
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,057.70
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 3,249.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 1,233.77
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,602.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,084.77

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

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.

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, February 2

Pastor Jeff Geisler's Visitation

4:00pm-7:00pm at Fair Haven funeral home

Tuesday, February 3

Pastor Jeff Geisler's Visitation

11:00am-12:00pm at Bethlehem

12:00 Funeral Service

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

6:30pm Board of Elders

Wednesday, February 4

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, February 5

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 7

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, January February 8

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

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BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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

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

You are encouraged to attend a **Musical Celebration** which will be held Sunday, February 15th at 2:00pm at Bethlehem.

As part of Bethlehem's 100th celebration, Big-Eyed Fish will prepare a 3-piece fried fish meal on Friday, March 27, from 4:00-7:00pm. Adult tickets are available for \$15, child tickets for \$5. Carry-out meals will be available.

Please plan to attend some or all of the upcoming events throughout the year.

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. Kasey Hapner and Mary Snow will be featured soloists. 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 - Adult tickets are available for \$15, child tickets for \$5. Carry-out meals will be available.

APRIL 25

Clean up for Shepherd's Hand Walk - Preacher: Rev. Eli Voigt

MAY 30

Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am – Speaker: Dr. George Fry – “America Lutheranism in the 1920's”

MAY 31

Education Celebration / Church Potluck

Service 9:00am – Preacher: Rev. Phil Rigdon - Blake Sebring – “Bethlehem Memories”

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

- In August, 1927, Rev. M. E. Reinke was installed as Bethlehem's first pastor.
- January, 1928, Betty Jean Grote was the first person to be buried as a member of Bethlehem.

TAKE AND SHARE PICTURES

As part of Bethlehem's 100th anniversary celebration, we are compiling a yearbook/church directory which will be published at the conclusion of the year. We ask you to send us any photos appropriate to our 100th anniversary, maybe even wedding, events, school activities or baptism photos from the past. We can't promise we'll use them all, but we'll do our best!



We are also going to be collecting comments we can include in this yearbook. Instead of signing this yearbook, we'd like to ask you to consider contributing a comment by answering one simple question: What has Bethlehem meant to your life?

Thank you!

You can submit them by emailing the church the office at bethfw@yahoo.com.

BETHLEHEM BAKERS

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

LENTEN MEALS

During Lent we would like to gather together to share a simple meal before our midweek services like we did during Advent. This was a great time to share a meal and fellowship with our Bethlehem family, if you didn't get a chance to participate then we hope to see you during Lent! Look for sign-up sheets to volunteer to bring food items to share in the Fellowship Hall soon!

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!

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.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Concordia Lutheran High School's Theater Department invites you to experience the magic of its winter musical, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, a hauntingly beautiful love story based on the beloved Hans Christian Andersen tale and the classic animated film. Featuring unforgettable music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, including favorites like "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World," this production promises an evening filled with heart, humor, and wonder. Directed by Fine Arts Chair Chris Murphy with musical direction by Isaac Weander, performances will take place on Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, March 1 at 2:00pm. Join us for this enchanting celebration of student talent and storytelling on the Concordia stage. Tickets are available online or at the CLHS Auditorium Box Office starting 30 minutes before show time.

LSUS News

Please pray for all these students/staff: Cece, Deondrick, Ja'Maire, Angel, Le'Ana, Noah, Abigail, Laydia, and Jaylyn.

Honor Roll Pastry Breakfast

The PTO was proud to host an Honor Roll Pastry Breakfast to celebrate students who achieved Honor Roll status during the first and/or second quarter. This special event recognized their hard work, dedication, and commitment to academic excellence. Students enjoyed a variety of pastries while being acknowledged for their accomplishments, and the PTO was happy to provide a warm, encouraging environment to honor their success. Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll students—we are so proud of you!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:
For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.
1 Peter 3:1



**Making the dream of a
Christian education a
reality for families
through scholarships!**

Gov. Braun Opts-in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program!

On July 4, President Trump signed “The One Big Beautiful Bill” into law. One aspect of this bill includes a Federal Scholarship Tax Credit (FSTC) program that is modeled after successful state tax credit scholarship programs throughout our country, including Indiana. On January 22, Gov. Braun opted-in to the FSTC, making it possible for non-public schools in Indiana to participate in the program!

Program Details

- The bill allows for a 100% Federal Tax Credit for donations from individuals to Scholarship Granting Organizations, just like our Lutheran SGO.
- There is a \$1,700 maximum Federal Tax Credit per taxpayer per year.
- Donors can designate their gift to be used for scholarships at the school of their choice.
- Businesses are not allowed to claim this credit.
- There is no sunset date on this legislation. It is permanent.
- There is no aggregate tax cap. The \$1,700 maximum Federal Tax Credit is available to every taxpayer in our country.
- There is a five-year rollover on this tax credit.
- Scholarship recipients must come from families earning under 300% of the Median Local Income.
- The U.S. Treasury Department is working on determining the final rules that will govern the FSTC.
- **The FSTC begins on January 1, 2027. FSTC donations cannot be given prior to this date.**
- Please consider saving money now to include the FSTC in your 2027 giving plan!

**The Lutheran SGO will be ready to
manage the FSTC when it goes live
on January 1, 2027!**

For More Information, Contact:

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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	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 Rachelle 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 Gusching** (great-granddaughter of Pam Morvilius) and her parents, **Alec and Georgia Gusching**, **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), **Jordyn Ruch** (cousin of Miracle Nelson), **Patricia and Natasha Saylor** (friends of Kathy Brehm), **Tiffany Stafford** (friend of Kimberly Brooks), **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 John Stafford, Barbara Staller, Angela Stanley, Linda Stanley, Glenda Starks, Roger Stephans, Charlotte Stewart, Michele Stewart, Randy Stewart, Terri Stewart, and Deayne Suttle Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams. We pray for the family of Pastor Jeffrey Geisler. Comfort them in their sorrow with the sure hope of the resurrection and grant them Your peace.

For our church: Lord of the Church, we praise You for Your steadfast love that has carried this congregation through changing times and generations. Thank You for every moment of grace that has shaped our life together. As we step into the years ahead, give us courage, patience, and hope, that we may live as Your people today in light of the future You promise.