
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 110

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,057.70
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 4,757.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 1,887.72
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,049.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,693.72

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.



ACTIVITIES

+ THIS WEEK +



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Rm 1

Children - Sonshine Club

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, April 21

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:00pm Directory meeting

6:00pm 100th Anniversary meeting

Wednesday, April 22

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, April 23

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, April 26

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Rm 1

Children - Sonshine Club

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.

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”

**Check out the archive table in
the Fellowship Hall.
Pictures of Bethlehem
construction are featured.**

100TH ANNIVERSARY THANK OFFERING

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.
- 1958 – The school enrollment was 693, the largest enrollment in the LCMS.
- 1966 – March 27, a new pipe organ was dedicated. It was the Queen of Musical Instruments.
- 1995 – February 26, the first class of 23 Stephen Ministers were commissioned.

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.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST APRIL 25

What is Christian brotherhood at Bethlehem? In his book *Life Together* Dietrich Bonhoeffer tells us, "In Christian brotherhood everything depends upon its being clear right from the beginning, *first, that Christian brotherhood is not an ideal, but a divine reality.*" Please join us at our Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Bethlehem cafeteria on Saturday, April 25, at 8:30 AM to have breakfast, prayer, a devotion, and to study God's Word. "Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers." Acts 15:32 NIV.

SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Emanuel Lutheran Church Ladies' Society will hold their semi-annual rummage sale at 800 Green Street, New Haven, on Thursday, April 23, from 9:00am to 7:00pm and on Friday, April 24, from 9:00am-1:00pm. A \$3 bag sale will be held on Friday.

NOW HIRING: PART-TIME OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Southwest Lutheran Church - Now Hiring: Part-Time Office Administrator (20 hrs./week) we're seeking an organized, detail-oriented individual with strong computer and communication skills to support our church office. Responsibilities include managing communications, coordinating schedules, and maintaining records with confidentiality and care. A strong and growing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ is essential. If you feel called to serve in this role, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Jen Robb at 260-436-4474, swlc@southwestlutheran.org for more information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER

Lutheran South Unity School (LSUS) is seeking a licensed teacher to teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science classes. If interested, please contact Dianne Clark at 260-414-7213 or email bookkeeper@lsusfw.org.

LSUS News

Please pray for these students, teachers / staff: Samuel, Aniyah, Ja'maire, Dontae, King, Skylar, Hailey, LeShon, Larkin, and Mrs. Wiegman & Baby Griffin

Scholastic Book Fair Highlights

The Scholastic Book Fair at Lutheran South Unity School was a wonderful success, bringing excitement and a love of reading to students across all grade levels. From picture books to graphic novels and nonfiction titles, there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was especially fun to see students eagerly browsing (some with their grandfriends!), sharing recommendations with friends, and discovering new favorite stories to take home.

This year's top seller—for the second year in a row—was the popular *Pocket Peaches* graphic novel series, with 12 copies sold. In the younger grades, *Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn* and *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late* were tied as the top picture books, each selling 4 copies and continuing to be beloved read-aloud favorites in kindergarten classrooms. Among nonfiction readers, *Animal Bites* and *Weirdest Creatures of All Time* were the most popular, with 3 copies each. Students were also drawn to familiar and fun characters like Bluey, Stitch, and Squishmallows, adding to the overall excitement of the fair.



LSUS
Admissions

OPEN FOR 2026

School registration is now open! Get registered today and save BIG!

Enroll Now

Early Bird Specials
 February 23rd–March 15th –\$80 with maximum of \$160
 March 16th–April 30th \$120 with maximum \$240
 May 1st–May 31st \$140 with maximum \$280

Regular Registration
 June 1st–June 30th \$180 with maximum \$360

Late Registration Fees
 July 1st–August 15th \$200 with maximum \$400

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

Contact Us  lsus.org  260-744-0459

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!

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

He is not here, but has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ Luke 24:6-7

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), **Judy Bernard** (friend of Dorothea Thompson), **Renee Bleke**, **Darryl Calloway**, **Jeremiah Caper** (nephew of Deanna Nelson), **Maria Gema Camumot** (aunt of Nancy Pierce), **Mark Curten** (Deanna Nelson), **Adrian Dance Jr.** (grandson of Rachele 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), **Brittany Ingrams**, **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 Gene Kalthoff, Kathy Kalthoff, Carla Kay, Kari Kiger, Lori Kilpatrick, Tonisha King, Melody King, Ken Knipstein, Carolyn Knox, Norma Kruse, Threasa Lightning, and Andres Linan.

For our church: Heavenly Father, we thank You for a century of proclaiming Christ, nurturing faith, and restoring hope in this place. We rejoice in the work You have already done among us and through us. Now lead us forward, that we may continue to proclaim Your Gospel clearly, love our neighbors faithfully, and serve according to Your will.