
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 97

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,057.70
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 2,373.90
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 442.89
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,310.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,126.79

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

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Rm 1

Children - Sonshine Club

Monday, April 27

Tuesday, April 28

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, April 29

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, April 30

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, May 3

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

SPRING CLEAN-UP

We want to say a great big **THANK YOU!** to all who came to help with the Spring Clean-Up for Shepherd's Hand yesterday. **WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

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

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Education Celebration / Church Potluck

Service 9:00am – Preacher: Rev. Phil Rigdon
Blake Sebring – “Bethlehem Memories”

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Neighborhood Walk

At 10:00am we will walk to the site of
Bethlehem's Portable Chapel at 3205 Alexander St.
Presentation: Mr. Ron Oetting

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Outdoor Worship Service

10:00am – 3:00pm Community Fest / Health Fair
Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

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

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 THANK OFFERING

As of April 21st, we have raised \$35,762.98 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 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.

LENT OFFERINGS

Thank you for joining us in worship throughout this Lenten season. Through God's grace and your generosity, we were blessed to gather **\$1,753.23** in Lenten offerings to support the Bethlehem Food Bank in making a meaningful impact in our community.

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!

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

You are invited to join the WOB Core Committee (WOB Board) for a Welcome Spring Brunch

At Dena Schult's home on Sat. May 2, 10:30am.
10710 Lake Pointe Drive

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Trinity Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Rd. will have their Spring Rummage & Bake Sale on Thursday, May 7 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm, Friday May 8 from 10:00am – 6:00pm. The \$3 Bag Sale will be Saturday, May 9 from 9:00am – 12noon. For more information, call 260-447-2411.

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.

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: Kaiden, Josiah, Adonis, Yanuell, Jacielle, NaTika, Pla, Vicente, Anthony, Jeremiah, and Mrs. Washington.

Mrs. Bahr Awarded the Founders Fund Award

Amber Bahr was recently honored as the recipient of the 3rd Annual Founders Fund Award at Cross Connections Counseling Ministry’s Spring Partnership Celebration. This award recognizes a member of the community who consistently advocates for personal, emotional, spiritual and relational wellness in the lives of those around them—while living it out in their own life.



Cross Connections Counseling, a professional Christ-centered counseling organization, provides master’s-degreed counselors who are uniquely equipped to walk alongside individuals and families through life’s challenges. Our school is blessed to partner with Cross Connections for counseling services, making this recognition especially meaningful to our community.

The Founders Fund Award reflects the heart of Cross Connections’ mission: ensuring that no individual or family is turned away from receiving care due to financial hardship. Through the Founders Fund, Cross Connections provides subsidized and fully funded counseling services to individuals and families in need, helping bridge the gap between professional care and affordability.

The Founders’ Award is presented to leaders who actively champion mental health and make a lasting impact in their communities. Mrs. Amber Bahr is recognized for her daily commitment to fostering a culture of care, encouragement, and relational health within her school community. Through her leadership, she has intentionally supported students, staff, and families by prioritizing emotional well-being, modeling Christ-centered values, and advocating for healthy relationships. Her influence extends beyond the classroom, impacting the broader community through her dedication to nurturing both academic and personal growth. We are grateful for her service and proud to celebrate this well-deserved honor.

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:

Jesus said to her, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”* — John 11:25-26

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 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), **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), **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 Janet Luke, Jason Mann, Anthony Mante, Mandy Martinsky, Richard Mault, Kathy McKee, Stephen Melcher, Gladys Middleton, Carissa Miller, Robert Miller, Rebecca Mitchell, and Fannie Moore. We give thanks for 60 years of marriage to Ken and Joyce Knipstein. Grant that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared.

For our church: Lord of the Church, we praise You for Your steadfast love that has carried this congregation through changing times and generations. Thank You for every moment of grace that has shaped our life together. As we step into the years ahead, give us courage, patience, and hope, that we may live as Your people today in light of the future You promise.