

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

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

Charlotte Stewart	Michelle Stewart	Randall Stewart	Terri Stewart
Deaynne Suttle	Edward Tharp	Reggie Tharp	Valerie Tharp
Dorothea Thompson	Thomas Tinsley	Elena Tobin	Hung Tran

Look with favor on Ina Gaunt as she celebrates her 94th birthday. Grant that she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen her trust in You and bless her with all the days of her life.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE:	
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 4,043.50
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 204.61
Designated Gifts	\$ 85.30
Total Contributions	\$ 4,333.41

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, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

10:00-11:30am Food Bank
6:30pm Board of Elders

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

10:00-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, February 9

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

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*The altar flowers are provided by Wayne Gaunt
to honor Ina Gaunt’s 94th birthday.*

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; Brayden, Elijah R., Holly, Azariah, Callen, Key’Vontay, Nathan, Bella, Daylen, and Cynthia.

**Rockin’
My Salvation**



Feb. 22, 2025
Quimby Hall
1502 Bluffton Rd



**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

PHOENIX SPORTS

Congrats to our Phoenix teams!
Our JV boys’ basketball and girls cheerleading teams competed in the Hoenick Hoopfest Tournament at Concordia Lutheran School last weekend.

Our girls cheer team placed 3rd and the boys basketball team placed 2nd!

**Encouragement
Found in Scriptures:**

This God-his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. —
Psalm 18:30





LIBRARY SHELFIE DAY
January

In honor of Library Shelfie Day! Mrs. Lammert wanted to share her “shelfie!” Thank you for all you do here at LSUS!



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!



This past week we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week! This year's theme was **ENDURE**, based on the Bible verse: Hebrews 12:1-3. Every day students dressed up in a different theme: PJ Day, sunglasses and beach wear day, Phoenix wear day just to name a few. Students participated in various activities throughout the week: pep rally, all school movie, and making prayer chains.

We also started a **PENNY WAR** this week! Students can bring in pennies and \$5-20 bills to add points and silver coins and \$1 bills to subtract points from other classes. The class with the most points by Friday (2/7) will win a prize! All funds raised will go toward sensory paths on the playground.

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.



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.

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.

EMERGENCY VOTERS ASSEMBLY

February 9th After the worship service.

LSUS has had trouble with their boiler and is coming up with contingency plans if it stops working completely before their HVAC work is done. Principal Amber Bahr suggested that Bethlehem could be a temporary site for them to be while the work in their building is completed.

This is not guaranteed but it is a possibility. We will gather as an assembly to give permission for this arrangement if the situation should come to it. All info needed to make this decision will be gathered in time for this meeting.

Thank you for your participation!

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!

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM WINTER SOWING WORKSHOP

Ten Bethlehem and community members planted more than 40 milk jugs with cold-tolerant seeds and will patiently wait for nature to germinate the seeds into seedlings. Then on April 12, willing WOB members will plant the seedlings into pots and then share the plants with Food Bank clients and the neighborhood. Seeds planted were lettuce, greens, carrots and coriander along with nasturtium and pansy flowers. Thank you volunteers!

