
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 96
Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 7,329.00
Online Operating & Missions \$ 580.69
Designated Gifts \$ 210.00
Total Contributions \$ 8,119.69

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, May 5

Tuesday, May 6

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

6:30pm Board of Elders

Wednesday, May 7

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

5:45pm - Choir

Handbells

Thursday, May 8

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, May 11

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 Mary Snow
Allison Cheng

Elder
(4:00pm) Michael Johnson
(9:00am) John Bates
Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Dena Schult
Kimberly Brooks

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Carla Johnson
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Dave Volmerding

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
Altar Guild Sharon Dietrich
Suzie Emley, Amber Herndon

Elder
(4:00pm) Brian Bates
(9:00am) Greg Shediack
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Glenn Emley

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Blake Sebring
(9:00am) Allison Cheng
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Randy Hapner

BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 10th and May 11th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 20:17-35

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

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, May 20th, 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!

Voters' assembly June 1st.

Agenda will be forthcoming but will include an amendment to the constitution and our mission, vision and values to be approved.

The Board of Directors proposes the following amendment to the Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws for consideration at the next Voters Assembly (tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 1, 2025):

Removal of the following section:

Chapter III – Officers and Board of Directors

A. 3. Tenure

No director may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms without a break of at least one (1) year of service, except the Senior Pastor. If a director serves one year or more of an unexpired term, that service shall count as one term. If a director serves less than one year of an unexpired term, that service shall not count as a term.

The Board is offering this proposal in light of the increasing difficulty of finding members of the congregation willing to serve on the Board of Directors.

Mother's Day Carnations

5.11.25



Donation suggestion is \$2/ carnation. Available at both services:
May 10 & 11.

All donations will benefit
Right to Life Northeast



Join us on Monday, July 31 for
Lutheran Night at Parkview Field!
Game time is 7:05pm against the
Dayton Dragons.

Ticket orders received before Friday, June 30, will be entered into a special drawing for prizes such as: a \$50 gift certificate to The Orchard team store, an autographed team bat, a chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch & more.

**Ticket orders must be received prior to Monday, July 17th in order to receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.

Lutheran Night will be a FAMILY FEAST NIGHT where fans can enjoy select concession items for only \$1.00, including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, and pizza slices!

And, plan on staying to enjoy post game fireworks!!

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.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

TEACHER APPRECIATION

We will be providing a Loaded Baked Potato lunch for the teachers on Tuesday, May 13. If you would like to help prepare for this lunch, you are asked to come to Bethlehem Tuesday morning at 9:00am.

CCC – COURAGEOUS CLEANING CREW

The CCC will start cleaning on Thursday mornings from 9:30-12noon. Hope you can join us for coffee/tea/snack and a devotion before we start in the WOB Room.

LWML 2025 CONVENTION



Date: June 26–29, 2025

Convention Center: CHI Health Center,
455 N 10th St, Omaha, NE, 68102

Theme: Growing in God's Grace

Scripture Verse: *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).*

INDIANA DISTRICT LWML TREATSHOP

August 9, 2025, 9:30am-3:30pm

Trinity Lutheran Church 8540 E 16th St, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Price: \$20.00 (includes a continental breakfast, a light lunch, and various materials for the sessions.)

Jesus Knows Me



This I Love

LSUS News

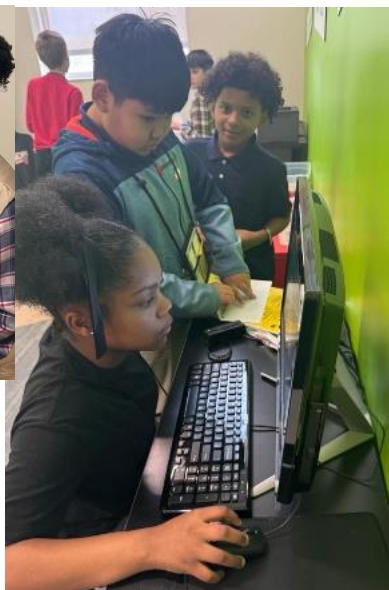
PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff: Adonis, Elijah H., Dakota, Jade, Amira, Alonte, Josue, Hailey, Nycole, Keiayla, Conor, and Sophia.



Our 4th and 5th grade students recently had the exciting opportunity to participate in Junior

Achievement BizTown! This hands-on experience allowed them to explore the world of business and economics in a fun, real-world setting. Students took on roles such as CEOs, bank tellers, business managers, and more, learning valuable lessons about teamwork, leadership, financial literacy, and civic responsibility. It was an incredible day of discovery and growth, and we're proud of how our students represented our school with enthusiasm and professionalism!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." -John 20:29



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 Ocleva Williams), and those we name in our hearts, that they would know the fullness of Your love.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Corinne Nahrwold, Louise Nahrwold, Ashley Nelson, Joe Nelson, Terri Nelson, Barb Netterville, Loan Nguyen, Patti Niday, Tom Oberholtzer, Dorothy Oetting, Katrina Owen, Ian and Blake Pettit.

For our church

Loving Father, guide us as we reimagine our church space and outreach efforts. Give us a renewed sense of vision and purpose in this ever changing neighborhood. May our building serve as a haven of hope and renewal for both our community and our members, drawing all into a closer relationship with the life-changing work of Jesus.