

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

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

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

Dan Scheerer	Peter Schlie	Susan Schott	David Schult
Barry Schust	Doris Scott	Dorissa Scott	Blake Sebring
EJ Sebring	Greg Shediack	Ignacio Silva	Karla Silva

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE:	
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 4,487.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 1,712.11
Designated Gifts	\$ 317.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,516.11

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

Help keep their shelves stocked this winter.
Bring a grocery bag of a few non-perishable items on Sundays. Bring to the front pews during the offering.

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 Education Hour - Adults – Café

Kids – Sonshine Club Room

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21

10:00-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, January 22

10:00-11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm - Choir

7:15pm - Handbells

Thursday, January 23

10:00-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, January 14

Saturday, January 25

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, January 26

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Café

Kids – Sonshine Club Room

SERVING AMONG US +THIS WEEKEND+		SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+	
Preacher The Rev. Steve Ahlersmeyer		Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer	
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner		Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner	
Organist Matt Johnston		(9:00am)..... Kasey Hapner	
Altar Guild Linda Stafford		Altar Guild Mary Snow	
Elder		Allison Cheng	
(4:00pm) Brian Bates		Elder	
(9:00am) John Bates		(4:00pm) Ed Ramos	
Head Usher Evans Branigan		(9:00am) Greg Shediack	
Lay Readers		Head Usher Dan Bates	
(9:00am) Linda Stafford		Lay Readers	
John Stafford		(9:00am) Glenn Emley	
PowerPoint Operators		PowerPoint Operators	
(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff		(4:00pm) Blake Sebring	
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner		(9:00am) Allison Cheng	
Sound Operator		Sound Operator	
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer		(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer	
Live stream Joshua Hapner		Live stream Josiah Hapner	

BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (January 25th and January 26th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
EPISTLE READING	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
GOSPEL READING	Luke 4:16-30

*The altar flowers are given by Charlotte Ratliff
in memory of Barbara Baatz and Marietta Reinking.*

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.

LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff; Selicia, Noel, Yanuell, May, Benicio, Noah, Trinidee, Shar, Khloe, Jayden, Ms. Cheng, and Ms. Lytle.



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PHOENIX SPORTS

Monday, 1/20 4:00 PM Boys Varsity
Away Game @ Miami Middle
8100 Amherst Dr.

Tuesday, 1/21 5:45 PM Boys JV
Away Game @ Emmaus
8626 Covington Rd.

Wednesday, 1/22 4:00 PM Boys Varsity
Away Game @ Black Hawk Middle
1125 7200 E State Blvd.

Thursday, 1/23 4:30 PM Boys JV
& Boys Varsity 5:45 PM
Away Game @ Holy Cross
3425 Crescent Ave.

Friday-Saturday, 1/24-26 Times TBD Boys JV
Hoopfest @ Concordia
4245 Lake Ave.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

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 worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. —Matthew 2:10-11



Kindergarten ROUND UP

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

Thursday, March 6th, 2025 @ 6 – 7 PM



Where: Lutheran South Unity School
5401 South Calhoun Street
260-744-0459

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.

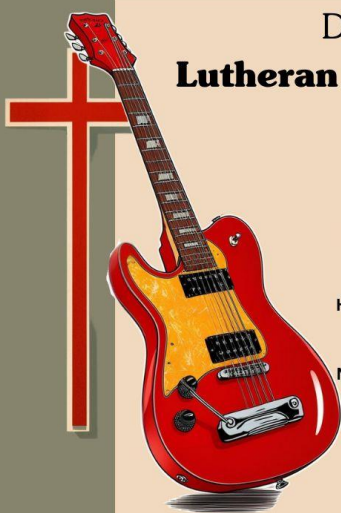
We look forward to hearing from your family!
RSVP by phone or use the QR code to LSUS today!

Rockin' My Salvation



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

Feb. 22, 2025
Quimby Hall
1502 Bluffton Rd



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
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.

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 100th 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.

CHOIR AND HANDBELLS RESUMES

Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the 1st 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

NAME YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS

Our organist Janelle Deal requests your input! What hymns do you wish we sang in worship more frequently? What hymns do we sing frequently that you want to keep singing? Janelle is compiling your answers to help us plan meaningful worship services. Pass on your answers in person after worship, via email at Janelle.Buford@my.wheaton.edu, or via voicemail at (360) 626-3516.

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

At only one chapter Obadiah is a very small book of the Bible, yet it has big messages of warning and Good News for us as we start the new year of 2025. Please plan to join the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 25, at 8:30am. in the Bethlehem cafeteria as we get together for breakfast, prayer, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, and God's Word in Obadiah. *"You should not look down on your brother in the day of his misfortune."* Obadiah 12a NIV.

WOMEN of BETHLEHEM / LWML

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!

WINTER SOWING WORKSHOP

The Women of Bethlehem will be having a Winter Sowing Workshop on January 28 from 11:30am-1:00pm in the cafeteria. Participants are asked to bring half gallon or gallon milk jugs (clean) and seeds. Some seed suggestions are lettuce, kale, carrots, pansies, or snapdragons. We are opening this up to the community and are asking for donations of seeds and jugs. Please drop off items in the church office by January 27. Questions: call or text Sharon 260-515-2616.

