

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

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

Tonya Sims	Marie Smiegal	Archie Smith	Ty Smith
Robert Snow	Anoukone Somsanith	John Stafford	Barbara Staller
Angela Stanley	Linda Stanley	Glenda Starks	Roger Stephans

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE:	86
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 8,121.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 380.67
Designated Gifts	\$ 317.00
Total Contributions	\$ 8,818.67

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 27

Tuesday, January 28

10:00-11:30am Food Bank
11:30am-1:00pm Winter Sowing Workshop

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

10:00-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, February 2

9:00am Worship w/Communion
10:00am Coffee Hour – FH
10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Café
Kids – Sonshine Club Room

SERVING AMONG US
+NEXT 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) Peter Schlie
(9:00am) Peter Schlie
Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Suzie Emley
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
(9:00am) Aaron Brown
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Dave Volmerding

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19)
EPISTLE READING	1 Corinthians 12: 31b-13:13
GOSPEL READING	Luke 4:31-44

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.

Please pray for our students/staff.

Rockin' My Salvation

The logo is a red circular emblem. It features a white cross in the center, with a stylized white flame or heart shape below it. The words "LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL" are written in a circular path around the top, and "PHOENIX" is written at the bottom.

Dinner Benefits

Lutheran South Unity School

A portrait of a young woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a white lab coat over a dark shirt. The background is dark.

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.

A standard black and white QR code.

SCAN ME

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

Feb. 22, 2025
Quimby Hall
1502 Bluffton Rd



Kindergarten ROUND UP

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!

PROTECT YOUNG EYES PARENT AND CAREGIVER EVENT

We are thrilled to have Chris McKenna from Protect Young Eyes with us on February 13 from 7:00-8:30 at Concordia Lutheran High School *to share about internet safety*.

- Please help us share this event with your Church families.
- Here is a Google folder with bulletin inserts, graphics, and an informational letter you can use on screens, newsletters, and print.
- Please reply to this email if you would like a printed poster to hang in your building.
- Finally, please SHARE our Facebook EVENT page along with our post.

Thank you for helping us share this event with our Lutheran community! If you have any questions about the event or would like to learn more about our 19 Lutheran schools and 31 Early Childhood Programs in northeast Indiana, please don't hesitate to contact me or our Executive Director, Kevin Creutz, at kevinc@tlspartnership.org. We're here to assist you in any way we can!

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.

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.

To honor Bethlehem's 100th anniversary in 2026, we offer an opportunity to participate in a second videotaping session on April 13 from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the sanctuary.

These 5-minute videos consist of three questions:

- 1. When and why did you come to Bethlehem?**
- 2. What are a couple of your favorite memories?**
- 3. What has Bethlehem meant to you?**

Understanding that everyone could talk for an hour, we are asking to keep the sessions to five minutes so we can include more people. These recordings will be played before services throughout the anniversary year. Those being interviewed also do not need to be current members.

If you are interested, please email Blake Sebring at blakeds@frontier.com so we can get a rough estimate of those wishing to participate. Seating will be available, and we will not schedule appointments, but we'll start a line and keep going until we are finished. Hopefully this will be a fun time of reminiscing.

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.

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.

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.



Help us share Christ's love with your
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS!

All Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2025!
Call Thrivent Customer Service at (800) 847-4836 with any questions.