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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 91

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 5,381.00

Online Operating & Missions \$ 464.61

Designated Gifts \$ 328.00

Total Contributions \$ 6,163.61

### 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.**

**OUR NEEDS ARE: 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  
Generations of Faith

**Monday, June 9**

**Tuesday, June 10**

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank  
6:30pm Board of Directors

**Wednesday, June 11**

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

**Thursday, June 12**

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

**Friday, June 13**

**Saturday, June 14**

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

**Sunday, June 15**

**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 ..... 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  
Sound Operator  
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer  
Live stream ..... Randy Hapner

## SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher ..... The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer  
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner  
Organist (9:00am) ..... Janelle Deal  
Altar Guild ..... Kim Ellison  
                                 Sharon Shediack

Elder  
(4:00pm) ..... Ed Ramos  
(9:00am) ..... John Bates  
Head Usher ..... Ron Gallmeyer  
Lay Reader  
(9:00am) ..... The Hapner  
                                 Family

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

## **BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE**

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

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>h</sup>)**

FIRST READING	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
EPISTLE READING	Acts 2:14a, 22-36
GOSPEL READING	John 8:48-59

*The altar flowers are provided by Charlotte Ratliff  
in memory of her son, Ed Booker.*

**JOIN US  
in the Fellowship Hall  
TODAY!**

**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.

**SUNDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DURING THE EDUCATION HOUR**

# **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."*

- January 11, Sunday: Kick-off with sit-down meal
- March 13, Friday: FISH FRY
- April 19, Saturday: Great America Clean with the City event
- May 31, Sunday: Potluck (carry-in meal), protein provided
- June 20, Saturday: Neighborhood Walk – including 3205 Alexander Ave.
- July 18, Saturday: Community Fest w/clubhouse
- August: LSUS clean up
- Sept. 13, Sunday: Education & Alumni Celebration with History of Education and recognition of Confirmation classes (a Charcuterie Board)
- October: Missions featured the entire month
- November: Collect food bank items the entire month
- December: Wrap up with a special musical event TBD Organ recital, song fest, etc.

## **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.

## **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, Dec 28

This is a great way to serve our local Ft. Wayne Community.  
Sign-up at the bulletin board outside the library, just past  
Fellowship Hall, and make this a meaningful service  
experience! Can't serve physically? Bake instead!



## **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.

## **2026 COMMUNITY FEST**

Help us plan the **2026 Community Fest!**

Join us for a planning meeting on **Sunday, June 22 immediately following the 9:00am worship service.**

We'll gather to brainstorm, organize, and begin preparations for an exciting and successful Community Fest.

**Your ideas and input are valuable—please plan to attend!**

## **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>



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!!

## **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](mailto:dschuller@clhscadets.com) or [rosemarytrent@outlook.com](mailto:rosemarytrent@outlook.com)

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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.)

## **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>Bob Miller</b>	<b>Jane Miller</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), **Tori Bruce** (granddaughter of Sharon Shediack), **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), **Tony Griggs** (brother of Denise DeYampert), **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), **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 Oclea Williams), and those we name in our hearts.

### **For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Ed Tharp, Reggie Tharp, Valerie Tharp, Dorothea Thompson, Thomas Tinsley, Elena Tobin, Hung Tran, Jeremy Trendle, Lavonda Turner, Philip Urbahns, Sharon Varner, and David Volmerding.

### **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.