
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 89

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 8,488.12
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 318.58
Designated Gifts	\$ 580.00
Total Contributions	\$ 9,386.70

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 13

Tuesday, October 14

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

6:30 Board of Directors

Wednesday, October 15

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, October 16

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm 100th Anniversary meeting

Friday, October 17

Saturday, October 18

9:30am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, October 19

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)..... 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) Suzie Emley
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
(9:00am) Aaron Brown
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Dave Volmerding

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
Altar Guild Mary Snow
Allison Cheng

Elder
(4:00pm) Brian Bates
(9:00am) John Bates
Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer
Lay Readers
(9:00am) John Stafford
Linda Stafford

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Carla Johnson
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner
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. 18th & Oct. 19th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Micah 7:18-20
EPISTLE READING	2 Corinthians 1:3-10
GOSPEL READING	Luke 17:11-19

*The altar flowers are given in honor of Greg and Sharon Shediack's
29th wedding anniversary.*

WE WELCOME FIELDWORKER JON DIZE

Jon Dize is in his first year at Concordia Theological Seminary. His home church is Promise Lutheran Church on Schwartz Road on the NE side of Allen County, where he has been part of the worship team, the small group ministry, an elder, and vice-chair of the board.

Jon and his wife of 35 years, Stacy, are from Fort Wayne and have three adult children: 33 year old twin sons, Ian and Ethan (married to Savannah) and 18 year old daughter, Aelan. First and only granddaughter, Findley, is 18 months.

Jon graduated from Hillsdale College in 1992 with a degree in business and has worked in nonprofit management for over 30 years, including Hillsdale, Trine University, Parkview Hospital Foundation, Lutheran Life Villages, The Lutheran Schools Partnership, The Lutheran SGO of Indiana, and as a consultant with LCEF. He is currently the Director of Advancement & Strategic Initiatives at Worship Anew, an LCMS broadcast and print ministry for seniors with offices located on the seminary campus.

Jon looks forward to serving Pastor Ben and the members of Bethlehem during his field work for the next two years (God-willing!)

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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

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



In 2026, Bethlehem will be celebrating our 100th anniversary! As a way to celebrate and fundraise for the coming year, we have started a campaign to order shirts. Please take a look and consider supporting our church!



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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

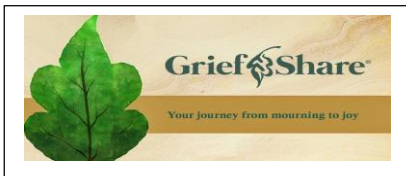
The Chosen Season II Women's Bible Study began on Saturday, October 4 at 9:30am and will meet every week through November 22.

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.

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

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING

CLEANING & ORGANIZING CREW

We meet at 9:30am in the WOB Room for devotions & prayer, before we begin doing “stuff”. We’re done around noon, and of course you can “Come when you can, and leave when you must” - our motto!

EVANGELISM TRAINING AND PRACTICE

November 8 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm EST

Laity and pastors in the Fort Wayne area are invited to a hands-on training event for door-to-door evangelism held at and around Trinity Lutheran Church on Decatur Road in Fort Wayne. It will occur on Saturday, November 8th from 9am-3pm, with a follow-up to be held on December 13th. This training is free, and lunch is provided. Please RSVP By November 1 to Lori Matter (lorinda.matter@ctsfw.edu).

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.

LSUS News

Please pray for these students and staff: A'Mara, Diana, Eliza, BillyBlessing, Anyla, Paislee, Josue, Kali, Kaylen, Lizzy, Mr. Fink , and Nurse Beverly.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalms 139:5-6

FALL INTO FUN AT LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY

LSUS Harvest Festival

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WHY SPONSOR A CLASS TO SUPPORT OUR PTO???

Reach hundreds of local families
Show your commitment to the community and youth education
Gain visibility through digital and print promotion leading up to and during the event

NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Lutheran South Unity
5401 South Calhoun St, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Classroom Sponsor \$100	• LOGO ON ALL MARKETING MATERIALS (FLYERS, POSTERS, SOCIAL MEDIA) • LOGO DISPLAYED NEXT TO YOUR SPONSORED CLASSROOM • CLASSROOM GAME DESIGNED & HOSTED WITH YOUR BUSINESS NAME BUSINESS ANNOUNCED ONCE DURING THE EVENT BY THE HOST
Top Sponsor (4 Available) \$250	INCLUDES ALL THE BENEFITS OF A CLASSROOM SPONSOR PLUS: • YOUR BUSINESS ANNOUNCED 3 TIMES AT EVENT • A SPECIAL GAME/ACTIVITY (IN ADDITION TO CLASS) NAMED AFTER YOUR BUSINESS • YOUR LOGO ON SIGNS ALONG CALHOUN STREET ADVERTISING THE FESTIVAL

Email us at epearson@lsusfw.org or call us at 260-744-0459 more details.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Mark your calendars! Our Community Harvest Fest is coming up on November 15th, and we need your help to make it a success.

We are looking for:

- **Donations** of harvest/fall décor.
- **Volunteers** to help on event day.

If your family owns a business and would like to be an event sponsor, please reach out to Courtney or Erica Pearson for more details.

LSUS Athletes Shine in FW Lutheran Football!



Lutheran football is full of excitement this fall, and our LSUS athletes—along with other area Lutheran school students—are making us proud! The 6th grade team is charging ahead with an impressive 4–1 record, while our JV team is bringing the energy at 2–1. Varsity has battled their way to 4–4, showing heart and determination every game.



We're also excited that our very own Jovan Antoine is part of the coaching staff, helping lead and inspire these athletes. Way to go, Cadets—keep playing with pride!



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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), **Karly Herndon** (granddaughter of Dan Scheerer and Amber Herndon), **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, Erica, Brenda, Danielle, and Monica** (Food Bank clients), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church: We pray for Dorothea Thompson, Thomas Tinsley, Elena Tobin, Hung Tran, Jeremy Trendle, Lavonda Turner, Philip Urbahns, Sharon Varner, David Volmerding, Bounma Vongphachanh and Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams. We give thanks for 29 years of marriage to Greg and Sharon Shediack.

For our church: Dear Father, as we envision the future of our church, help us to create a space where hope flourishes in our community and our members are refreshed in spirit. Guide our discussions as we consider what you have planned for our church, our building and our community. May every effort we undertake proclaim the person and work of Jesus in a way that touches lives and restores hope.