
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 79

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 Epiphany Coffee Hour – FH

Monday, January 5

Tuesday, January 6

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, January 7

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, January 8

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, January 11

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 Sharon Dietrich
 Suzie Emley, Amber Herndon

Elder
(4:00pm) Michael Johnson
(9:00am) John Bates
Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Suzie Emley
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Carla Johnson
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Charlotte Ratliff
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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 (Jan. 10th & Jan. 11th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 42:1-9
EPISTLE READING	Romans 6:1-11
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 3:13-17

The altar flowers are given by Steve and Donna Melcher in thanksgiving for their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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

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

EVENTS

JANUARY 11

Kick-Off - Service: 9:00am - Preacher: Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Indiana District President - Video: Bethlehem 100th Anniversary
Lunch: 11:30am Speaker: Nathan Bienz, Historian, FW Lutheran Board Member

FEBRUARY 15

Transfiguration Sunday - **Organ Recital** - 2:00pm

MARCH 27

Big-Eyed Fish Fry 4:00pm -7:00pm - \$15 Carry out available

APRIL 25

Clean up for Shepherd's Hand Walk - Preacher: Rev. Eli Voigt

MAY 31

Education Celebration / Church Potluck

Service 9:00am – Preacher: Rev. Phil Rigdon - Blake Sebring – “Bethlehem Memories”

JUNE 20

Neighborhood Walk - 10:00am

3205 Alexander St. Site of Bethlehem's 1926 Portable Chapel - Talk: Mr. Ron Oetting

JULY 18

Community Fest / Health Fair 10:00am – 3:00pm - Fellowship, Food and Fun

AUGUST 8

LSUS Clean up

SEPTEMBER 12

Alumni Dance 7:00pm – 11:00pm - Allen County Fairgrounds

SEPTEMBER 13

Alumni Events - Alumni Service 9:00am - Preacher: Rev. Steve Ensley

Reception with charcuterie

OCTOBER

Mission MONTH

NOVEMBER

Food Bank MONTH

DECEMBER 20

Service of Song w/Don Wharton - 2:00pm - Closing & Looking Forward to the Future

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY – T-SHIRTS



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!



BETHLEHEM TRIVIA

September 13, 1925 the Christian day school opened at 3205 Alexander Ave.

There were 46 charter members who started Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

SERVE AT THE RESCUE MISSION

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission!

Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month. Can't serve physically? Bake instead!

BETHLEHEM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

At the Bethlehem Men's Prayer Breakfast set for this Saturday, December 27, we shall prepare to leave 2025 and began to consider 100 years of life together at Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church as we head to the centennial year of 2026. Please plan to join your friends in the cafeteria starting at 8:30am. that day as we have breakfast together followed by a devotion, time for prayer, and a study of God's Word. All are welcome. *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!"* Psalm 133:1 NIV.

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.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

CLEANING & ORGANIZING CREW

The Cleaning & Organizing Crew meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the WOB room.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are preparing to begin Season 3 of The Chosen in January. We have opted to return to our every-other-Saturday routine. Consequently, we will meet in Room 1 at 9:30 on the following dates in 2026:

January 3, 17, 31 February 14 & 28 March 14 & 28 April 11

CHURCH KITCHEN TRAINING CLASS TODAY

Planning to use the church kitchen? A training class is offered for anyone who would like to learn how to use the kitchen. Learn kitchen policies, equipment use, safety guidelines, and clean-up procedures. **Today after the Epiphany Coffee Hour in the kitchen.**

WE NEED YOU!

HELP SHARE OUR WORSHIP BEYOND THE WALLS

Our church's **Livestream Ministry** helps us reach members who are homebound, traveling, or unable to attend in person—and it's only possible because of faithful volunteers behind the scenes. Right now, we are in need of **Livestream operators** and **PowerPoint operators** to help support our worship services.

No experience is required—we **will provide training** and ongoing support. If you're comfortable with basic technology, willing to learn, and have a heart to serve, this could be a meaningful way to use your gifts. Even serving **once or twice a month** makes a big difference.

By volunteering, you're not just running equipment—you're helping people worship, stay connected, and feel included in our church family.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the church office to sign up or for more information (260-744-3228).

Thank you for prayerfully considering serving in this important ministry!

CHANGING FOOTPRINTS

Changing Footprints collects both new and gently worn shoes and distributes them to individuals who are homeless, affected by disasters, or otherwise in need. They are currently operating right here at Bethlehem and could use volunteers to help sort the many shoes they receive. If you can donate just a few hours a month, your help would make a big difference! For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Cheryl at 260-341-0167.



LOST ITEM

***A large black/brown fabric basket w/metal handles – last seen in the Fellowship Hall. If found please return to the church office. Thank You**

LSUS News

Please pray for all the students/staff

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

— Luke 2:10-11

**PHOENIX
SPORTS CORNER**
WEEK OF DEC. 29TH - JAN. 10TH
CHEERLEADINGBOYS BASKETBALL
GAMES:
Monday, Jan. 5th vs. Emmaus
4:30pm Varsity @ Bethlehem
Wednesday, Jan. 7th vs. Holy Cross
4:30pm Varsity @ Bethlehem
Thursday, Jan. 8th vs. Concordia
4:30pm Varsity @ Bethlehem

ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT

HAVE SOME FUN. ENJOY GETTING TO KNOW
THE LSUS TEACHER & PARENT. BRIDGING THE
GAP BETWEEN THE CHURCHES AND PARENTS

Food & Drinks
will be provided



FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026
6:00 PM

2313 S. Hanna Street

TEACHERS, PARENTS & CHURCHES

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	Gladys Middleton
Bob Miller	Jane Miller	Louise Nahrwold	Eddie Pierce
Adam Rice	Jewel Robinson	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), **Meg Busse** (niece of Annette Diemer), **Darryl Calloway**, **Jeremiah Caper** (nephew of Deanna Nelson), **Maria Gema Camumot** (aunt of Nancy Pierce), **Mark Curten** (Deanna Nelson), **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 Gushing** (great-granddaughter of Pam Morvilius) and her parents, **Alec and Georgia Gushing**, **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), **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 Pamala Morvilius, Corinne Nahrwold, Louise Nahrwold, Ashley Nelson, Joseph Nelson, Terri Nelson, Barb Netterville, Loan Nguyen, Patti Niday, Tom Oberholtzer, Dorothy Oetting, Eddie Pierce, Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams. We give thanks for 60 years of marriage to Steve and Donna Melcher.

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.