

PLEASE CONTINUE TO

PRAY For our members;

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

For our friends and family:

Ruby Ahart (sister-in law of Nancy Pierce), **Tate Allen** (nephew of Rhonda Cheng), **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), **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), **Sam Terrell** (friend of Deanna Nelson), **Beverly Van Nalten** (mother of Jennifer Bradley), **LaToya Williams** (daughter of Ocleva Williams)

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Rachelle Dance, Tu Dang, Claudette Daniels, Steven Davies, John Davis, Sherrill Davis, Tracy Davis-Cannon, Gene Dettmer, LT DeYampert, Annette Diemer, Sharon Dietrich, and Joan Domrow.

For our church

Loving Father, guide us as we reimagine our church space and outreach efforts. Give us a renewed sense of vision and purpose in this ever changing neighborhood. May our building serve as a haven of hope and renewal for both our community and our members, drawing all into a closer relationship with the life-changing work of Jesus.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 88	
Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31	
Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 5,943.00	
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 680.67
Designated Gifts	\$ 387.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,010.67

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, March 10

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank
5:15pm Lenten Dinner
5:45pm - Choir
6:30pm Worship
Handbells

Thursday, March 13

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, March 14

Saturday, March 15

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, March 16

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+	SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+
Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal Altar Guild Linda Stafford Elder (4:00pm) Michael Johnson (9:00am) Greg Shediack Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer Lay Readers (9:00am)John and Linda Stafford PowerPoint Operators (4:00pm) Carla Johnson (9:00am) Allison Cheng Sound Operator (9:00am)..... Charlotte Ratliff Live stream Josiah Hapner	Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal Altar Guild Mary Snow Allison Cheng Elder (4:00pm) Brian Bates (9:00am) Peter Schlie Head Usher Dan Bates Lay Readers (9:00am) Glenn Emley PowerPoint Operators (4:00pm) Blake Sebring (9:00am) Aaron Brown Sound Operator (9:00am)..... Charlotte Ratliff Live stream Joshua Hapner

<u>BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE</u>	
The link to watch online: https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne	
<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (March 15th and March 16th)</u>	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Jeremiah 26:8-15
EPISTLE READING	Philippians 3:17-4:1
GOSPEL READING	Luke 13:31-35

The altar flowers are provided by Annette Diemer in memory of her mother Sophia Diemer for her March 14, 1908 birthday.



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.

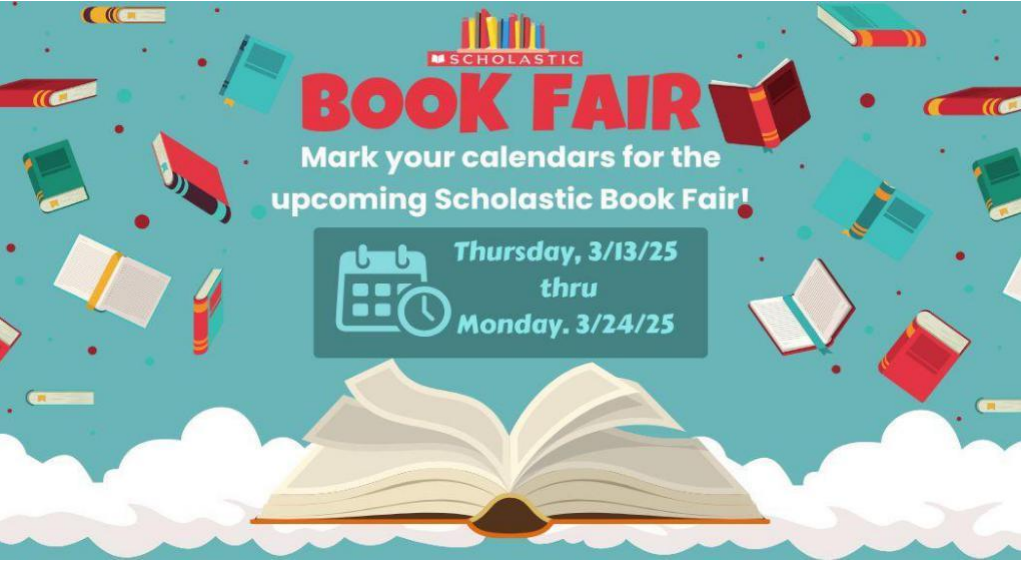
LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff; Thomas, Ramya, Santino, Summer, Kiarrah, Than, Ja'veah, Nate, Lilly, Jeremiah, and AJ.



This past week was Read Across America Week. This is an annual event created by the National Education Association that is celebrated in early March to promote the joy of reading and encourage children and young adults to develop a lifelong love for books. This week coincides with the birthday of Dr. Seuss, a beloved author whose works have shaped generations of readers. Here at LSUS we celebrated by participating in fun dress up days and reading activities. The aim is to inspire students to explore new stories, develop literacy skills, and recognize the power of reading to foster imagination and learning. I encourage not only the students, but also the adults to get out there and READ!



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair!

Thursday, 3/13/25
thru
Monday, 3/24/25




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.

TOURS ARE AVAILABLE SO WE CAN SHARE HOW OUR SCHOOL CAN BENEFIT YOUR CHILD.

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

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

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.
 —Isaiah 40: 30-31

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.

Bethlehem's 100th Anniversary committee is requesting volunteers!

Coordinator and volunteers needed for:

Commemorative items: T-shirt, book bag, coffee cup, ink pen bookmark, etc.

Communication/Publicity: Phyllis Reinking and Barb Netterville - telephone, etc.

Education Celebration:

Human Care: ChristCare, Food Bank, Mental Health Initiative

100th Anniversary Directory: Rhonda Cheng needs several helpers

THANKOFFERING to raise \$100,000: Need ideas and volunteers.

Volunteers needed for:

Historical Writing: Donna Volmerding. Need help with the writing of events since 2012

Historical relics: Coordinators - Linda Stafford and Sharon Shediack. Need volunteers.

Meals: Coordinator - Deanna Nelson. Helpers needed.

Worship/Music: Coordinators Glenn and Suzie Emley. More servants needed. Ideas: organ concert, Gospel Sing, alumni choir, etc.

Please pray about using your God-given talents to help make the 100th Anniversary a celebration of thanksgiving and gratefulness to our Lord for being with us **"THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS."**

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! 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.**

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT - EASTER

Wednesday 6:30pm services

March 12 - Midweek Lent 2 – 6:30pm

March 19 - Midweek Lent 3– 6:30pm

March 26 - Midweek Lent 4– 6:30pm

April 2 – Midweek 5 – 6:30

April 9 - Midweek Lent 6– 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

EASTER – April 20, 2025

LILIES @ \$25.00

NAME_____

IN MEMORY OF_____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING – March 24, 2025

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

***MAIL WITH FORM TO: 3705 SOUTH ANTHONY BLVD,
FORT WAYNE IN 46806***

OR GIVE TO AN USHER. (NO PHONE ORDERS, PLEASE)

LILIES CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER THE 10:00 CHURCH SERVICE ON EASTER

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.

