
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 133

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,057.70
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 8,475.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 1,026.90
Designated Gifts	\$ 6,075.00
Total Contributions	\$ 15,576.90

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.



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, January 19

Tuesday, January 20

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, January 21

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, January 22

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, January 25

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

Children - Sonshine Club

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.

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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

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

100TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF

God was working through many of our Bethlehem members to provide an inspiring 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Luncheon Event on Sunday, January 11th. Thank you to the more than 160 people who attended. A sincere thanks to the Property Management Committee who installed new wiring in the kitchen after removing the non-working, walk-in refrigerator. A sincere thanks to the Food Committee and the many volunteers who prepared a very delicious meal. Many volunteers helped with table set up, table decorations, clean up, coffee preparation, video presentation, banner design, and so much more. Rev. Dr. D. Stuckwisch sermon was uplifting and Nathan Bienz presented a very informative message on Lutheranism in the 1920's. Please plan to attend some or all of the upcoming events throughout the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 15

Transfiguration Sunday – **Musical Celebration** - 2:00pm

Michael Hollman, from Zion Lutheran Church Fort Wayne, will be the organist and Kasey Hapner, from Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be the pianist. Andrew Bower, Kasey Hapner, and Mary Snow will be featured vocalists. The Bethlehem Handbell ringers will play and the congregation will sing several hymns. Followed by light refreshment.

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”

THE ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE will meet on **Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00pm** in Room 1. Any interested member is invited to attend.

AUMNI DANCE COMMITTEE

Help plan and host our upcoming Alumni Dance! We're looking for people to serve on the planning committee. Your ideas and energy can make a difference. Interested? Contact Sharon Shediack or the church office.

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY – T-SHIRTS



Bethlehem is celebrating our 100th anniversary! As a way to celebrate 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.

In January 1926 regular Sunday morning services were held in the portable chapel at 3205 Alexander Ave. Fort Wayne, IN. The services were in the charge of Concordia and Zion pastors and assisted by professors of the Concordia College faculty.

In September 1926 Maxine Macke was the first infant baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

BETHLEHEM BAKERS

Cookies for 100th anniversary events needed. Freeze them in your freezer until needed or bring to church freezer in kitchen.

TAKE AND SHARE PICTURES

We need your pictures! As you participate in our 100th Anniversary celebrations and events, snap a few photos of interactions with friends and family, young and old and send them to **Bethfw@yahoo.com**. Your fun candid, joyful moments may be featured in our end-of-year Church Directory/Yearbook. Thank you for sharing the joy and for helping us tell our story!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are studying Season 3 of The Chosen at 9:30am every other Saturday in Room 1.

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!

2026 MEN'S GROUP

Cross Connections Counseling is launching a 2026 Men's Group - Gen X (40-60 age). We are looking for men who take their future seriously and desire to take strides spiritually, relationally and professionally. Two groups will be offered. Join us Mondays from 7:00am-8:00am or Tuesdays 12:00-1:00pm beginning January 5th/6th. Limited space available. \$7 donation suggested. Christian Counselor Facilitated. Register today by contacting Kirk at kirkreber@crossconnectionsounseling.com or 260-227-9616

SPRING CRAFT SHOW

Vendors wanted! The St. John-Emmanuel Lutheran School 7th/8th grade classes are sponsoring a spring craft show on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the gym at Emmanuel (Soest) to raise funds for their Washington, DC Trip. Craft booth pricing and registration form available at <https://bit.ly/SJECraft>. Direct questions to Mr. Jesse Muehler by email to jessem@stjohn-emmanuel.com or call the school office at (260) 639-0123.

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.



BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS!

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!

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. — Matthew 2: 9-11



LSUS News

Please pray for all these students/staff: Za’Niah, Zaelyn, Kyu Kyu, Anastasia, Benicio, Sierra, CJ, TraShawn, Daylen, and the Faculty & Staff.

Cookies, Calculations, & Fifth Grade Fun!



Fifth graders put their math skills to the test with their favorite project—doubling a sugar cookie recipe and making the dough themselves! Mrs. Ramsey baked the cookies, and students enjoyed tasting them the next day. Did they do the math correctly? Did anyone mix up sugar and salt? You'll have to ask a 5th grader to find out!

A Warm LSUS Welcome for Pastor A.!



We warmly welcome Pastor Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer to the LSUS family as he begins his ministry at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, one of our associated churches. He brings 46 years of faithful service and experience with a deep commitment to sharing the Gospel and caring for God's people. His ministry experience spans rural, suburban and urban congregations, as well as leadership roles in education and administration.

Pastor A. and his wife, Janet, have been married for 46 years and are blessed with six children (one of which is our very own, Pastor Ben!) and ten grandchildren. We look forward to this exciting new chapter and pray God's blessings on Pastor A. as he serves the Mount Calvary congregation and our Lutheran school community. His leadership and heart for ministry will be a wonderful blessing to us all.

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	Mary Ellen Emley	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 Rachele 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), Laura White (friend of Linda Stafford's son Paul Roach), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church: We pray for Christopher Rigdon, Rita Rincon, Denise Robinson, Jewel Robinson, Sara Robinson, Miriam Roesener, Gertrude Savage, Amber Herndon-Scheerer, Peter Schlie, Susan Schott, David Schult, and Barry Schust, Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

For our church: Gracious Father, we give You thanks for all the blessings You have poured out on this church through the years—for lives baptized, sins forgiven, faith nurtured, and hope restored. As we look ahead, grant us wisdom and humility to follow where You lead. Keep us centered on Christ, trusting not in our strength, but in Your promises.