through the promise of sharing in eternal glory with Christ.

... Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the Transfiguration of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that by faith we would see Him continuing to tabernacle among us here in the Divine Service. Grant that we would heed Your admonition to "listen to Him" as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar.

... Lord of all nations, we pray for success of Joe Boway's meetings with the church leaders in Monrovia, Liberia. Please grant Joe a safe trip back to Fort Wayne from Africa.

... Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

! PREFACE LSB pg. 160

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS LSB pg. 161

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER LSB pg. 162

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LSB pg. 162

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB pg. 163

! DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (9:00am)

"Beautiful Savior" LSB #537

"'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" LSB #414

! POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE LSB pg. 164

"Thank the Lord"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

! CLOSING HYMN LSB #417

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

POSTLUDE

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 99

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 4,029.50
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 430.67
Designated Funds	\$ 214.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,674.17

OFFERINGS

You can make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our website. It's simple and secure.

www.bethlehemlcms.org

Offerings may also be mailed to
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
3705 South Anthony Boulevard
Fort Wayne IN 46806-4329.



Please make **ALL** checks payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Use the memo line on check for designation.

Food Bank Urgent needs:

Dish Soap
Broths

ACTIVITIES AND BIBLE

STUDIES

+ THIS WEEK +



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Café

Kids – Sonshine Club Room

Monday, February 12

Tuesday, February 13

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

7:00pm Board of Directors

Ash Wednesday, February 14

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

5:30 Adult Choir – Rm 2

6:30pm Worship w/Communion

7:15 Handbell choir - Balcony

Thursday, February 15

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, February 18

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

Kids – Sonshine Club Room

SERVING AMONG US

+THIS WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer
 Organist Doug Reynolds
 Altar Guild Linda Stafford
 Mary Snow
 Elder (4:00pm) Michael Johnson
 (9:00am) Greg Shediack
 Head Usher Evans Branigan
 Lay Readers
 (4:00pm) Ruby Bonner
 (9:00am) Linda Stafford
 John Stafford

PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Carla Johnson
 (9:00am) Josiah Hapner
 Sound Operator
 (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
 Live stream Joshua Hapner
 Prayer Leader
 (9:00am)..... Glenn Emley

SERVING AMONG US

+NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer
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 Elder (4:00pm) Ed Ramos
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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

The link to watch online: <https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne>

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (February 17th & February 18th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Genesis 22:1–18
EPISTLE READING	James 1:12–18
GOSPEL READING	Mark 1:9–15

The altar flowers are provided by Annette Diemer in memory of her father, Arthur Diemer, whose birthday was February 11, 1908.

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Hour meets each Sunday from 10:30am-11:30am. Adults meet in the cafeteria, and the Kids in the Sunshine Club room. Both adults and kids' classes will focus on the readings for that Sunday. The kid's program, ages 3 and up, is called "Whirl" and will include a DVD, lesson, and craft based on the theme. The goal is to have a consistent time where we can grow in God's word and then have discussion about it that week at home, since we will be studying the same thing. We hope you can join us for this exciting ministry! Please invite your friends and neighbors!

SHEPHERD OF THE CITY 16th ANNUAL HYMN FEST 2024

Please join us Sunday, February 11 at 4:00pm at Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, 1301 S. Anthony Blvd., as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event, which celebrates both 16 years of hymnody and the 54th Anniversary of Shepherd of the City. Hunter Kinnison, a first year seminarian at Concordia Theological Seminary, studied Parish Music at Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW), where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Parish Music in 2023. At CUW, he studied organ under Dr. James Freese and Dr. Craig Sproat focusing most of his study on service playing and the use and development of hymnody in the Lutheran Church. Dr. Jon Bruss is associate Professor of Systematic Theology and is considered an authority on the history of the Christian church. A reception will follow the service. This event is free and open to the public. Freewill offering will be taken to support the restoration of our historic sanctuary.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT - EASTER

Wednesday 6:30pm services

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 21 - Midweek of Lent 1

February 28 - Midweek of Lent 2

March 6 - Midweek of Lent 3

March 13 - Midweek of Lent 4

March 20 - Midweek of Lent 5

March 28 - Maundy (Holy) Thursday - 6:30pm

March 29 - Good Friday - 6:30pm

March 30 – Easter Vigil 4:00pm

March 31 - Easter Sunday service 10:00am

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH!

Valentine's Day, Love, Healthy hearts, and etc.

It is also KINDNESS MONTH!!!!

So what does this have to do with my heart and mental health?

*"Give justice to the poor and the orphan;
up hold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute."* Psalm 82:3.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18.

