
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 98

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 5,292.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 757.13
Designated Gifts	\$ 379.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,428.13

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, November 3

Tuesday, November 4

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

6:30pm Board of Elders

Wednesday, November 5

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, November 6

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, November 7

Saturday, November 8

9:30am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, November 9

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 Kim Ellison
 Sharon Shediack
 Elder
 (4:00pm) Ed Ramos
 (9:00am) Peter Schlie
 Head Usher Dan Bates
 Lay Reader
 (9:00am) Glenn Emley
 PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
 (9:00am) Aaron Brown
 Sound Operator
 (9:00am)..... Charlotte Ratliff
 Live stream Josiah Hapner

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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Nov. 8th & Nov. 9th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Exodus 3:1-15
EPISTLE READING	2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17
GOSPEL READING	Luke 20:27-40

The altar flowers are given by Annette Diemer in memory of our Bethlehem saints who went to their eternal rest this past year.

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 be your RSVP and help our Food Committee in planning and preparation. Please do not purchase a ticket if you are not planning to attend).** 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?

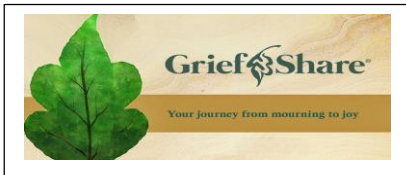
Baskets will be at the back of the church, and at the side entrance.

EVANGELISM TRAINING AND PRACTICE

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).

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.



Join us in **Room 1** on **November 18 at 5:30pm** for **“Surviving the Holidays”**

The Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be bleak. Navigating grief during the holiday season can be challenging. This event offers coping tools and

support for those grieving. This event will equip you with strategies to cope with the changing traditions, draining social events, and various triggers that evoke complex emotions. It could be the most important event of your holiday season! We pray that the tools, practical next steps provided, and additional community support will help us all see this season as one of healing and hope. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation to help cover the costs of books.

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas after a big life change: a lost job, a broken relationship, a wearying illness, a recent death—or perhaps it is simply a time that has always been difficult. For these reasons, our church will offer a special “Darkest Night” service on **Saturday, December 21st at 6:30pm**. You are invited to come join with us in sharing and hearing scripture, prayers, and music acknowledging that God’s presence is for those who mourn, and that God’s Word comes to shine light into our darkness.



LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Chosen Season II Women's Bible Study will meet every week through November 22 at 9:30am.

CLEANING & ORGANIZING CREW

We meet at on Wednesdays 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!

14TH ANNUAL ADVENT TEA

December 7th at 1:30pm If you are interested in attending, please call the Church Office 744-3228. Love Offering will be going to LSUS.

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.

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!

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.



11/25 Tuesday	6:30pm	Thanksgiving Service
12/03 Wednesday	6:30pm	Midweek Advent Service
12/10 Wednesday	6:30pm	Midweek Advent Service
12/16 Tuesday	6:00pm	LSUS Christmas Program (Zion)
12/17 Wednesday	6:30pm	Midweek Advent Service
12/21 Sunday	6:30pm	The Darkest Night Service
12/24 Wednesday	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service
12/25 Thursday	10:00am	Christmas Day Worship Service

It's beginning to look a lot like CHRISTMAS!
Order your poinsettias to decorate the chancel at Christmas!

NAME _____

In Memory of _____

POINSETTIAS @ \$25.00 \$_____ TOTAL

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING – NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Make checks payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and mail with form to:
 3705 South Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46806, or give to an usher. *(no phone orders, please)*

POINSETTIAS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER THE 10:00AM SERVICE DECEMBER 25, 2025.



LSUS News

Please pray for these students/staff: Kaiden, Gabriella, Yanuell, Jacielle, Julie, Sierra, Aaleyah, Ivan, Justin, Mr. Mertz, Mr. Jordan, and Nurse Beverly.

FALL INTO FUN AT LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY

LSUS Harvest Festival

HARVEST GAMES, FOOD, PERFORMANCES, MUSIC AND MORE
Fun for all ages! Come and enjoy a family-friendly event that won't break the bank!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Library Maze
- Musical Chairs
- Event Themed Games
- \$1 Raffle Tickets (AMAZING ITEMS)

ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS:

- Music
- Affordable Food Trucks (\$1-\$10)
- Talent Show
- Arts & Crafts Booth
- Candy/Door Prizes (Limited Quantity)

NOVEMBER 15, 2025
12 PM - 4 PM
5401 South Calhoun Fort Wayne, IN 46807

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Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.
Ecclesiastes 3:11



The staff of LSUS enjoyed a meal of Ham and Bean Soup, Cornbread, and Salad provided by the Women of Bethlehem.

PHOENIX SPORTS CORNER

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3RD

CHEERLEADING

BOYS BASKETBALL

GAMES:

Monday, Nov. 3rd 4:30 pm: JV vs. St. John Kendallville @ Bethlehem
Wednesday, Nov. 4th 7:00 pm: Varsity @ ESM
Thursday, Nov. 6th 4:30 pm: JV @ Wyneken
Thursday, Nov. 6th 5:45 pm: Varsity @ Wyneken
Fri.-Sun., Nov. 7th-8th Tournament @ Suburban Bethlehem
11/7 - 4:30 pm v. St. Peters 11/8 - 10:15 am v. Concordia

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

Teddy Bishop	Beau Bishop	Ruby Bonner	Lois 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
Gladys Middleton	Bob Miller	Jane Miller	Louise Nahrwold
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), **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 Teddy Bishop, Beau Bishop, Mark Blessing, Ruby Bonner, Craig Bradley, Evans Branigan, Lisa Bratton, Kathy Brehm, Aaron Brown, Priscilla Brown, Shirley Brunson, Margaret Burger and 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.