
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 102
Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 5,602.00
Online Operating & Missions \$ 354.61
Designated Gifts \$ 645.00
Total Contributions \$ 6,601.61

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

RICE and Canned Beans

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 14

Tuesday, April 15

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, April 16

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

5:45pm - Choir

Handbells

Maundy Thursday, April 17

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

6:30pm Worship w/Communion

Good Friday, April 18

6:30pm Worship

Saturday, April 19

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:30am Easter Breakfast – Café

10:00am Worship w/Communion

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) John Bates
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Peter Schlie
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
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 Linda Stafford

Elder
(4:00pm) Ed Ramos
(9:00am) Greg Shediack
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Readers
(9:00am) The Hapner Family

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Blake Sebring
(9:00am)Charlotte Ratliff
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream David Volmerding

BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (April 19th and April 20th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

*The altar flowers are provided by Annette Diemer in memory of her Aunt
Martha Koldewey who was born on April 18, 1878.*

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT – EASTER

April 17 - Maundy (Holy) Thursday - 6:30pm

April 18 - Good Friday - 6:30pm

April 19 – Easter Vigil 6:30pm

April 20 – Easter Breakfast 8:30am

April 20 - Easter Sunday service 10:00am

Offerings for Lenten midweeks will go to the food bank

*Join us for
Easter Breakfast
April 20th*

8:30am to 9:30am in the cafeteria.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Join us on Sunday, April 27 in the sanctuary for a presentation led by Zack and Sarah (Miller Anderson) to learn their experiences and how the Lord is leading their mission in Thailand.

DR. GEORGE FRY PRESENTS "THE FALL OF ROME"

On Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Dr. George Fry returns to Bethlehem's Fellowship Hall with a new presentation, "The Fall of Rome." Our Lord Jesus Christ lived in Judea during the days of the Roman Empire. Since then Christianity has grown, and the Gospel has been proclaimed to many nations through our own time. On the other hand, the Roman Empire collapsed in 476 A.D. Why did this happen to Rome? Are there any lessons for us today? Dr. Fry, who was a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, will discuss these topics and their significance for us. Bethlehem members, friends, and neighbors and the general public are all invited to attend this special presentation. Please enter at Door 6, which will be open at 6:45 P.M.

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.

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**





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

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.

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.

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.

LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff.



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.



Phil's Friends Care Packages

Phil's Friends is an organization that supports adults with cancer. LSUS chapel offerings will be supporting this organization this month. We are also collecting items to donate. Help us in our collection:

Items to be collected:

- lip balm/chapstick
- fuzzy socks-women's only
- 5 oz. bottles of fragrance-free lotion
- decks of playing cards
- tissue packs
- puzzle books (crosswords, sudoku, etc.)
- single toothbrushes and 5 oz. toothpaste
- journals (5x7) - not spiral bound

Collection will run from now through May 16.



phil's friends
cancer is strong. hope is stronger.

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	Eddie Pierce	Richard Pierce
Nick Rasmussen	Jewel Robinson	Doris Scott	Sharon Shediack
Thomas Tinsley	Phil Urbahns		

For our friends and family:

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

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Karen Jarrell, Alma Jarvis, Gail Jenkins Marissa Johnson, Michael Johnson, Chandra Jones, Trena Jones, Tamala Kahn, Gene Kalthoff, Kathy Kalthoff, Carla Kay, Kari Kiger.

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.