
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 85

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Mission \$ 9,834.00

Online Operating & Missions \$ 585.89

Designated Gifts \$ 165.00

Total Contributions \$10,584.89

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

Bring a grocery bag of a few non-perishable items on Sundays. Bring to the front pews during the offering.

OUR NEEDS ARE:

Soups and Tuna

Copies of the sermon are available in the Narthex ask an usher for assistance.

ACTIVITIES

+ THIS WEEK +



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café
Children - Sonshine Club

Monday, October 6

Tuesday, October 7

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

6:30 Board of Elders

Wednesday, October 8

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, October 9

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, October 10

Saturday, October 11

9:30am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, October 12

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café
Children - Sonshine Club

SERVING AMONG US +THIS WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer
 Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
 Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
 Altar GuildKim Ellison
 Sharon Shediack

Elder
 (4:00pm) Ed Ramos
 (9:00am) Greg Shediack
 Head Usher Evans Branigan
 Lay Readers
 (9:00am) Donna Volmerding
 PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Blake Sebring
 (9:00am) Allison Cheng
 Sound Operator
 (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
 Live stream Josiah Hapner

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer
 Pianist (4:00pm)..... Janelle Deal
 Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
 Altar Guild Linda Stafford

Elder
 (4:00pm) Peter Schlie
 (9:00am) Peter Schlie
 Head Usher Dan Bates
 Lay Readers
 (9:00am) The Hapner Family
 PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
 (9:00am) Aaron Brown
 Sound Operator
 (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
 Live stream Joshua Hapner

BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Oct. 11th & Oct. 12th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 49:13-16
EPISTLE READING	Romans 8:31-39
GOSPEL READING	John 6:35-40

*The altar flowers are given in honor of Kent and Michelle Bearman's
 28th wedding anniversary.*

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

Our theme is "**Throughout All Generations**"

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Psalm 90:1

**The next 100th Anniversary Committee meeting:
October 16 at 6:00pm in Room 1.**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our videos to help celebrate our upcoming 100th anniversary. You have provided such a blessing to our church community by sharing your memories and experiences. You have given us a tremendous opportunity to celebrate what Bethlehem means to all of us!

If anyone was unable to participate in our video tapings to celebrate Bethlehem's upcoming 100th anniversary celebration, you can still participate. Though there will be no more taping sessions, you could make a recording on your phone and send it as an attachment to the church at Bethfw@yahoo.com.

We ask that you answer these questions: When and how did you come to Bethlehem? What are a couple of your favorite memories of Bethlehem? And what does Bethlehem mean to you?

We ask that you limit the videos to five minutes or less, prop your phone up to provide a stable shot, and we retain the right to edit to fit the overall narrative. We also ask you to send the videos in by Nov. 1. The goal is to play the videos before services.

100TH ANNIVERSARY FOOD COMMITTEE

Meeting on **Sun. Oct.5** during Coffee Hour. Committee members, please get your drink and treat, and then come upstairs to Room 1 for the meeting. We are hoping that all 17 members can make it!

CHOIRS RESUME FOR THE FALL!

It's that time again - come and sing and/ or ring with the Bethlehem Choirs. Whether you've participated in the past or are interested in getting involved, we'd love for you to join us as we practice, worship, and share in the beautiful fellowship these ensembles provide.

Sanctuary Choir 6:00pm-7:00pm Choir Room (1st Floor)

Handbell Choir -7:15pm-8:15 pm, Sanctuary Balcony

COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

Sacred Places of Indiana has notified Bethlehem it has been awarded a grant of \$66,350 for the Community Center project. Committee members have been working for more than a year to earn this grant, attending four day-long trainings in Indianapolis and building a database of research and history for applications. Bethlehem had to compete against a cohort of 50 applicants.

Sacred Places previously awarded Bethlehem a \$23,500 grant for a total-building assessment to point out trouble spots. This second grant will be used to address those areas, including membrane roof replacement, chimney masonry repairs, outdated ventilation fans, sewer backflow prevention measures and repair to the bell tower.

As part of this award, Bethlehem has two years to complete the repairs and is responsible for matching one-third of the funds provided to give us a total of \$100,000. Per the grant award provisions, we are prohibited from using Bethlehem's endowment fund as any or all of the match.

This award also encourages committee members to apply for larger grants in the future from Sacred Places. We were limited to \$75,000 or less during this application, which had to be filed by June 15 shortly after the training and assessment were completed.

CHURCHWIDE BIBLE STUDY

There are a several established groups, they include:

- Thursday at Barb Netterville's home – 7:00pm
- Thursday either afternoon or evening - Laurie Hapner
- Men's Saturday group at Lutheran Life Villages - Randy Hapner
- The Sunday group – Ruth Bates - after service
- Monday group - Dena Schult – 7:00pm

Please contact the host for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

During the Gentle and Lowly series, Pastor Ben will be doing a study on the Characteristics of Jesus during the Education Hour in the cafeteria.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Chosen Season II Women's Bible Study began on Saturday, October 4 at 9:30am and will meet every week through November 22.

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), Threasa Lightning (260-417-1450) our Grief Coordinator. 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.



GriefShare will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne in Room 1 on Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the workbook. Please register by contacting Rhonda in the church office at (260) 744-3228.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

LWML FORT WAYNE SOUTH ZONE FALL GATHERING

LWML Fort Wayne South Zone Fall Gathering - Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 8:30–11:30am at The Shepherd's Hand Outreach, 1231 South Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne.

