
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 106
Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 4,826.00
Online Operating & Missions \$ 1,170.33
Designated Gifts \$ 390.00
Total Contributions \$ 6,386.33

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

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

8:30am Easter Breakfast – Café

10:00am Worship w/Communion

Monday, April 21

5:30pm Mission Committee

Tuesday, April 22

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, April 23

MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

5:45pm - Choir

Handbells

Thursday, April 24

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, April 25

Saturday, April 26

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast – Café

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Easter Sunday, April 27

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) Ed Ramos
(9:00am) Greg Shediack
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Readers
(9:00am) John Stafford
Linda Stafford

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

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) Peter Schlie
(9:00am) Peter Schlie
Head Usher Dan Bates
Lay Readers
(9:00am) The Hapner Family

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
(9:00am) Aaron Brown
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 26th and April 27th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EPISTLE READING

GOSPEL READING

Acts 5:12-32

Revelation 1:4-18

John 20:19-31

The altar flowers are provided by Ken and Joyce Knipstein in honor of their 59th Wedding Anniversary on April 24th.

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!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

This Saturday, April 26, the Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held in the Bethlehem cafeteria starting at 8:30am. Please plan to join us for breakfast, prayer, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, and our study of the Book of Obadiah. *"Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD."* Obadiah 4 ESV.

DR. GEORGE FRY PRESENTS "THE FALL OF ROME"

On Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00pm. 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 6:45pm.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



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

2025 LWML Fort Wayne Three Zone Gathering

Come to the Tea Party at Emanuel Lutheran Church

2025 LWML Fort Wayne Three Zones

800 Green Street, New Haven

Music and Worship!

Zone District Activities!

Breakfast!

Info from Mission Grant Recipients!

Fellowship with ladies from the whole Fort Wayne area!

Ingathering for Point of Grace School in Kenya Cash for chickens and Girls' underwear size 6 and up!

Saturday May 3, 2025 8:30 AM---\$7 Registration RSVP to your Congregation Rep!



SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Trinity Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Rd., Ft. Wayne, will have a Spring Rummage & Bake Sale on Thursday, May 1 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm, Friday, May 2 from 10:00am – 6:00pm. The \$3 Bag Sale will be Saturday, May 3 from 9:00am – 12:noon.

SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Emanuel Lutheran Church Ladies' Society will hold their semi-annual Rummage Sale at 800 Green Street, New Haven, on Thursday, May 1 from 9:00am-7:00pm and on Friday, May 2 from 9:00am-1:00pm. A \$2 bag sale will be held on Friday.



**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>

More Info

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.

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.

LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff: Samuel, Jariah, Angela, King, Pla, Aaleyah, Ivan, Cataleya, Kendall, Emmyha, and Mrs. Fink's mom (Back surgery).

Scholastic Book Fair Success

The recent Scholastic Book Fair at LSUS was a resounding success, bringing in an impressive \$1,500 in Scholastic credits to help expand the school library's collection. Thanks to enthusiastic student participation, the event not only encouraged a love of reading but also provided new books for everyone to enjoy.

Among the top-selling titles were student favorites across various categories. Diaries remained a popular choice, while graphic novels such as *Pocket Peaches* and *Dog Man: Big Jim Begins* flew off the shelves. Easy readers like *Elephant & Piggie: Are You Ready to Play Outside?* and *Bluey: Swim School* were also in high demand, catering to younger book lovers. The chapter book, *Changing Tunes (Love Puppies #5)* emerged as a top pick as well.

With the funds raised, the LSUS library will be able to acquire even more books, ensuring students continue to have access to engaging and inspiring reads. The success of the book fair highlights the strong reading culture at LSUS.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the fair—your love of books is making a lasting impact!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. -Philippians 4:1



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
cancer is strong. hope is stronger.

Phil's Friends Care Packages

Phil's Friends is an organization that supports adults with cancer. Our chapel offerings will be supporting this organization this month.

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, suduku, etc.)
- single toothbrushes and 5 oz. toothpaste
- journals (5x7) - not spiral bound

Collection will run from now through May 16.

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	Adam Rice	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 Ocleva Williams) and **Shanesha's unborn baby** (food bank client).

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Lori Kilpatrick, Tonisha King, Melody King, Ken Knipstein, Carolyn Knox, Yvonne Krill, Earl Kruger, Norma Kruse, Threasa Lightning, Andres Linan, Janet Luke, and Anthony Mante. We pray for the family of Kamari (Lisa Bratton's grandson) who went to be with his Lord on March 13.

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.