
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 86

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 9,509.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 152.81
Designated Gifts	\$ 657.00
Total Contributions	\$ 10,318.81

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 27

Tuesday, October 28

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

Wednesday, October 29

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, October 30

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1

8:00am Clean-Up Day @ Bethlehem

9:30am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, November 2

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

SERVING AMONG US +THIS 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
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 Live stream Randy Hapner

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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

The link to watch online: [**https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne**](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Nov. 1st & Nov. 2nd)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Revelation 7:9-17
EPISTLE READING	1 John 3:1-3
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 5:1-12

*The altar flowers are given by John and Ruth Bates in thanksgiving to God
for 36 years of marriage.*

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!



GET YOUR TICKETS!

Bethlehem will be hosting a 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Luncheon on January 11th at 11:30am in our cafeteria. Bethlehem members and alumni are invited.

The menu will be: stuffed pork loin, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, dinner rolls, cake and beverages. The price of the ticket is \$1.00 (the cost of a meal in 1926, 100 years ago!) We will have a Free Will Basket in case you think the meal is worth more than a dollar. The sold tickets will help our Food Committee in planning and preparation. You **must** buy a ticket to be admitted! **Tickets will be sold after church every Sunday through December.**

NEEDED!

Dinner Forks (metal) for the 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Luncheon on January 11th.

Our kitchen has plenty of spoons & knives, but alas, the forks are scarce.

Do you have some odd ones you could contribute?

If you visit a thrift store, would you purchase a few?

Baskets will be at the back of the church, and at the side entrance.

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).

CLEAN-UP DAY AT BETHLEHEM.

The board of property management needs help to pick up brush, sticks, etc. and clean up the church's yard. Clean-up day is 8:00 am on Saturday, November 1. Many hands make for light work; hope to see you then.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

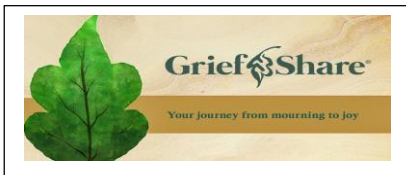
The Chosen Season II Women's Bible Study began on Saturday, October 4 at 9:30am and will meet every week through November 22.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SHARE THE STORY OF JESUS!

Share the joy of Jesus by volunteering with the Christ Child Festival on November 26! This year, we'll be in two locations: Parkview Field and the Allen County Public Library. We invite you to help us create a warm, welcoming, memorable experience for guests of all ages. For complete details, visit our new website at ChristChildFest.org. Whatever your skills, talents, and abilities, we have a place for you at the Christ Child Festival.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

DATES TO REMEMBER

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!

SERVE AT THE RESCUE MISSION

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission!

Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month - upcoming dates include 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!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Leadership from Concordia Lutheran High School (CLHS) is visiting area churches and the CLHS campus to share exciting updates about the high school's capital campaign, **A Bold Step**. More than half of the Impact Events have already taken place, but there are still a handful of opportunities left to learn more about—and get involved with—this bold step forward for our high school. Attendees will hear **new, previously undisclosed information** about the project's scope and vision, as well as discover **new ways to participate** in this God-sized journey.

Visit cadetsboldstep.org or scan the QR code to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Events

- 10/26 – St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- 10/28 – Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 10/29 – Concordia Lutheran Church
- 11/02 – Concordia Lutheran High School (Auditorium)

THE SHEPHERD'S HAND

Jana Peters, Director of The Shepherd's Hand, will be here to speak about their mission on November 9. Your generous donations of diapers, Pull-Ups (sizes 6 and 7) wipes, and feminine products (especially pads) will be greatly appreciated. Baskets are at both entrances to the sanctuary.

LSUS News

Please pray for these students/staff: Samuel, Angel, Santino, Kiarrah, Kayden, Sebastian, Kenny, LeShon, Larkin, Mrs. Kohler, Mrs. Ramsey, and Nurse Beverly.

Pumpkins, PTO, and Plenty More!

Mark your calendars—there's a lot coming up! Join the community at **Peace Lutheran Church's Trunk-or-Treat** for some spooktacular fun! Looking ahead, the **LSUS Benefit Dinner is November 1st**. Don't forget to save the date for our big **Harvest Fest on November 15th!**

TRUNK OR TREAT

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - 4900 FAIRFIELD AVE.
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THE CAFE
WILL BE
OPEN!

DOOR PRIZES, HOT DOGS, CHIPS, TREATS, COSTUMES, MUSIC

Sunday, October 26 3-4:30pm

Another Positive Outreach
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A PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INITIATIVE

Contact: Katrina Marcum / 4900 Fairfield Ave / 744-3869 / secretary@peacelutheranfw.org Sharing Peace Cafe



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

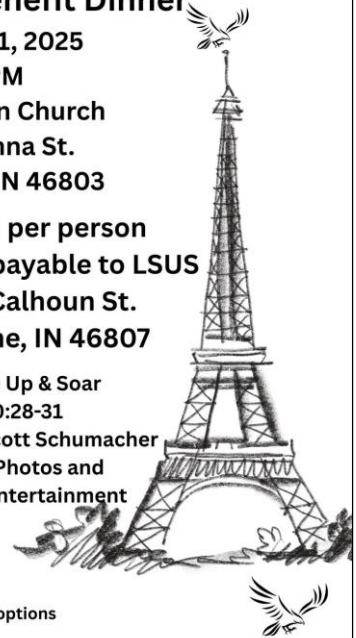
Theme: Rise Up & Soar

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:

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully
with all your heart. For consider what great
things he has done for you.

1 Samuel 12: 24

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), **Collins Gusching** (great-granddaughter of Pam Morvilius) and her parents, **Alec and Georgia Gusching**, **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 Tina Adamonis, Charles Adams, Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer, Brian Bates, Dan Bates, John Bates, Kent Bearman, Dawn Beaty, Steve Bercot, Omar Bernabe, Karl Bernabe, Marlene Berning, and Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams. We give thanks for 36 years of marriage to Ruth and John Bates.

For our church: Loving Father, guide us as we reimagine our church space and outreach efforts. Give us a renewed sense of vision and purpose in this ever changing neighborhood. May our building serve as a haven of hope and renewal for both our community and our members, drawing all into a closer relationship with the life-changing work of Jesus.