God wants our heart to break in love when we see those less fortunate than us. He wants us to care for them and love them with His love. He wants us to do everything we can to help them. We serve a God who loves to come to the rescue. His heart is with those who are hungry and desperate for the life He has to offer. He loves the poor and will make them rich in spirit. He loves you and all His children and He doesn't have favorites. God wants us to reflect HIS LOVE to the world, so we should always try to show kindness and love to others as He loves us----ABUNDANTLY!

When people need to talk, need food, we can show kindness to help people get through where ever they are. So with a smile, resources, food on the table, and telling them about God's love, we can show God's kindness & love in many ways.

GOD BLESS YOUR MONTH WITH ABUNDANT LOVE!!!!



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are a member of Bethlehem and experience the death of a family member who was not a member of the congregation, but feel you would also benefit from the care of our Stephen Ministry Bereavement program, please call Pastor Ben (989-907-9481), Thresa Lightning (260-417-1450) or Richard Pierce (260-450-2280), our Grief Coordinators. The Bereavement program provides a set of four short books, journeying through Grief, to send to people at four crucial times during the difficult first year after losing a loved one. Each book focuses on what the person is likely to be feeling at that point in their grief, providing care, support, compassion, and hope.

WOMEN of BETHLEHEM / LWML

THREE ZONES GATHERING

The Lutheran Women in Mission of Fort Wayne are hosting a gathering for women of all ages at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on April 13, 2024 at 8:30 with a breakfast and fellowship. The theme for our gathering is "**Into All the World**" which is based on Mark 16:15: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation".

The speaker will be Sergui Trifa who will talk about how people are reached through the Romanian Ministry.

To register for this event please speak with your church's LWML representative by Sunday, April 7th. There will be a registration fee of \$7 at the door and our ingathering will be donations for the financial support of the Romanian Ministry. So come and be a part of this meaningful event. Your presence and contribution will make a tangible difference in spreading faith and love to every corner of the world.

LWML INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTION

Rooted in Christ - June 21-23, 2024.

- Where: Hendricks County 4-H Conference Center, Danville, IN
- Keynote Speaker: Jennie Williamson, singer and presenter on Saturday titled "Overcoming Adversity By Being Rooted in Christ" and "Rooted in Christ for Generations to Come."

What to know about convention:

Participate in the servant events on Friday from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

Sign up for a special Octoberfest meal on Friday, 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

Participate in the LWML IN TALENT NIGHT on Saturday, June 22.

Do you have a talent to share? Contact becky.thibodeau@trinityindy.org.

Housing information will appear in the February Good News and on the website.

Register online in February 2024.

Questions?: Contact Emily Rogers at 765-778-7654 or emily12rogers6@gmail.com

Mission News

We are very happy with the opportunity God has given to share His Gospel with people all over the world.

We continue to support missionaries in Alaska, Liberia, Peru, Southeast Asia, King's Community Ministry, and CRU Artist Ministry. The mission committee would like to know how you would like to celebrate these missions.

Please complete the following survey and tell us your thoughts and any ideas you may have regarding missions.

You may hand to an usher or return to the church office. Thank you.

1. If you have never attended a mission Sunday and mission brunch, what can we do to interest you to attend?
2. What did you enjoy about all Missions Sunday?
3. What would you like to see included in Missions Sunday?
4. Would you like to hear from more Missionaries?
5. Did you like the food prepared representing the different countries of our missions?

EASTER – March 31, 2024

LILIES @ \$25.00

NAME _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING – **February 26, 2024**

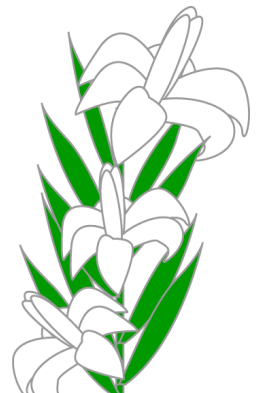
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAIL WITH FORM TO: 3705 SOUTH ANTHONY BLVD,

FORT WAYNE IN 46806

OR GIVE TO AN USHER. (NO PHONE ORDERS, PLEASE)

LILIES CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER THE 10:00 CHURCH SERVICE ON EASTER



LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for these students/staff: Aniyah, Laydia, Holly, Brandon, Judah, Cynthia, Benicio, Stephanie, Titan, Javier, and Mr. Sowders.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:
Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.
Ecclesiastes 7:9

Dress like a Teacher/Staff Day

Tuesday, students dressed like teachers or staff members and teachers and staff dressed like the students. Some of the students really got into character and took on their “twin’s” role!



ENROLLING NOW

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll! 260-744-0459

ITEMS FOR CHARIS' HOUSE/RESCUE MISSION

LSUS is collecting items for Charis' House/Rescue Mission for our February chapel partner challenge. Items being collected are: **new socks (any size), new gloves (any size), and deodorant.** If you would like to participate with us, please place these items in the donation box located at the entrance. Last day of the collection will be Sunday, Feb. 25. Thank you for partnering with LSUS!