
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 93
Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 4,718.50
Online Operating & Missions \$ 354.61
Designated Gifts \$ 370.00
Total Contributions \$ 5,443.11

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 12

Tuesday, May 13

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

6:30pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 14

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

5:45pm - Choir

Handbells

Thursday, May 15

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, May 18

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 Sharon Dietrich
 Suzie Emley, Amber Herndon

Elder
 (4:00pm) Brian Bates
 (9:00am) Greg Shediack
 Head Usher Evans Branigan
 Lay Reader
 (9:00am) Glenn Emley
 PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Blake Sebring
 (9:00am) Allison Cheng
 Sound Operator
 (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
 Live stream Randy Hapner

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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 17th and May 18th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Acts 11:1-18
EPISTLE READING	Revelation 21:1-7
GOSPEL READING	John 13:31-35

The altar flowers are provided by Rhonda Cheng in loving memory of Alex Cheng whose birthday was on May 8, her mother, Jan Miller, and for all mothers this Mother's Day.

**Thank you for filling out the survey.
Please return the surveys by May 18.**

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.



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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Saint Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Rummage Sale in the school's gymnasium- 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733- on Friday June 6th from 8:00am-4:00pm and Saturday June 7th from 8:00am-NOON. Saturday will be the bag sale day; \$2.00 each paper grocery bag or \$5.00 per 13 gallon garbage bag (bags are provided).

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

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,
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.)



ASSOCIATED CHURCHES FATHER'S DAY 5K WALK/RUN:

Celebrate Father's Day weekend by running with or in honor of your father, grandfather, or father figure. The Father's Day 5K will be a WALK, RUN, or RUCK. The course will circle Lakeside Park's beautiful rose garden and shaded park. Proceeds will benefit Associated Churches' programs, A Baby's Closet and Military Families.

There is a Bethlehem Lutheran Church Team under the Church Team category. Any of our members who sign up under that Church Team get a \$5 discount on registration.

Deadline for registering as part of the Team is June 9th. You can register at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/FathersDay5KbyAssociatedChurchesonSaturdayJune17>

LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our students/staff: Thomas, Aliegha, Jasmine, Holly, K'Marie, Le'Ana, Sierra, Emeraude, Shar, Ximena, and Keh Ter Re.

PHOENIX SPORTS

Cheer on our Phoenix Track Team at our meets:
Monday, May 12th at Zollner Stadium: Start time 5pm

LSAA City Track meet (field events and trials):
Tuesday, May 20th at Zollner Stadium: Start time 4pm

LSAA City Track meet (finals and relays):
Thursday, May 22th at Zollner Stadium: Start time 4pm



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” -Luke 24: 5b-7



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.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Eddie Pierce, Richard Pierce, Lisa Pippenger, Amie Pishvai, Elfriede Plettner, Paula Polston, Carole Preston, Ed Ramos, Susan Ramos, Kim Rasmussen, Charlotte Ratliff, and Josie Reed

For our church

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your guidance as we seek to use our church building to become a beacon of hope in our neighborhood. Open our eyes to new opportunities. Open our ears to new conversations. Open our hearts to new partnerships. Empower us to launch ministries that renew our congregation and lead every heart to know the transforming work of Jesus.