
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 98
Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Missions \$18,560.00
Online Operating & Missions \$ 509.85
Designated Gifts \$ 343.79
Total Contributions \$19,413.64

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

Beans (dry or canned), soup, rice, pasta, canned fruit & vegetables, and peanut butter.

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, June 2

Tuesday, June 3

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

6:30pm Board of Elders

Wednesday, June 4

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, June 5

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, June 6

Saturday, June 7

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, June 8

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 Mary Snow
Allison Cheng

Elder
(4:00pm) Michael Johnson
(9:00am) Greg Shediack
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Reader
(9:00am) Peter Schlie
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Carla Johnson
(9:00am) Allison Cheng
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) Michael Johnson
(9:00am) Peter Schlie
Head Usher Dan Bates
Lay Reader
(9:00am) Donna Volmerding
Dave Volmerding

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
(9:00am) Aaron Brown
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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (June 7th and June 8th)

FIRST READING	Genesis 11:1-9
EPISTLE READING	Acts 2:1-21
GOSPEL READING	John 14:23-31

*The altar flowers are provided by Elfriede Plettner in loving memory of
George Plettner.*

BETHLEHEM'S 100th 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 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.



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!!**

SERVE AT THE RESCUE MISSION

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission! Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month - upcoming dates include June 22, July 27, Aug 24, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, and Dec 28 This is a great way to serve our local Ft. Wayne Community. Sign-up with your friends or family and make this a meaningful service experience! Contact Randy Hapner (260-745-7477) or see the bulletin board outside the library for more information about this service opportunity.

The Bridge – 20/30 Group

Calling all 20- and 30-somethings in Fort Wayne. Whether you're single, married, new in town, or just looking to connect with other Christ-centered young adults - this is for YOU! *Launch Night!*

Tuesday, June 10 | 7:00 PM

The Garden – 3308 N Anthony Blvd (just down from Holy Cross!)

Come hang out for a chill night with:

Free Pizza & Drinks

SpeedMeet (like speed dating... but for making awesome new friends!)

Low-key yard games, Music, laughter, and zero pressure.

Let's build a bridge to something better — real friendships, authentic faith, and some seriously good times.

For more info contact dschuller@clhscadets.com or rosemarytrent@outlook.com

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).

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>

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

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



FOODBANK NEWS

The Lenten offering to the Food Bank totaled \$2334.02.

The Food Bank's main source of food is Community Harvest. Recently we have found slim pickings. Last week 50% of the items we wished to purchase were out of stock. By the time we made our pickup, we did not receive most of what we ordered. We are out of many items and could use your help. The following are items we distribute that we are frequently out of: beans (dry or canned), soup, rice, pasta, canned fruit & vegetables, and peanut butter.

LSUS News

PRAYING FOR YOU!

Please pray for our all the students/staff.

Celebrating the Final Week

This final week of school at LSUS was one to remember, packed with excitement, laughter, and meaningful moments. As the 2024–2025 school year came to a close, students, staff, and families came together to celebrate the end of a challenging year and to look forward with hope and pride.

Graduation Celebration:

Sunday (May 18) afternoon we held the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. Family, friends, and staff gathered to honor our graduates as they prepared to move on to high school.

The ceremony featured heartfelt speeches from Lafayette Jordan, Valedictorian, Sophia, and Salutatorian, AJ. We wish our graduates the best as they take their next steps away from LSUS.



Field Day Fun:

The week kicked off with our annual Field Day, a student favorite that brought out everyone's school spirit and energy. From classic relay races and tug-of-war to sack races and water balloon tosses, students of all ages had a blast competing and cheering each other on.



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. -Philippians 4:13



Staff Inflatable Costume Race

The staff surprised students with a hilarious inflatable costume race! Dressed in oversized inflatable costumes, teachers and staff members raced across the field to the cheers and laughter of students. The playful competition brought the entire school community together in a joyful celebration. Congrats to Pastor Ben on his victory!



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	Shirley Davis	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	Bob Miller	Jane Miller
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), **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

Ty Smith, Robert Snow, Anoukone Somsanith, John Stafford, Angela Stanley, Linda Stanley, Glenda Starks, Roger Stephans, Michele Stewart, Randall Stewart, Terri Stewart, and Deaynne Suttle.

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.