
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 96

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,057.70
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 5,031.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 2,940.70
Designated Gifts	\$ 550.12
Total Contributions	\$ 8,521.82

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

8:00am Easter Breakfast

10:00am Worship w/Communion

Monday, April 6

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, April 9

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, April 12

9:00am Worship w/Communion
10:00am Coffee Hour – FH
10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Rm 1
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

BIG EYED FISH FRY

Whether you were part of our planning committee, helped to prepare, baked cookies, served in the kitchen, ran with the fish, fried the fish or just came to enjoy the fish, we want to say a great big **THANK YOU!** We served more than 300 meals during the three-hour March 27 Big Eyed Fish fry.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

CLEAN UP FOR SHEPHERD'S HAND WALK

Bethlehem is seeking members to support The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach to help with a Clean-Up Day on Saturday April 25th from 9:00am-12:00pm. With the help of a Thrivent Action plan, volunteers will be provided with essential supplies including plastic bags, gloves, water, snacks, etc. Volunteers and neighbors will prepare the area for The Shepherd's Hand 5K race taking place on Saturday, May 2nd. Please contact Sharon (515-2616) if you would like to help with cleanup.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Preacher: Rev. Eli Voigt

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Education Celebration / Church Potluck

Service 9:00am – Preacher: Rev. Phil Rigdon

Blake Sebring – “Bethlehem Memories”

100TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING

As we celebrate 100 years of God's faithfulness at Bethlehem, we are gathering a Thank Offering to support needed improvements around our church, including pew cushions, new signage, and updated awnings. As of March 23rd, we have raised \$25,327 toward our goal of \$100,000. Thank you to all who have already given! If you haven't yet had the opportunity to participate, you can give at upcoming anniversary events, use a special offering envelope, or give online. Thank you for joining in this response to God's goodness “throughout all generations.”

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.

100th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Our next 100th Anniversary meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00pm in Room 1. There will be a Directory meeting prior to this meeting at 5:00pm in Room 1.

BETHLEHEM TRIVIA

1953 – The school enrollment was 557, confirmed church members numbered 1800.

TEMPORARY RESOURCE ROOM TEACHER POSITION

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a temporary maternity substitute position for a full-time resource room teacher position at St. John Lutheran School in Kendallville, IN. Applicants must hold a current Indiana Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

2026 LWML SPRING THREE ZONE GATHERING

LWML Spring Three Zone Gathering will be on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, IN. Registration and Breakfast 8:30am – 9:00am and the meeting begins at 9:00am. Registration Fee is \$7.00. The theme is **Power and Glory Through Christ** based on Ephesians 3:20-21. The speakers are Rev. Jeffrey and Deaconess Gina Teeple. Gifts from the Heart In-Gathering: Monetary Gift in support of Rev. Jeffrey and Deaconess Gina Teeple’s mission work in Eurasia and small Biblical children’s books, (such as the ARCH books) and Biblical activity and coloring books for use in Missionary Care Packages. Please RSVP to your congregational representative by April 3, 2026.

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.

SHEPHERD OF THE CITY’S 18th ANNUAL HYMN FEST

Shepherd of the City will have its 18th Annual Hymn Fest on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 4:00pm. Please join us as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event, which celebrates 18 years of hymnody for Shepherd of the City congregation. A reception will follow the service. This event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken to support the restoration of our historic sanctuary.

LSUS News

Please pray for these students/staff: Anthony, Grayson, Kyu Kyu, Kiarah, Daleyza, Sebastian, Aaleyah, Emeraude, Ximena, and Mrs. Wiegman.

Student Chapel Offerings

Thursday Chapel Offerings collected by our LSUS students and families make a big impact around 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. Be on the lookout for more information about item donations to Phil's Friends care packages



phil's friends

cancer is strong. hope is stronger.



Camp Lutherhaven



Registration is now open at Lutheran South Unity School! We are excited to continue providing a strong academic foundation rooted in Christ-centered values. If you know any families with elementary-aged children who are looking for a nurturing, faith-filled school community, please help us spread the word. Your invitation and support make a meaningful difference as we grow this ministry together!

Enroll Now

Early Bird Specials

- February 23rd–March 15th –\$60 with maximum of \$120
- March 16th–April 30th \$80 with maximum \$160
- May 1st–May 31st \$100 with maximum \$200
- June 1st–June 30th \$120 with maximum \$240

Regular Tuition

- July 1st–August 15th \$140 with maximum \$280

Registration must be paid within the registration discount dates for discount to apply

Contact Us lsus.org 260-744-0459

Lutheran South Unity Kindergarten Round-Up & Pizza!!!

Registration for Kindergarten Admission for the new academic year is now open!!! Come join the fun!!!

April 16th 6p-7pm

5401 South Calhoun St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

Teddy Bishop	Beau Bishop	Ruby Bonner	Lois Branigan
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	Alice Pion	Adam Rice
Jewel Robinson	Doris Scott	Tashayla Sutorius	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), **Darryl Calloway**, **Jeremiah Capen** (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), **Joyce Geise** (friend of Dorothea Thompson), **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), **Lisa Wilder** (sister of Paul Nielsen), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church: We pray for Lina Harris, Robin Harris, Constance Hawkins, Patricia Hawkins, Camilla Helmuth, Karen Herring, David Hille, Johanna Hoffacker, Doris Holmes, Evelyn Hunter, Mark Hutchinson, and Leah Hutchinson, and Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

For our church: Lord God, our dwelling place throughout all generations, we thank You for the hundred years You have sustained this congregation by Your Word and Sacraments. We praise You for the saints who came before us, for their faith, sacrifices, and witness. As You have been faithful in the past, guide us now by Your Spirit, that we may walk faithfully into the future You are preparing for us.