The speaker will be Deaconess Jana Peters. The Theme is **“Held and Led”** - *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”*— John 10:27–28

Registration is \$7 (includes a light continental breakfast)

The Ingathering will be for The Shepherd's Hand Outreach.

Can't make the LWML South Zone Fall Gathering on October 11th at Shepherd's Hand? But would like to support their ministry? Shepherd's Hand is in need of Diapers: Size 4-6, Pull-Ups: sizes 2T-5T, Baby wipes and feminine hygiene products. Collection Baskets are in the church vestibule and side entrance to receive donations.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 25 - Advent Tea Hostess meeting at 11:30am.

October 28 – Women of Bethlehem prepare supper for the LSUS teachers and staff

LSUS News

Please pray for these students and staff: Brooklyn, Adonis, Nolan, Mar'Qiera, Avah, Ivan, Owynn, Lilly, Royce, Nurse Jordan, and Mrs. Fink.

Bumps, Sets, and Growth: LSUS Volleyball!



The LSUS girls volleyball team wrapped up their season with hard work, determination, and lots of school spirit. Made up of athletes in grades 4–8, the team showed perseverance through every match and never gave up, no matter the score. While their final season record was 3–14, the girls gained invaluable experience on the court, learning teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship along the way.

More than just wins and losses, this season was about growth. The girls encouraged one another, improved their skills, and represented LSUS with pride. We are proud of their commitment and look forward to seeing how they continue to grow as a team in the years ahead!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”—
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Ways for you to Support LSUS:



The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana is striving to provide families with funds that will enable them to provide their children with a high-quality, Christian education. They provide opportunities for a one time donation or a recurring monthly donation. Check out more information at <http://lutheransgo.org/donate/>. Plus, you can get 50% state tax credit!

If you are a Thrivent member, you can donate directly to Lutheran South Unity School through Thrivent, or you can direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to our school! Check out your donation options here: <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html>.



Kroger is committed to supporting community organizations through their Community Rewards program. In order to support LSUS, you can follow the directions at this link

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> and choose Lutheran South Unity School as your organization. Once you are signed up, Kroger will then donate a portion of your grocery bill to LSUS.

SERVE AT THE RESCUE MISSION

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission!

Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month - upcoming dates include Oct 26, Nov 23, and Dec. 28. This is a great way to serve our local Ft. Wayne Community. Sign-up at the bulletin board outside the library, just past Fellowship Hall, and make this a meaningful service experience! Can't serve physically? Bake instead!

RUMMAGE SALE

St. John Lutheran Church in Monroeville is having a fall rummage sale on Friday 10/24 from 8am-5pm, with a bag sale on Saturday 10/25 from 8am-12pm.

THE FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN

The Friends of Wyneken will host a presentation on the history of the purchase of Valparaiso and its connections to the Ku Klux Klan, the Walther League, and the American Luther League on Sunday, October 12 at 3:00pm at the historic Wyneken House. The house will be open for visitors to tour from 2-5:00pm. It is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

Teddy Bishop	Beau Bishop	Ruby Bonner	Lois Branigan
Evans Branigan	Margaret Burger	Willard Brown	Derek Crane
Dana Crane	Cathy Dykstra	Ina Gaunt	Pastor Jeff Geisler
Vicky Geisler	Jean Hille	Carla Johnson	Carla Kay
Earl Kruger	Donna Melcher	Gladys Middleton	Bob Miller
Jane Miller	Louise Nahrwold	Deanna Nelson	Eddie Pierce
Adam Rice	Jewel Robinson	Dan Scheerer	Doris Scott
Sharon Shediack	Tashayla Sutorius	Thomas Tinsley	Phil Urbahns

For our friends and family:

Vicky Baker (mother of Cathy Finner), **Al Bebout** (brother of Amber Herndon), **Tori Bruce** (granddaughter of Sharon Shediack), **Marilyn and Meg Busse** (sister and niece of Annette Diemer), **Darryl Calloway**, **Maria Gema Camumot** (aunt of Nancy Pierce), **Adrian Dance Jr.** (grandson of Rachelle Dance), **Matthew Derby** (friend of the Hapner family), **Donna Emley**, **Tina Foster** (mother-in-law of Sara Robinson), **Tammy Gibson** (sister of Threasa Lightning), **Tony Griggs** (brother of Denise DeYampert), **Larry Hollman** (brother-in-law of Greg Finner), **Mary R. Harris-Hill** (sister of Claudia Harris), **Marilyn Hyatt** (sister of Deanna Nelson), **Butch Johnson** (brother of Deanna Nelson), **Don Kovac** (father of Michelle Miller), **John Moerer** (son-in-law of John and Shirley Davis), **Karen Norby** (friend of Linda Stafford), **Brian Rasso** (brother of Gene Kalthoff), **Paul Roach** (son of John and Linda Stafford), **Patricia and Natasha Saylor** (friends of Kathy Brehm), **Beverly Van Nalten** (mother of Jennifer Bradley), **LaToya Williams** (daughter of Ocleva Williams), **Queen Robinson** (Food Bank client), **Erica** (Food Bank client), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church: We pray for Angela Stanley, Linda Stanley, Glenda Starks, Roger Stephans, Michelle Stewart, Randall Stewart, Terri Stewart, Deaynne Suttle, Edward Tharp, Reggie Tharp, and Valerie Tharp, Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

For our church: Heavenly Father, we ask for Your guidance as we seek to use our church building to become a beacon of hope in our neighborhood. Open our eyes to new opportunities. Open our ears to new conversations. Open our hearts to new partnerships. Empower us to launch ministries that renew our congregation and lead every heart to know the transforming work of Jesus.