

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY**

**For our members;**

<b>Teddy Bishop</b>	<b>Joan Domrow</b>	<b>Richard Pierce</b>
<b>Ruby Bonner</b>	<b>Ina Gaunt</b>	<b>Jewel Robinson</b>
<b>Lois Branigan</b>	<b>Pastor Jeff and Vicky Geisler</b>	<b>Doris Scott</b>
<b>Margaret Burger</b>	<b>Linda Kalthoff</b>	<b>Sharon Shediack</b>
<b>Willard Brown</b>	<b>Earl and Nancy Kruger</b>	<b>Thomas Tinsley</b>
<b>Derek and Dana Crane</b>	<b>Gladys Middleton</b>	<b>Phil Urbahns</b>

**For our friends and family:**

**Ruby Ahart** (sister-in law of Nancy Pierce), **Vicky Baker** (mother of Cathy Finner)  
**Al Bebout** (brother of Amber Herndon)  
**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, Tammy Gibson** (sister of Threasa Lightning)  
**Larry Hollman** (brother-in-law of Greg Finner)  
**Mary R. Harris-Hill** (sister of Claudia Harris)  
**Anna Jones**, (mother of Trena Jones)  
**Don Kovac** (father of Michelle Miller)  
**Pastor Larry Merino, John Moerer** (son-in-law of John and Shirley Davis)  
**Karen Norby** (friend of Linda Stafford), **Brian Rasso** (brother of Gene Kalthoff)  
**Salgado Rivera** (client of Food Bank), **Paul Roach** (son of John and Linda Stafford)  
**Patricia and Natasha Saylor** (friends of Kathy Brehm)  
**Stacey Self** (friend of Kim Brooks), **Chris Terrazas** (son of Donna Adams)  
**Beverly Van Nalten** (mother of Jennifer Bradley)  
**LaToya Williams** (daughter of Ocleva Williams)

**For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Eddie Pierce, Richard Pierce, Lisa Pippenger, Amie Pishvai, Elfriede Plettner, Paula Polston, Carole Preston, Ed Ramos, Susan Ramos, Kim Rasmussen, Charlotte Ratliff, and Josie Reed.

In thanksgiving for 58 years of marriage to Steve and Donna Melcher. Grant that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared.

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE**

ATTENDANCE:	97
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$12,163.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 528.87
Online Designated Funds	\$ 512.72
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,025.00
Total Contributions	\$ 14,232.59

**OFFERINGS**

You can make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our website. It's simple and secure.  
**[www.bethlehemlcms.org](http://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 Urgent needs:**

**Canned Pasta and Pasta Sauces**

Copies of the sermon are available in the Narthex ask an usher for assistance.

**ACTIVITIES AND BIBLE STUDIES**

**+ THIS WEEK +**



**TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

**9:00am Worship w/Communion**  
10:00am Epiphany Brunch

**Monday, January 6**

**Tuesday, January 7**

10:00-11:30am Food Bank  
6:30pm Board of Elders

**Wednesday, January 8**

10:00-11:30am Food Bank  
6:00pm - Choir  
7:15pm - Handbells

**Thursday, January 9**

10:00-11:30am Food Bank

**Friday, January 10**

**Saturday, January 11**

**4:00pm Worship w/Communion**

**Sunday, January 12**

**9:00am Worship w/Communion**  
10:00am Coffee Hour – FH  
10:30am Assembly – Café  
Kids – Sonshine Club Room

<b>SERVING AMONG US +THIS WEEKEND+</b> Preacher ..... The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner Organist ..... Janelle Deal Altar Guild ..... Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley, Amber Herndon  Elder (4:00pm) ..... Peter Schlie (9:00am) ..... Greg Shediack Head Usher ..... Dan Bates Lay Readers (9:00am) ..... Peter Schlie PowerPoint Operators (4:00pm) ..... Blake Sebring (9:00am) ..... Allison Cheng Sound Operator (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer Live stream ..... Dave Volmerding	<b>SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+</b> Preacher ..... The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner Organist ..... Janelle Deal Altar Guild ..... Kim Ellison Sharon Shediack  Elder (4:00pm) ..... Michael Johnson (9:00am) ..... Peter Schlie Head Usher ..... Ron Gallmeyer Lay Readers (9:00am) ..... The Hapner Family PowerPoint Operators (4:00pm) ..... Carla Johnson (9:00am) ..... Aaron Brown Sound Operator (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer Live stream ..... Randy Hapner						
<b><u>BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE</u></b> The link to watch online: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne">https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne</a>							
<b><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup>)</u></b> <table><tr><td>OLD TESTAMENT READING</td><td>Isaiah 43:1-7</td></tr><tr><td>EPISTLE READING</td><td>Romans 6:1-11</td></tr><tr><td>GOSPEL READING</td><td>Luke 3:15-22</td></tr></table>		OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 43:1-7	EPISTLE READING	Romans 6:1-11	GOSPEL READING	Luke 3:15-22
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*The altar flowers are given by Steve and Donna Melcher in thanksgiving for their 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

