

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

Teddy Bishop	Suzie Emley	Louise Nahrwold
Ruby Bonner	Ina Gaunt	Richard Pierce
Lois and Evans Branigan	Pastor Jeff and Vicky Geisler	Nick Rasmussen
Waldell Bright	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

Tina Adamonis	Charles Adams	Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer	
Brian Bates	Dan Bates	John Bates	Kent Bearman
Dawn Beaty	Steve Bercot	Omar Bernabe	Karl Bernabe
Marlene Berning			

For our church

Dear Father, as we envision the future of our church, help us to create a space where hope flourishes in our community and our members are refreshed in spirit. Guide our discussions as we consider what you have planned for our church, our building and our community. May every effort we undertake proclaim the person and work of Jesus in a way that touches lives and restores hope.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 59	
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,290.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 1,096.39
Designated Gifts	\$ 132.72
Total Contributions	\$ 7,519.11

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.



URGENT NEEDS
Mac and Cheese
Pasta Sauces

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 24

Tuesday, February 25

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, February 26

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm - Choir

7:15pm - Handbells

Thursday, February 27

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm Mission Committee - FH

Friday, February 28

Saturday, March 1

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, March 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 Organist (9:00am) Noah Vancina Altar Guild Mary Snow Allison Cheng Elder (4:00pm) Ed Ramos (9:00am) Peter Schlie Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer Lay Readers (9:00am) Peter Schlie PowerPoint Operators (4:00pm) Blake Sebring (9:00am) Aaron Brown Sound Operator (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer Live stream Joshua 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) John Bates Head Usher Evans Branigan Lay Readers (9:00am) The Hapner Family PowerPoint Operators (4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff (9:00am) Josiah Hapner Sound Operator (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer Live stream Dave Volmerding						
<u>BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE</u> The link to watch online: https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne							
<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (March 1st and March 2nd)</u> <table><tr><td>OLD TESTAMENT READING</td><td>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</td></tr><tr><td>EPISTLE READING</td><td>Hebrews 3:1-6</td></tr><tr><td>GOSPEL READING</td><td>Luke 9:28-36</td></tr></table>		OLD TESTAMENT READING	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	EPISTLE READING	Hebrews 3:1-6	GOSPEL READING	Luke 9:28-36
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*The altar flowers are provided by Dorothea Thompson
in memory of her parent’s birthdays;
Dorothy Thompson on February 9th and John Thompson on February 22nd.*

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; Josiah, Ezra, BillyBlessing, Anyla, Benicio, Kennedy, Vicente, Alex, Justin, Camren, and Mrs. Reynolds.

Chapel Partner Group Project Challenge

During the month of February, students are asked to bring in items for the Charis’ House and the Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission’s mission is to provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future. The Charis House is part of the Rescue Mission that focuses on women and children experiencing a homeless crisis. Students will work together with their chapel partners to see which partner group can collect the most items. Chapel partner groups with the most items by the end of February will receive a fun reward! These items, along with our chapel offerings, will be given to the Charis’ House and Rescue Mission in our chapel service on February 26th.

Here are the items they are collecting:

- Gloves (adults and kids)
- Hats (adults and kids)
- Travel size deodorant & shampoo



If you would like to donate any of the listed items you can. Please bring these **NEW** items to school and give to the office.

Thank you 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, and endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13

WELCOME
Kindergarten Roundup
Lutheran South Unity School
March 6th, 2025
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



What to Expect: Children welcome to come!

- Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt
- Tour of the building
- Learn about the program
- Meet the teachers and principal



We are looking forward to hearing from your family!
Register with the QR code or call the office.
260-744-0459



OPEN ENROLLMENT
2025- 2026

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR A GREAT SCHOOL?

LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL WOULD LOVE TO SHARE OUR CHRIST-CENTERED SCHOOL WITH YOU.

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CONTACT BARB JOHNSON -- ADMISSIONS
BJOHNSON@LSUSFW.ORG
260-744-0459

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT LSUS FAMILIES IS ON FAST DIRECT NOW.



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.

FREE COMMUNITY WELLNESS EVENT



Manchester University is having a FREE Community Wellness event on March 8 from 9:00am-1:00pm at McMillen Park Community Center at 3901 Abbott St. Free health assessments, Learn about important health topics, and Giveaways.

LENTEN MEALS 2025

Lenten Meals 2025: Thanks to those who has signed up for the Lenten Meals! There are still available slots to fill if you are still thinking of how or what to contribute. We are estimating there may be about 30 people eating. We may need to adjust as we go though! Please consult the sign-up station in the Fellowship Hall or email Rhonda Cheng.
Meals will begin at 5:15 PM and end at 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. PB&J for kids and kids-at-heart.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IS AT BETHLEHEM at 6:30pm.

Just a reminder, March 5 meal will be at Peace Lutheran (4900 Fairfield) for the chili cook off! RSVP if you can using this QR code!

BETHLEHEM LENTEN DINNERS MENU

- March 12** - *The First Temptation Dinner* - Stone Soup, Bread, and fruits.
Need: Beef Veggie Soup, bread, and fruit salad.
- March 19** - *Sleepy Disciples Dinner* - Turkey Tetrazinni, mashed potatoes, green beans. Turkey Tetrazinni (Kasey will make). Need: Mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert.
- March 26** - *Take-Out Night* – Pizza Need: Pizza, carrots/ranch, fruit, dessert.
- April 2** - *The Rooster crows Dinner* - Chicken Noodle Soup, Bread, and Salad
Need: Chicken Noodle Soup, Bread, Salad, dessert.
- April 9** - *Mockary Mess Hall* - breakfast for dinner Sheet Pan "Pancakes" (Kasey will make). Need: syrup, sausages, fruit salad.



We invite all singers to join us for a Saturday Worship Lenten Choir. We will rehearse March 22 after worship for about 45 minutes. We will then offer our piece in the 4pm worship on March 29. The choir will sing from the piano in the front of the church. We hope you will consider joining this special Lenten Choir! Questions? Contact our music director, Kasey, kaseyneedham92@gmail.com.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT - EASTER

Wednesday 6:30pm services

- ASH WEDNESDAY March 5 - Midweek of Lent 1- 6:30pm**
March 12 - Midweek of Lent 2 – 6:30pm March 26 - Midweek of Lent 4– 6:30pm
March 19 - Midweek of Lent 3– 6:30pm April 9 - Midweek of Lent 5– 6:30pm
April 17 - Maundy (Holy) Thursday - 6:30pm April 18 - Good Friday - 6:30pm
April 19 – Easter Vigil 4:00pm
April 20 - Easter Sunday service 10:00am

THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS RECITAL

YOU ARE INVITED to a free organ recital in the Bethlehem sanctuary on Sunday, Feb 23 at 2:30pm. The American Guild of Organists Fort Wayne chapter hosts an annual recital featuring winners of the chapter's scholarship. Come hear the area's most talented young organists, plus performances by AGO chapter members.

SHEPHERD OF THE CITY HYMN FEST

Shepherd of the City, 1301 S. Anthony, is hosting its annual Hymn Fest at 4:00pm on Sunday, Feb. 23. Please join us for this FREE event! A free-will offering will be accepted at the door to help the congregation pay for much-needed repairs to the church building. For more information, please visit our website: www.shepherdofthecitylutheran.org.

THE KAPELLE OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

The Kapelle of Concordia University Chicago will be performing a free choir concert at SBL in the Sanctuary (enter door 8) on Friday March 7th at 7pm. Attached are bulletin inserts as well as a flyer if you would like to promote it at your church.



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