

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), **Renee Bleke, Darryl Calloway, Jeremiah Capor** (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 Adam Rice, Deborah Richards, Joan Richter, Chris Rigdon, Rita Rincon, Denise Robinson, Jewel Robinson, Sara Robinson, Miriam Roesener, Gertrude Savage, Amber Scheerer, and Peter Schlie.

For our church: Heavenly Father, we thank You for a century of proclaiming Christ, nurturing faith, and restoring hope in this place. We rejoice in the work You have already done among us and through us. Now lead us forward, that we may continue to proclaim Your Gospel clearly, love our neighbors faithfully, and serve according to Your will.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE 95	
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,057.70
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 5,493.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 441.04
Designated Gifts	\$ 495.70
Total Contributions	\$ 6,429.75

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, May 18

Tuesday, May 19

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, May 20

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, May 21

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, May 24

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH
 10:30am Education Hour - Adults – Rm 1
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+THIS WEEKEND+**

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 Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
 Pianist (9:00am) Noah Vancina
 Altar Guild Linda Stafford
 Elder
 (4:00pm) Peter Schlie
 (9:00am) Greg Shediack
 Head Usher Evans Branigan
 Lay Readers (9:00am)..... Donna Melcher
 Threasa Lightning
 PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Blake Sebring
 (9:00am) Allison Cheng
 Sound Operator
 (9:00am)..... Charlotte Ratliff
 Live stream The Hapner family

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HELP SHARE OUR WORSHIP BEYOND THE WALLS

We are in need of **Livestream operators** and **PowerPoint operators** to help support our worship services. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the church office to sign up or for more information (260-744-3228).

BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 23rd & May 24th)

FIRST READING	Numbers 11:24-30
EPISTLE READING	Acts 2:1-21
GOSPEL READING	John 7:37-39

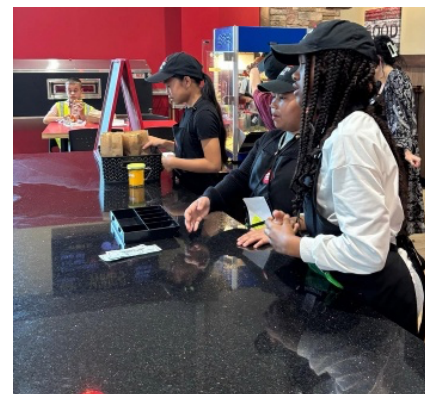
The altar flowers are given by

Our Students Take on BizTown!

Several of our classes have had the opportunity to participate in the Junior Achievement program this year through the help of amazing community volunteers who visited classrooms and taught students about financial literacy, careers, and real-world skills.

One of the biggest highlights of the program was our 4th and 5th grade students' trip to BizTown! At BizTown, students stepped into the roles of business owners, employees, bankers, and citizens in a simulated town. They worked together to run businesses, manage money, make decisions, and experience what it takes to keep a community running successfully.

The BizTown experience gave students a fun, hands-on way to apply what they learned in the classroom while building teamwork, communication, and leadership skills. We are thankful for our Junior Achievement volunteers and partners who helped make this meaningful experience possible for our students!



LSUS News

Please pray for these students, teachers / staff: Diviniti, Avionna, Azari, Joy, Amira, Benicio, DaMonica, Justinbankk, Jordyn, James, and the Teachers.



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 \$180
 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 still 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!

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

Our theme is "Throughout All Generations"

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Psalm 90:1

Fish Fry Summary

Over 300 people were served. Tim Allen of Big eye fish donated \$200 and a profit of \$1,056. 35 was given to our Thank Offering. We are thankful.

Spring Clean-Up

A group of 15 Bethlehem members pitched in on a clean-up day April 25 to help Shepherd's Hand prepare for it's annual fundraising walk. A few members also returned the following week to participate in the event.

On Sunday, former Bethlehem field worker Eli Voigt led the Sunday service.

SUNDAY, MAY 31 - Education Celebration / Church Potluck

Please plan to attend an old-fashioned potluck in the cafeteria on Sunday, May 31st following the church service and panel discussion. Fried chicken, beverages and table service will be provided. Bring your favorite hot and/or cold dishes!

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.

Liturgist: Rev Jeff Olsen

Blake Sebring - "Bethlehem Memories"

Panel: retired educators: Jim Rettig, Jim Smith, Carl Thies

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

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

Plan to attend 100th Anniversary meeting Tuesday at 6:00pm in Room 1.



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

Collection will run from now through May 29.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

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 26th, we have raised \$36,913.00 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

- 1930 In January a Farewell service was conducted at Alexander and Drexel Streets.
- 1938 A third Sunday service was added. There was a German service at 8:00am and English services at 9:15am and 10:30am.
- 1939 The church building was designed as English Gothic. It consisted of Wisconsin limestone, Bedford trim stone and a variegated red tile roof. The nave seated 600 and the choir loft seated 85.

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!

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.

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 5th from 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday June 6th 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).