

**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>Nick Rasmussen</b>
<b>Lois Branigan</b>	<b>Pastor Jeff and Vicky Geisler</b>	<b>Jewel Robinson</b>
<b>Margaret Burger</b>	<b>Jean Hille</b>	<b>Doris Scott</b>
<b>Willard Brown</b>	<b>Linda Kalthoff</b>	<b>Sharon Shediack</b>
<b>Derek and Dana Crane</b>	<b>Earl and Nancy Kruger</b>	<b>Thomas Tinsley</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**

Phyllis Reinking	Adam Rice	Deborrah Richards	Joan Richter
Christopher Rigdon	Rita Rincon	Denise Robinson	Jewel Robinson
Sara Robinson	Miriam Roesener	Ilene Saalfrank	Gertrude Savage

We remember the family of Regine (Jenny) Guenin who went to be with her Lord on January 6.

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE**

ATTENDANCE:	87
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 4,303.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 2,580.67
Designated Gifts	\$ 317.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,200.67

**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 Coffee Hour – FH  
10:30am Assembly – Café  
Kids – Sonshine Club Room

**Monday, January 13**

**Tuesday, January 14**

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

**Wednesday, January 15**

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

**Thursday, January 16**

10:00-11:30am Food Bank

**Friday, January 17**

**Saturday, January 18**

**4:00pm Worship w/Communion**  
9:30am Women's Bible Study

**Sunday, January 19**

**9:00am Worship w/Communion**  
10:00am Coffee Hour – FH  
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 ..... 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>SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+</b>  Preacher ..... The Rev. Steve Ahlersmeyer Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner Organist ..... Matt Johnston Altar Guild ..... Linda Stafford Elder (4:00pm) ..... Brian Bates (9:00am) ..... John Bates Head Usher ..... Evans Branigan Lay Readers (9:00am) ..... Linda Stafford John Stafford  PowerPoint Operators (4:00pm) ..... Charlotte Ratliff (9:00am) ..... Josiah Hapner Sound Operator (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer Live stream ..... Joshua 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 18<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup>)</u></b> <table><tr><td>OLD TESTAMENT READING</td><td>Isaiah 62:1-5</td></tr><tr><td>EPISTLE READING</td><td>1 Corinthians 12:1-11</td></tr><tr><td>GOSPEL READING</td><td>John 2:1-11</td></tr></table>		OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 62:1-5	EPISTLE READING	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	GOSPEL READING	John 2:1-11
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*The 2025 Altar Flower Chart is located in the Narthex and is filling up fast.  
Please select your days now!*

**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; Mary, Aliegha, Ja’maire, Judah, Paislee, Da’Monica, Kali, Emeraude, Jeremiah, Kyaw, and Mrs. Reynolds.

**Journey to the Manger**

The students put on a spectacular Christmas program a couple weeks ago before their Christmas break! The program is a heartwarming tradition that brings together students, teachers, staff and families of LSUS in a celebration of Jesus’s birth! Students rehearsed for weeks, preparing songs and learning lines. The program creatively blended music and narration that took us on a journey through the story of Christmas. Let’s give a big shout out to the students and teachers for all their hard work. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Reynolds, whose dedication and hard work made “Journey to the Manger” a truly special event.







## Kindergarten ROUND UP

260-744-0459

Thursday, January 23rd, 2025 @ 6 – 7 PM

Thursday, March 6th, 2025 @ 6 – 7 PM

**Where:** Lutheran South Unity School  
5401 South Calhoun Street

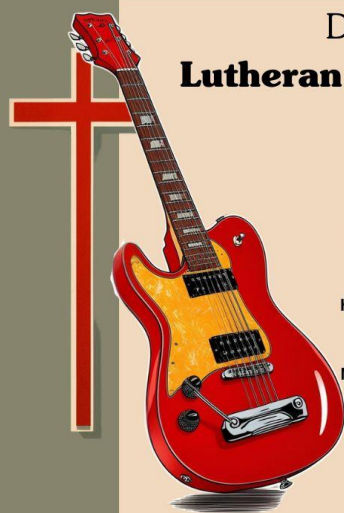


**What to Expect:** Children welcome to come!

- Kindergarten scavenger hunt
- New Families tour of the school
- Repeat families meet with kindergarten teachers and principal — learn about the program.

We look forward to hearing from your family!  
RSVP by phone or use the QR code to LSUS today!

## Rockin' My Salvation



Feb. 22, 2025  
Quimby Hall  
1502 Bluffton Rd

Dinner Benefits  
**Lutheran South Unity School**



Hannah Koch is a 2014 graduate of LSUS. She attended Concordia High School and University of Notre Dame. Now she is attending IU School of Medicine.

Tickets are \$50 per person  
5:00- doors open  
with social hour  
6:00 - dinner  
RSVP by Feb. 14



SCAN ME



January 9, 10, 11  
16, 17, 18

## GODSPELL

2012 Revised Version

Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab  
300 E. Main St., Fort Wayne

Tickets are available at  
[fireandlightproductions.com/tickets](http://fireandlightproductions.com/tickets)  
or ArtsTix Community Box Office: 206-422-4226

## LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a full-time resource room teacher position at Lutheran South Unity School in Fort Wayne, IN. Applicants must hold a current Indiana Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734)748-5253 or [rschumacher@luthsped.org](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

## ADULT CHOIR ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

Peace Lutheran Church, 4900 Fairfield Ave., is in need of an accompanist for its Adult Choir. This is a paid position. The choir rehearses every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., and sings approximately every other Sunday from after Labor Day until Memorial Day. The position is open immediately. Please contact the church office at 260-744-3869, or the director, Gary Gerke, at 260-348-9171.

## DEDICATION RECITAL & HYMN FESTIVAL

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, will have a Dedication Recital & Hymn Festival for its newly refurbished pipe organ on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 3:00pm. St. Peter's Director of Music & Organist, Tim Degen, will perform works by J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck, Felix Mendelssohn, and Louis Vierne. St. Peter's Adult, Brass, and Children's choir will lead the congregation in some great hymns of faith. Hymn arrangements by Carolyn Jennings, Robert Hobby, Michael Costello, and Kenneth Kosche will be featured. A reception will follow the recital and hymn festival. Please email Tim Degen, St. Peter's Director of Music & Organist, with any questions

**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), Threasa 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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**CHOIR AND HANDBELLS RESUMES**

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!**

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**BETHLEHEM  
COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE**

**Join us today! 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.**