**EDUCATION HOUR**

Education Hour meets each Sunday from 10:30am-11:30am. Adults meet in the cafeteria, and the Kids in the Sonshine Club room, ages 3 years - 5th grade are welcome.

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**LSUS News**

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**PRAYING FOR YOU!**

**Please pray for our students/staff.**



***Rockin'***

***My Salvation***

Dinner Benefits  
**Lutheran South  
Unity School**

**Save the  
Date!**

Feb. 22, 2025  
Quimby Hall  
1502 Bluffton Rd



**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE**

Would you like to have some fun talking about Bethlehem’s potential future opportunities?

**Following the Jan. 12 service,** the Community Learning Center Committee is asking you to join us in the cafeteria for an exercise examining the church’s assets. The committee already has a list of about 75, but we need your help to make sure we include everything. Compiling the list so far made us very optimistic about what we CAN accomplish rather than what we CAN’T, and we can’t wait to share what we’ve learned with you.

From individuals, we are looking at the categories Heart (something cared deeply about), Hands (skills), and Head (something we know). As a congregation, the answers will fit into the categories of Associations, Institutions, Economic, Stories, Physical, and Individuals.

- What are the physical assets of our congregation?**
- What are assets/talents unique to us as a group?**
- What are some talents, experiences, perspectives, and skills of our individuals?**
- We want this to be a fun exploration so come prepared to discuss, help and laugh.**

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**BETHLEHEM’S 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Our theme will be **"Throughout All Generations"** Psalm 90:1 *"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations."*  
Kick-off will be on Sunday, January 11, 2026 (same month as the first meeting of the church)  
Education Celebration will be on Sunday, May 31, 2026 (History of education and recognition of Confirmation classes) Main Event will be on Sunday, September. 27, 2026.

**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), Thresa Lightning (260-417-1450) or Richard Pierce (260-450-2280), our Grief Coordinators. 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.

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**DON'T FORGET OUR FOOD BANK**



Every  
Donation  
Makes A  
Difference

Help keep their shelves stocked this winter. Scour your pantries, include them on your shopping list. Bring a grocery bag of a few non-perishable items on Sundays. Bring to the front pews during the Offering.

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*Epiphany Brunch:*  
**Today! January 5, 2025**  
Come down to the cafeteria after service, January 5<sup>th</sup> for Brunch, fellowship, and music by Kacey Hapner. We’ll see you there!



## CHOIR AND HANDBELLS RESUMES



We are excited to announce that both the Choir and the Handbells will be resuming on Wednesday, January 8! We invite all current members as well as new voices and ringers to join us as we begin rehearsals and prepare to sing/ring once a month in services. Whether you're a seasoned musician or just looking to share your talents, we would love to have you be a part of our Music Ministries. **Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor choir room. Handbells are Wednesdays at 7:15- 8:15pm in the balcony.**

No prior experience is necessary—just a love for music and a desire to serve through song and sound. For more information or to sign up, please contact Kasey Needham Hapner, [kaseyneedham92@gmail.com](mailto:kaseyneedham92@gmail.com)

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## WOMEN of BETHLEHEM / LWML

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### RUMMAGE SALE ITEM DONATIONS:

Thank you for your donations for our recent September Sale. LSUS received a check for \$5800.00! A future Bethlehem Rummage Sale is not in the works at this time, but a Joint Four Church Rummage Sale may happen next summer at LSUS.

**PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF DONATIONS AT BETHLEHEM!**

### Women of Bethlehem Game Day



**Saturday, January 11, 2025** starting at 12 noon. in Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided. (A brief business meeting followed by games of all kinds (Board games, cards, maybe a little trivia). Prizes!!

Since the men will mostly be watching Football games, we'll be playing some games of our own.

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