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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 98

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 4,408.00

Online Operating & Missions \$ 1,018.53

Designated Gifts \$ 1,133.00

Total Contributions \$ 6,559.53

### OFFERINGS

You can make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our website. It's simple and secure.

**[www.bethlehemlcms.org](http://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 Pasta**

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

### **Monday, May 26**

### **Tuesday, May 27**

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

### **Wednesday, May 28**

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm - Choir

7:15 Handbells

### **Thursday, May 29**

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

### **Friday, May 30**

### **Saturday, May 31**

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast

**4:00pm Worship w/Communion**

### **Sunday, June 1**

**9:00am Worship w/Communion**

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

## SERVING AMONG US +THIS WEEKEND+

Preacher ..... The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer  
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner  
Organist (9:00am) ..... Janelle Deal  
Altar Guild ..... Linda Stafford

Elder  
(4:00pm) ..... Brian Bates  
(9:00am) ..... John Bates  
Head Usher ..... Ron Gallmeyer  
Lay Reader  
(9:00am) ..... Donna Melcher  
Threasa Lightning

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

## SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher ..... The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer  
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner  
Organist (9:00am) ..... Janelle Deal  
Altar Guild ..... Mary Snow  
Allison Cheng

Elder  
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Head Usher ..... Evans Branigan  
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## **BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE**

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

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>)**

FIRST READING	Acts 1:1–11
EPISTLE READING	Ephesians 1:15–23
GOSPEL READING	Luke 24:44–53

*The altar flowers are provided by Ina Gaunt in memory of her parents,  
Louis and Velma Pleuger*

# **BETHLEHEM'S 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Our theme will be "**Throughout All Generations**" Psalm 90:1 *"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations."*

- Sunday, January 11, 2026 Kick-off (same month as the first meeting of the church)
- Sunday, May 31, 2026 Potluck Picnic
- Sunday, September. 27, 2026 Education Celebration (History of education and recognition of Confirmation classes)

## **VIDEO RECORDING SESSION**

After some adjustments, we're finally able to reschedule the video recording session for part of Bethlehem's 100th anniversary celebration. The new date is **Sept. 7 from 1-4 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

These 5-minute videos will consist of three questions:

1. When and why did you come to Bethlehem?
2. What are a couple of your favorite memories?
3. What has Bethlehem meant to you?

These recordings will be played before services throughout the anniversary year. Also, those being interviewed do not need to be current members. The main requirement is having some great memories about our church!

If you are interested, please consider emailing Blake Sebring at [blakeds@frontier.com](mailto:blakeds@frontier.com) so we can get a rough estimate of those wishing to participate. Seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall, and we will not schedule appointments, but we'll start a line and keep going until we are finished. Hopefully this will be a fun time of reminiscing.

## **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, the Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held in the Bethlehem cafeteria starting at 8:30am. Much of the book of Obadiah concerns the Edomites, the descendants of Esau, son of Isaac. We shall look at Edom in the days of King David and Solomon, his son, with emphasis on Psalm 52, II Samuel 8:9-14, and I Kings 9:26-28 and 11:1-25. Please plan to join us for breakfast, prayer, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, and our study of the Word of God. *"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever."* Psalm 52:8 NIV.

## **GENERATIONS OF FAITH**

Gather together around God's word to celebrate Pentecost and God's gift of the Holy Spirit with our entire Bethlehem family on June 8<sup>th</sup> during the Education Hour.



Join us on Tuesday, June 24 for Lutheran Night at Parkview Field! Gametime is 7:05pm.

Ticket orders received before Friday, May 16, 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, June 10th 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! 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.

## **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>

## **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).

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## LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

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### CCC – COURAGEOUS CLEANING CREW

CCC (Cleaning Crew)...will NOT be meeting regularly on Thursday mornings this summer....only as needed for special needs.

### 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).*

### FOR YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR:

Saturday, July 26th, WOB Summer Social at Berne Swiss Days, followed by food/fellowship at Rainbow Lake (Hapner's Cottage). Car pool from Bethlehem, more details later.

