
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 91

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 5,953.00

Online Operating & Missions \$ 554.61

Designated Gifts \$ 563.00

Total Contributions \$ 7,070.61

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, April 7

Tuesday, April 8

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

6:30pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 9

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

5:15pm Lenten Dinner

5:45pm - Choir

6:30pm Worship

Handbells

Thursday, April 10

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, April 11

Saturday, April 12

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, April 13

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 Linda Stafford

Elder
(4:00pm) Michael Johnson
(9:00am) Peter Schlie
Head Usher Dan Bates
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Donna Volmerding
Dave Volmerding

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Carla Johnson
(9:00am) Aaron Brown
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Josiah Hapner

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT 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) John Bates
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Donna Volmerding
Dave Volmerding

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Joshua Hapner

BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (April 12th and April 13th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5–11

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

*The altar flowers are provided by Ina Gaunt in memory of
her mother, Erna Plueger*

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.

WE NEED YOU!!

We need you – please bring your ideas to a 100th Anniversary planning meeting on **Tuesday evening, April 22nd, at 6:00pm in Room 1**, across from the choir room. We want to move forward with some definite plans for 2026. Steering Committee members have established subcommittees, now volunteers are needed! Please contact Rhonda in the church office if you have any questions. (744-3228) Thank you for considering this commitment. . . .

May we rejoice in the memories shared within our church family!

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.

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Emmaus (<https://www.emmauslutheranfw.org/>) is looking for a 5th grade teacher and a middle school teacher. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please call the school office at 260-459-7722 and ask for Esther Spanos or email principal@emmauslutheranfw.org for more information.

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

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

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

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! Open to

all (men and women). After the meeting in the cafeteria, there will be a hands-on project

of transplanting seedlings into pots. That means it will be a time to “play in the dirt” for

those who want the experience. Gloves will be provided.



2025 LWML Fort Wayne Three Zone Gathering

“Blessed Are You” theme based on Matthew 5:1-12

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, come together in faith and fellowship for an inspiring morning with the Lutheran Women in Mission at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven, IN, Door #11. Enjoy a warm tea party atmosphere with delightful conversations, uplifting discussions and a chance to strengthen your faith through worship! Doors open at 8:30am and breakfast is at 9:00am. Registration is \$7.00. Gifts From the Heart In-gathering: Monetary offerings for Point of Grace Mission in Kenya and NEW girls’ underwear sizes 8-16. RSVP to Rhonda Cheng (260-744-3228) by April 26, 2025.

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.

**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

Volunteer Opportunities:

April 26th: 9am-Noon We will be cleaning up around SH and the 3 mile route. We need lots of hands!

May 2nd: 4-7ish We will be setting up for the 5K. Packing bags and blowing up balloons. Maybe still cleaning any area that we missed and double checking the route.

May 3rd: Race Day! Double check the route. It can get rough on a Friday night and glass bottles can be broken. We also set up the parking lot with tables and supplies. We need people to be on the route to cheer people on and make sure everyone is comfortable with the turns. Everyone will have a map and there are signs.

LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff; Brayden, Avionna, Kyu Kyu, May, Avah, Samuel, Avari, Wayde, Jaylyn, and Ariza.



IT'S PHOENIX SPIRIT WEAR TIME!

The Lutheran South Unity Apparel Store is now open!

<https://lutheransouthunity.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



Check out what's available for your student and for you.

All orders will be processed after the store closes.



The store will **close at midnight on April 19th.**



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.



Fine Arts Festival

The Fort Wayne Area Lutheran Schools Fine Arts Festival took place on March 23rd at Concordia Lutheran High School, showcasing the artistic and musical talents of students from local Lutheran schools. The event featured student art on display and musical performances including choir and band concerts. LSUS's 4th Grade Honor Choir delivered a special performance and then performed with the mass choir. Additionally, intermediate and advanced band members took the stage, demonstrating their musical skills. This festival provided young artists and musicians an opportunity to share their talents with the community while celebrating the importance of fine arts in Lutheran education.



CONCORDIA
Fine arts



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. Hosea 6:3

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 **Shanesha's unborn baby** (food bank client).

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

David Hille, Johanna Hoffacker, Doris Holmes, Douglas Howard, Evelyn Hunter, Mark Hutchinson, Leah Hutchinson, Bill Ihssen, Dorothy, Dustin, and Zuri Jackson.

For our church

O Lord, 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.