

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

Teddy Bishop	Beau 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), **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 Oclewa Williams) and **Shanesha's unborn baby** (food bank client).

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Patsy Dressler, Daniel Duffy, Cathy Dykstra, Laverne Eickhoff, Tim Ellison, Glenn Emley, Mary Ellen Emley, David Epperson, Donald Essex, Dorothy Feagin, Elliot Ferguson, Greg Finner, and Lindsey Finner.

For our church

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your guidance as we seek to use our church building to become a beacon of hope in our neighborhood. Open our eyes to new opportunities. Open our ears to new conversations. Open our hearts to new partnerships. Empower us to launch ministries that renew our congregation and lead every heart to know the transforming work of Jesus.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 96	
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 5,124.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 354.60
Designated Gifts	\$ 814.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,292.60

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 17

Tuesday, March 18

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, March 21

Saturday, March 22

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, March 23

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) 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

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) Ed Ramos
(9:00am) John Bates
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Suzie Emley
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

The link to watch online: <https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne>

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (March 22nd and March 23rd)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Ezekiel 33:7-20
EPISTLE READING	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
GOSPEL READING	Luke 13:1-9

The altar flowers are provided by Lisa Bratton in memory of Terry Bratton on their wedding Anniversary and his birthday.

Phoenix Boys Basketball & Cheerleading

LSUS Phoenix boys' basketball teams has had an exciting and competitive 2024-2025 season. Throughout the season, the boys worked hard to improve their skills, build team chemistry, and represent LSUS.



The boys' varsity team achieved several notable victories, faced challenges in close games, and ended the season in 4th place overall in our LSAA division. In the LSAA tournament we placed 3rd.

This season, the Phoenix participated in the Indiana Lutheran Schools Athletic Association State Basketball Tournament. The tournament featured boys' teams from various Lutheran schools across Indiana, showcasing a high level of competition. Although we did not perform as well as we had hoped in the state tournament, the team played with heart and determination in every game.

The LSUS Phoenix cheerleaders played an essential role in supporting the team throughout the season. With their high energy, school spirit, and unwavering encouragement, they kept the crowd engaged and the players motivated. They took 3rd place in a tournament they competed in earlier this year.

As the season wraps up, we congratulate the players, coaches, and supporters who made this journey possible. The Phoenix are already looking ahead to next year, ready to continue to grow on and off the court.



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16

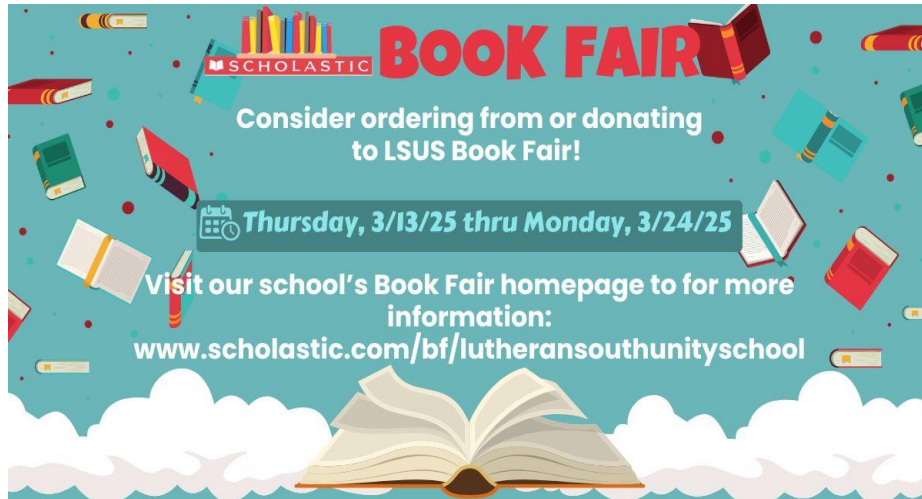
LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff; Mary, Grayson, Artez, Jacielle, Alonte, Leilani, Trinidee, Forever, Paingthu, Camarion, and Mr. Morales and his daughter, Evelyn.

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 or 260-744-0459



How can you help?

Visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/lutheransouthunityschool>

- 1) Contribute to Share the Fair, directly benefiting LSUS.
- 2) Add to our Librarian's eWallet: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8cbccx>
- 3) You can make your own e-wallet at the book fair home page and trust us to purchase books for you.
- 4) Purchase books for us or for you and our school earns money.

Here is a wish list link from the Scholastic store: <https://tinyurl.com/3a6k9re8>

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.

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."**

WE NEED YOU!



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 19 - *Sleepy Disciples Dinner* - Turkey Tetrazzini, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert.
March 26 - *Take-Out Night* – Pizza, carrots/ranch, fruit, and dessert.
April 2 - *The Rooster crows Dinner* - Chicken Noodle Soup, bread, salad, and dessert.
April 9 - *Mockery Mess Hall* - breakfast for dinner Sheet Pan "Pancakes" with syrup, sausages, fruit salad.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT – EASTER

Wednesday 6:30pm services

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



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.

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



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.

THE SHEPHERD’S HAND

We will be collecting **feminine hygiene products** for The Shepherd’s Hand’s May health fair. While we always need **diapers and wipes**, we also recognize that **“period poverty”** is a very real issue affecting our community. **Indiana remains one of 20 states that still taxes feminine hygiene products**, making access even more challenging for those in need. Please bring items to the baskets located near the entrances of the sanctuary or to church office.

SATURDAY WORSHIP LENTEN CHOIR

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.