### DESSERTS FOR DADS

DESSERTS for DADS - Father's Day June 15, 2025

DONATE A DESSERT IN A DECORATED BOX

Boxes available after Church during May.

Bring desserts to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 14th from 3-4pm

Proceeds to WOB Fund



### INDIANA DISTRICT LWML TREATSHOP

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

Trinity Lutheran Church 8540 E 16<sup>th</sup> St, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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

# 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.

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## LSUS News

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### **PRAYING FOR YOU!**

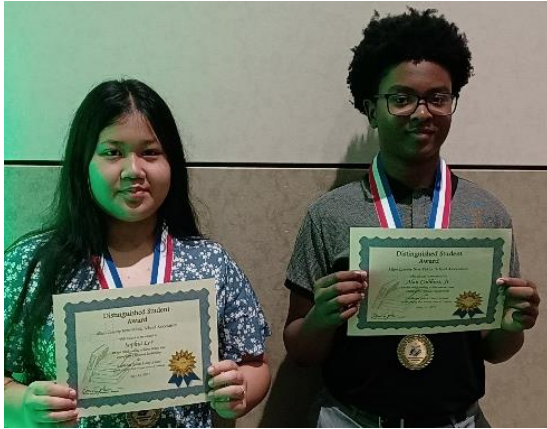
**Please pray for our students/staff: Brayden, Gabby, 1st Grade, Corlesyia, Layla, Paisley, Samuel, Max, Wayde, Brandon, Jaylen, Mr. Cullen, Camren, all Teachers and Workers**

### **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. - Micah 5:5

# LSUS Students Recognized at Two Honors Breakfasts

Lutheran South Unity School is proud to celebrate several 8th grade students who were honored at two special events recognizing excellence in academics, leadership, and service.



AJ and Sophia were selected to attend the Allen County Non-Public School Association Honors Breakfast, where top students from area private schools were recognized for their academic achievements and strong character. Representing LSUS with pride, they were acknowledged among the county's best and brightest.

In addition, AJ, Sophia, Gay Doh, and Keh Ter Re were honored with the Lutheran Schools Partnership Honors Award, celebrated at Concordia Lutheran High School. This award recognizes students who exemplify the core values of Lutheran education: academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to others.



These recognitions reflect the hard work and dedication of our students, and LSUS is proud to see them honored in such meaningful ways. Congratulations to all four honorees!

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY**

### **For our members;**

<b>Teddy Bishop</b>	<b>Beau Bishop</b>	<b>Ruby Bonner</b>	<b>Lois Branigan</b>
<b>Evans Branigan</b>	<b>Margaret Burger</b>	<b>Willard Brown</b>	<b>Derek Crane</b>
<b>Dana Crane</b>	<b>Shirley Davis</b>	<b>Joan Domrow</b>	<b>Ina Gaunt</b>
<b>Pastor Jeff Geisler</b>	<b>Vicky Geisler</b>	<b>Jean Hille</b>	<b>Carla Johnson</b>
<b>Linda Kalthoff</b>	<b>Carla Kay</b>	<b>Earl Kruger</b>	<b>Nancy Kruger</b>
<b>Donna Melcher</b>	<b>Gladys Middleton</b>	<b>Louise Nahrwold</b>	<b>Deanna Nelson</b>
<b>Eddie Pierce</b>	<b>Richard Pierce</b>	<b>Nick Rasmussen</b>	<b>Adam Rice</b>
<b>Jewel Robinson</b>	<b>Doris Scott</b>	<b>Sharon Shediack</b>	<b>Thomas Tinsley</b>
<b>Phil Urbahns</b>			

### **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), **Shawn Hemmestad** (son of Deanna Nelson), **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 Sayler** (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**

Peter Schlie, Susan Schott, David Schult, Barry Schust, Dorissa Scott, Blake and EJ Sebring, Greg Shediack, Ignacio Silva, Karla Silva, Tonya Sims, and Archie Smith.

### **For our church**

Dear Father, as we envision the future of our church, help us to create a space where hope flourishes in our community and our members are refreshed in spirit. Guide our discussions as we consider what you have planned for our church, our building and our community. May every effort we undertake proclaim the person and work of Jesus in a way that touches lives and restores hope.