

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

Teddy Bishop	Beau Bishop	Ruby Bonner	Lois Branigan
Evans Branigan	Margaret Burger	Willard Brown	Derek Crane
Dana Crane	Joan Domrow	Ina Gaunt	Pastor Jeff Geisler
Vicky Geisler	Jean Hille	Linda Kalthoff	Carla Kay
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), **Madalene Eggold**, **Donna Emley**, **Tammy Gibson** (sister of Threasa Lightning) **Larry Hollman** (brother-in-law of Greg Finner), **Mary R. Harris-Hill** (sister of Claudia Harris), **Marilyn Hyatt** (sister of Deanna Nelson), **Butch Johnson** (brother of Deanna Nelson), **Anna Jones**, (mother of Trena Jones), **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), **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) and **Shaneshas unborn baby** (food bank client).

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Rafael Flores, Tonia Freeman, Greg Fuller, Ronald Gallmeyer, Victor Garcia, Marquetia Gatewood, Ina Gaunt, Pastor Jeff Geisler, Jared Geisler, Jessica Geisler, Karen Gerke, and LeeNation Griggs. We pray for the family of Waldell Bright who passed on March 10.

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:	84
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 4,059.22
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 1,170.33
Designated Gifts	\$ 974.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,203.33

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 24

Tuesday, March 25

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, March 26

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

Thursday, March 27

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank
5:30pm Mission Committee - FH

Friday, March 28

Saturday, March 29

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, March 30

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

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<p><u>BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE</u> The link to watch online: https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne</p>							
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*The altar flowers are provided by Anoukone Somsanith
in memory of Khamla Vongphakdy.*

Student Chapel Offerings

Thursday Chapel Offerings collected by our LSUS students and families make a big impact all over Fort Wayne and the World. March through May offerings will go to Camp Lutherhaven and Phil’s Friends. The mission of Camp Lutherhaven is to reach out with the love of Christ by providing the setting and resources to strengthen the faith of individuals and complement the ministry of churches. The mission of Phil’s Friends is to provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.



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.

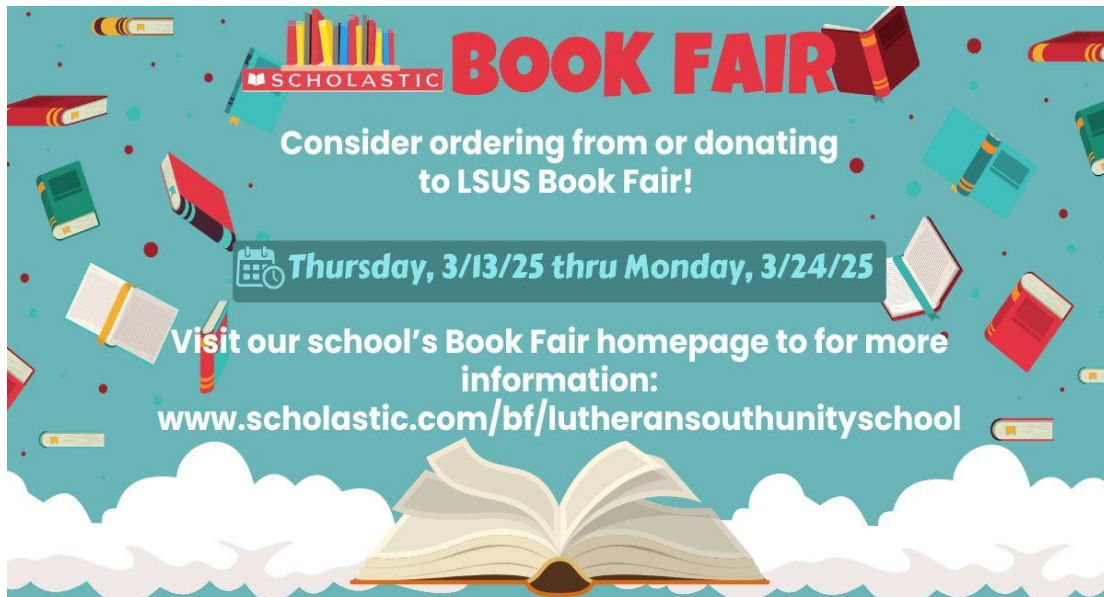


Encouragement Found in Scriptures:
“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6

LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff; Selicia, Aniyah, Noelle, Angel, NaTika, Sebastian, Da'Marion, Michael, Royce, Kayara, Stacey Antoine, Jovan Antoine, and all of our Grandfriends!



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 needs volunteers!

Coordinator and volunteers needed for: **Commemorative items, Communication/Publicity, Education Celebration, Human Care, 100th Anniversary Directory, THANKOFFERING, Historical Writing, Historical relics, Meals, Worship/Music.** 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!



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), Thresa 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.

LENTEN MEALS 2025

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 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 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 6:30pm

April 20 - Easter Sunday service 10:00am

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The prophet Obadiah received a vision from the Lord about Israel's neighbor Edom. The Edomites were descendants of Esau, the older son of Isaac and Rebekah and a grandson of Abraham. Edom's history provides the background of Obadiah's book and helps us understand the Lord's message to us in Obadiah. You are invited to join us at the Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Bethlehem cafeteria this Saturday, March 29, at 8:30am as we have breakfast and pray together, hear a devotion from Bill Ihssen, and delve into the Word of God. *"This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom . . . 'See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised.'"* Obadiah 1a, 2 NIV.

SAVE THE DATE!

WOB Spring Event - “Seeds, Sprouts, Spring!”
Saturday, April 12th from 10:00am - 12noon in the cafeteria.
A follow up to our winter seed sowing in the milk jugs.
We’ll be planting the sprouts in pots, to give to our Food Bank clients. Sharon Dietrich & Renee Bleke will give a brief presentation, and we’ll enjoy a special spring lunch!
Plan to come. Open to all (men and women).



EASTER – April 20, 2025

LILIES @ \$25.00

NAME _____

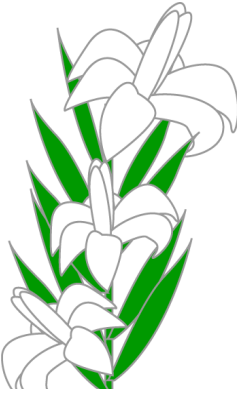
IN MEMORY OF _____

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



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.

**THE SHEPHERD’S HAND
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER**

**5K RUN
& WALK
REGISTRATION**

Join the fun and take on the challenge. Lace-up for our 5K Run & Walk!

► Date & Time:
3rd May, 2025
At 09:00AM

► Location:
The Shepherd’s Hand
1231 S Anthony Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46803 ☎ 260-424-2224

More Info ▶ <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/TheShepherdsHandCommunity5k>

JOIN US

