
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 85

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 3,095.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 1,149.46
Designated Gifts	\$ 511.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,755.46

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 20

Tuesday, October 21

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

Wednesday, October 22

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, October 23

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25

9:30am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, October 26

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 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

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
Altar Guild Sharon Dietrich
Suzie Emley, Amber Herndon

Elder
(4:00pm) Brian Bates
(9:00am) Greg Shediack
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Reader
(9:00am) Kimberly Brooks
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Blake Sebring
(9:00am) Allison Cheng
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Oct. 25th & Oct. 26th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 2:6-9
EPISTLE READING	1 Peter 1:3-9
GOSPEL READING	John 14:1-7

The altar flowers are given by Charlotte Ratliff in loving memory of her sister, Penny Garland.

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!



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Bethlehem Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held this Saturday, October 25, in the cafeteria starting at 8:30am. Breakfast will be served followed by a devotion by Bill Ihssen, time for prayer, and a study of God's Word from the Book of Obadiah with its message of judgment for prideful Edom, the descendants of Esau. All are welcome to join us. *"The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?'"* Obadiah 3 NIV.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

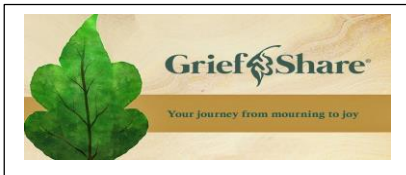
The Chosen Season II Women's Bible Study began on Saturday, October 4 at 9:30am and will meet every week through November 22.

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).

LUTHERAN LIFE VILLAGES

Write a Will Week is your chance to create or update a simple will **for free** when you include a charitable bequest or donation to your favorite nonprofit. Local estate planning attorneys are donating their time to help you secure your legacy and ensure your wishes are honored.

Wills aren't just for older adults. No matter your age, this is one of the most important steps you can take to care for yourself and those you love. Appointments are limited and offered at several LLV campuses in Fort Wayne and Kendallville.

Don't wait—schedule your 30-minute consultation today by clicking below:

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.

LSUS News

Please pray for these students/staff: Anthony, Jariah, Joy, Estrella, Ade, DaMonica, Ja'veah, Cain, Caleb, Mrs. Wiegman, Miss Case, and Nurse Beverly.

Lutheran South Unity School Benefit Dinner

November 1, 2025

5:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church

2313 S. Hanna St.

Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Cost: \$50 per person

Make checks payable to LSUS

5401 S. Calhoun St.

Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Theme: Rise Up & Soar

Isaiah 40:28-31

Guest Speaker: Scott Schumacher

Live music, Photos and

Eye-catching entertainment

Menu: Italian

gluten free and vegan options



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you. — Acts 3:19-20

Smiles, Snow Cones, and Service!

Seventh graders recently visited Lutheran Life Villages, a senior living community bringing joy and building connections with elderly residents through fun, meaningful activities.

The visit included classic games, cheerful conversations, and even a mini spa session where students painted residents' fingernails. In another area, students prepared and handed out snow cones, much to the delight of residents and staff alike. Laughter and excitement filled the room during a lively balloon toss in the Memory Care unit, a simple yet joyful activity that encouraged movement and interaction.

The experience wasn't just enriching for the residents. Many students came away from the visit feeling inspired and grateful. LSUS hopes to continue building on this partnership with Lutheran Life Villages, reinforcing the values of compassion, service, and community in the hearts of its students.



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	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), **Al Schumm** (husband of Sharon Dietrich), **Beverly Van Nalten** (mother of Jennifer Bradley), **LaToya Williams** (daughter of Ocleva Williams), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church: We pray for Etta Walker, Brenda Warren, Heather Weemes, Amber Williams, Clarence Williams, Linda Witte, Suzanne Wright, Delores Wright, and Kathy Young. and Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

For our church: Almighty Father, we commit our plans to You as we consider how best to utilize our building and ministries. Guide our hearts and hands as we pursue your will so that we do not get distracted or discouraged. Fill us with Your wisdom and passion so that our work brings hope to our neighborhood and rekindles the faith of our congregation, leading all to experience the love of Jesus.