
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE:

Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 7,547.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 385.84
Designated Gifts	\$ 40.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,972.84

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 28

Tuesday, April 29

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, April 30

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

5:45pm - Choir

Handbells

Thursday, May 1

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Easter Sunday, May 4

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Café

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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) 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

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Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Dena Schult
Kimberly Brooks

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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (April 3rd and May 4th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:1-22

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 5:1-14

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-19

*The altar flowers are provided by Ina Gaunt in memory of her sister
Dorothy Riehl and her husband Karl.*

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.

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 church office!



SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Trinity Lutheran Church,

7819 Decatur Rd., Ft. Wayne,

Thursday, May 1 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm,

Friday, May 2 from 10:00am – 6:00pm.

\$3 Bag Sale

Saturday, May 3 from 9:00am – 12:noon.

SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Emanuel Lutheran Church

800 Green Street, New Haven

Thursday, May 1 from 9:00am-7:00pm

Friday, May 2 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

A \$2 bag sale will be held on Friday.

Mother's Day Carnations

5.11.25



Donation suggestion is \$2/ carnation.

They will be available at both
services:

May 10 & 11.

All donations will benefit
Right to Life Northeast



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



JOIN
US

More Info



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

Volunteer Opportunities:

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: Josiah, Azari, Yanuell, Corlesiya, Kayden, Annalysa, De'Lyn, Bentley, Jordyn, Aveyah, Michael, and the Board of Directors.

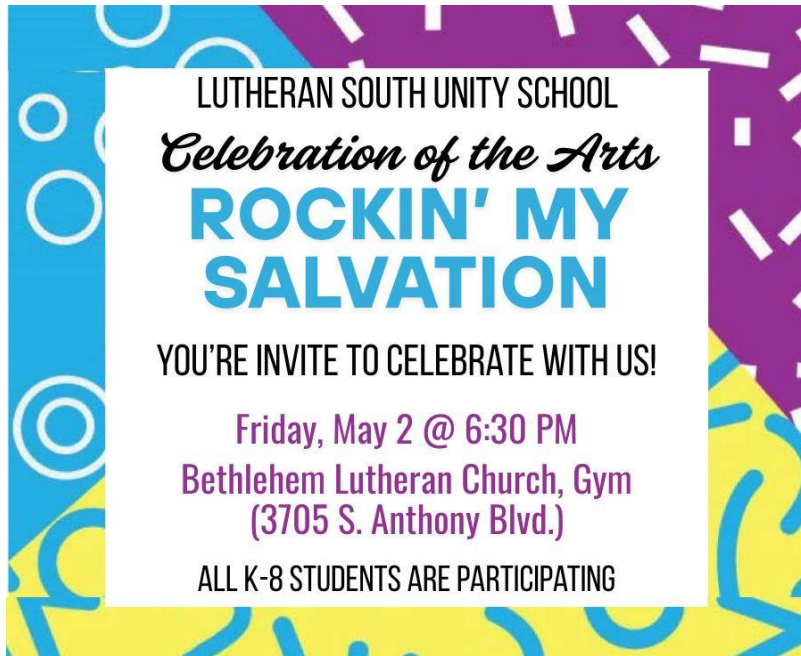
iLearn Testing Underway

iLearn testing is currently underway for our 3rd-8th grade students. This is an important time for our students as they demonstrate their learning and progress. We kindly ask for your continued support through prayers-helping our students feel confident, focused, and encouraged throughout the testing period.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

-Isaiah 53:5





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

Collection will run from now through May 16.



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.



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

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Mandy Martinsky, Kathy McKee, Stephen Melcher, Rachel Michael, Gladys Middleton, Carissa Miller, Robert Miller, Rebecca Mitchell, Daniel Mitchell, Fannie Moore, Janee Moore, and Pam Morvilius.

For our church

Almighty Father, we commit our plans to You as we consider how best to utilize our building and ministries. Guide our hearts and hands as we pursue your will so that we do not get distracted or discouraged. Fill us with Your wisdom and passion so that our work brings hope to our neighborhood and rekindles the faith of our congregation, leading all to experience the love of Jesus.