

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY**

**For our members;**

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

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

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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](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**  
 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  
+THIS WEEKEND+**

Preacher ..... The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer  
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner  
(9:00am)..... Kasey Hapner  
Altar Guild ..... Mary Snow  
Allison Cheng

Elder  
(4:00pm) ..... Ed Ramos  
(9:00am) ..... Greg Shediack  
Head Usher ..... Dan Bates  
Lay Readers  
(9:00am) ..... Glenn Emley  
PowerPoint Operators  
(4:00pm) ..... Blake Sebring  
(9:00am) ..... Allison Cheng  
Sound Operator  
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer  
Live stream ..... Josiah Hapner

**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

**BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE**  
The link to watch online: <https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne>

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

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

*The altar flowers are provided by John and Linda Stafford in thanksgiving to the Lord for Marissa Johnson's birthday on January 24.*

**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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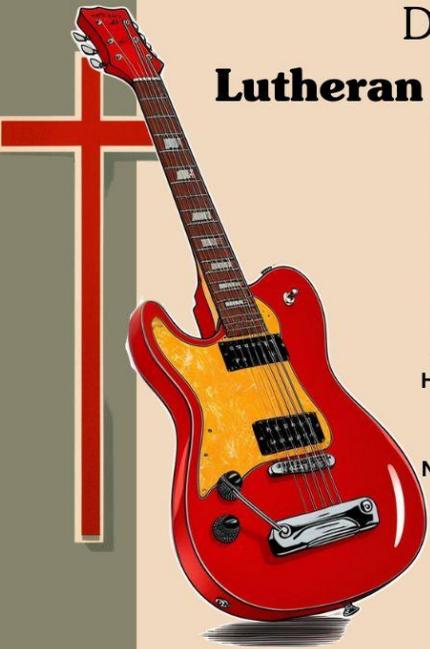
**PRAYING FOR YOU!**

Please pray for our students/staff.



# Rockin' My Salvation

Dinner Benefits  
**Lutheran South Unity School**





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.



SCAN ME

Feb. 22, 2025  
Quimby Hall  
1502 Bluffton Rd

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



# 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@tllspartnership.org](mailto:kevinc@tllspartnership.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](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

## 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.

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](mailto: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.

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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)

## **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](mailto: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.

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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!**

### **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.