
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 85

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

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 10

Tuesday, November 11

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

6:30pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, November 12

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, November 13

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, November 14

Saturday, November 15

9:30am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, November 16

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Shepherd's Hand presentation
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) John Bates
Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer
Lay Reader
(9:00am) Suzie Emley
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Blake Sebring
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Charlotte Ratliff
Live stream Joshua Hapner

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

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Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
Altar Guild Mary Snow
Allison Cheng
Elder
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Head Usher Evans Branigan
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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Nov. 15th & Nov. 16th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING
EPISTLE READING
GOSPEL READING

Malachi 4:1-6
2 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Luke 21:5-28

The altar flowers are given by Rhonda Cheng in memory of Alex Cheng in remembrance of their 42nd wedding anniversary on November 12, and in memory of her father, Russell Miller, a veteran, and in thanksgiving for all those who served in our nations Armed Forces.

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.**

**The next 100th Anniversary Committee meeting:
November 19 at 7:00pm (after Choir) in Room 1.**

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?

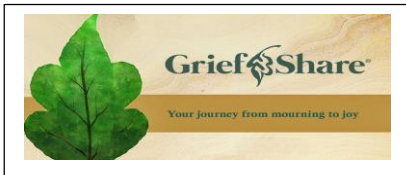
Baskets will be at the back of the church, and at the side entrance.

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 **Sunday, 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. The theme will be "Christmas Memories" and the Love Offering will go to LSUS.

WELLS OUTRAGEOUS OUBACHE FIFTEEN (WOOF)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church was well represented at the WOOF race on November 1st. Omar and Janine Bernabe and Mary Snow competed a 15 mile relay on the trails at Oubache State Park in Bluffton, IN. It was a chilly 37degrees at the starting line, but things warmed up quickly. Their combined finish time was just over 3 hours, each winning a bisen coffee mug for placing 2nd place.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SHARE THE STORY

Share the joy of Jesus by volunteering with the Christ Child Festival. 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.

ADVENT DINNERS BEFORE SERVICES

The theme for our Advent midweek services will be Coming Home For Christmas. We'd love to get cozy and enjoy a simple meal together before service. Consider signing up to share your favorite soup or chili, bread or rolls or a dessert. More information can be found near the Fellowship Hall! Dinners will be held December 3, 10 and 17th and will begin at 5:30pm.



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

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.**



SERVE AT THE RESCUE MISSION

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission!

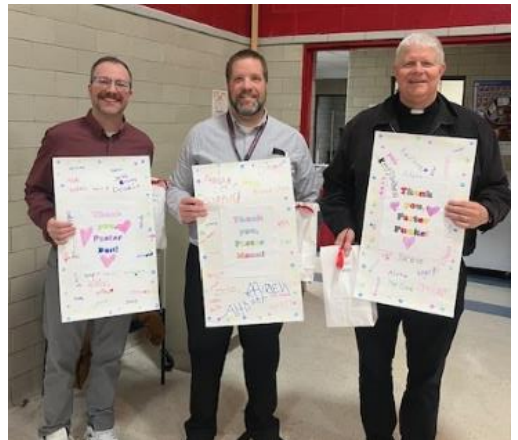
Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month - upcoming dates include Nov 23, and Dec. 28. This is a great way to serve our local Ft. Wayne Community. Sign-up at the bulletin board outside the library, just past Fellowship Hall, and make this a meaningful service experience! Can't serve physically?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

LSUS News

Please pray for these students/staff: Mila, Avionna, Jade, Kamari, Yu May, Charli, Hailey, Bentley, Aveyah, Mr. Jordan, and Nurse Beverly.

Our Pastors Are the Best!

October was Pastor Appreciation Month, and Lutheran South Unity School took time to celebrate and thank our amazing pastors—Pastor Mann, Pastor Ben, Pastor Punke, Pastor Frincke, and Pastor Bahr—for their faithful leadership and care. Each week, our pastors lead chapel and devotions, visit classrooms, and share God's Word with our students in meaningful ways. To show their gratitude, students created heartfelt cards and presented small gifts as tokens of appreciation. We are truly blessed by the love, guidance, and encouragement our pastors bring to our school community!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened,
and do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with
you wherever you go.
— Joshua 1:9

**PHOENIX SPORTS CORNER**

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11TH

**CHEERLEADING****BOYS BASKETBALL**

GAME:

Wednesday, Nov. 12th 4:30 pm

JV Only vs. St. John Emmanuel

@ Bethlehem

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 Christina Carillo, Greg Chapman, Rhonda, Allison, and Stephanie Cheng, Derek Crane, Robert Crawford, Davina Crawford, Marilyn Curl, Rachelle Dance, Claudette Daniels, Steven Davies, and Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

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.