
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 86

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,057.70
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 5,284.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 1,447.55
Designated Gifts	\$ 728.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,459.55

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:

Dish Soap

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 23

Tuesday, February 24

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm Directory/Yearbook meeting

6:30pm 100th Anniversary meeting

Wednesday, February 25

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm Soup and Salad meal

6:30pm Lenten service

Thursday, February 26

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, March 1

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

Children - Sonshine Club

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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

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

The **Musical Celebration** held Sunday, February 15th at 2:00pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church showcased skills and abilities as true instruments of God, talented musicians performed. It included approximately 50 attendees joining in as a congregational choir. The handbell choir performed "Quickening Spirit" and "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." Kasey Needham Hapner performed "In Christ Alone" and "My Shepherd Will Supply Thy Need" on the piano. Michael Hollman, a 42-year organist from Zion, performed Johann Sebastian Bach's "Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor" on Bethlehem's pipe organ which was dedicated in 1966. With piano by accompanist Lois Foote, soloist Mary Snow sang exceptional versions of "Simple Gifts" and "Loveliest of Trees." Pastor Ahlersmeyer included recognition of Bethlehem's generational choral and musical directors Oscar Albers and Ren Frank and thanked past organists and choir directors Dennis Anderson, Donna Miles, Bob Miller, Tom Remenschneider, Doug Reynolds, Luann Vachon and Bob Vogel.

BIG-EYED FISH FRY

The March 100th Anniversary activity is the Big Eye Fish Fry on **FRIDAY, MARCH 27**, from 4:00-7:00pm. Tickets will be available starting Sunday, February 22nd. To purchase a ticket please see Rhonda in the office, Charlotte Ratliff, Deanna Nelson, Sharon Shediack, Dora Thompson or Sharon Dietrich. A 3-piece adult ticket is \$15 and a 1-piece child ticket is \$5. Cash or check. Carry out available.

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

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 – "American Lutheranism in the 1920's"

MAY 31

Education Celebration / Church Potluck

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

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.
- In April, 1929, Leonard Bearman and Myrtle Harris were the first couple to be married at Bethlehem.
- In 1976 Rev. Dr. Armin C. Oldsen gave the address for the 50th Anniversary Banquet.
- On February 21, 1965, three tower bells weighing 1 ton, half-ton and quarter-ton were installed. They were cast in Holland, Denmark, and Cincinnati and were made of red copper and tin.

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!



TAKE AND SHARE PICTURES

Keep taking those pictures of Bethlehem's 100th anniversary. 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.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held this Saturday, February 28, in the Bethlehem cafeteria starting at 8:30am. In Bethlehem's 100th Anniversary year our focus is our life together at Bethlehem. With the help of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, we shall see that "a Christian comes to others only through Jesus Christ" and "when God's Son took on flesh, he truly and bodily took on, out of pure grace, our being, our nature, ourselves." Please plan to join your friends for breakfast, prayer, a devotion, and God's Word for us. *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."* Romans 15:7 NIV.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

"Join your Bethlehem family for a Lenten Bible Study series starting Sunday, February 22 through Sunday March 29 from 10:30 (45?) - 11:30. We will be focusing on the Parables of Luke 15. Pastor Ben will start on the 22nd and Jon will lead the next four. Come hear how the Angels will rejoice when those lost are found as we prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of our Lord."

LENTEN MEALS

During Lent we would like to gather together to share a simple meal before our midweek services like we did during Advent. The meals will begin on **February 25th** with the meal starting at 5:30. 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! There will **NOT** be a meal on Ash Wednesday.

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.

LSUS News

Please pray for these students/staff: Alayah, Aiko, Yanuell, May, Avah, Charli, Noe, Alex, Mia, and Mrs. Reynolds.

Chapel Partner Group Project Challenge

During the month of February, LSUS students are asked to bring in items for the Charis' House/Rescue Mission. Chapel partner groups are competing to see who can bring in the the most items by the end of February. The winners will receive a fun reward!

You can help us collect items as well! Please bring these NEW items to your church or the school.



- Gloves (adult or kids)
- Hats (adult or kids)
- Travel size deodorant & shampoo

These items, along with our chapel offerings, will be given to the Charis's House/Rescue Mission in our chapel service on Feb. 26th.

Thanks for showing Jesus to others in need!

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. — 1 Corinthians 13:4-7



LSUS APPAREL STORE

NOW OPEN

<https://lutheransouthunity.itemorder.com/shop/home>

CHECK OUT WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR YOUR STUDENT AND FOR YOU.
ALL ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THE STORE CLOSSES.

THE STORE WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON **FEBRUARY 28TH.**

The advertisement features a green chalkboard background with a wooden border. At the top and bottom, there are decorative borders of colorful vertical lines. Two red circular logos with a cross and a book are positioned on either side of the store name. Below the text, there are seven images of apparel items: a white t-shirt, a red long-sleeve shirt, a black t-shirt, a white long-sleeve shirt, a red t-shirt, a black jacket, and a white t-shirt.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

Teddy Bishop	Beau Bishop	Ruby Bonner	Lois Branigan
Margaret Burger	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	Thomas Tinsley	Phil Urbahns
Dave Volmerding			

For our friends and family:

Suzanne Amt, 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), **Karly Herndon** (granddaughter of Amber Herndon-Scheerer), **Larry Hollman** (brother-in-law of Greg Finner), **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 Tina Adamonis, Charles Adams, Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer, Cynthia Alexander, Brian Bates, Dan Bates, John Bates, Kent Bearman, Dawn Beaty, Steven Bercot, Omar Bernabe, and Karl Bernabe, and Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

We commend to Your gracious care the family of Joe Perjak (father of Ruth Bates) and Willard Brown. Comfort them in their sorrow with the sure hope of the resurrection and grant them Your peace.

For our church: Heavenly Father, we thank You for a century of proclaiming Christ, nurturing faith, and restoring hope in this place. We rejoice in the work You have already done among us and through us. Now lead us forward, that we may continue to proclaim Your Gospel clearly, love our neighbors faithfully, and serve according to Your will.