
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 95

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 6,396.00

Online Operating & Missions \$ 554.61

Designated Gifts \$ 640.00

Total Contributions \$ 7,590.61

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: Beans (dry or canned), soup, 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

Monday, June 16

Tuesday, June 17

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, June 18

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, June 19

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, June 20

Saturday, June 21

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, June 22

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 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

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Mike Wakeland
 Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
 Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
 Altar Guild Linda Stafford
 Elder
 (4:00pm) Peter Schlie
 (9:00am) Greg Shediack
 Head Usher Evans Branigan
 Lay Reader
 (9:00am) John Stafford
 Linda Stafford
 PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
 (9:00am) Allison Cheng
 Sound Operator
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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (June 21st and June 22nd)

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| FIRST READING | Isaiah 65:1-9 |
| EPISTLE READING | Galatians 3:23-4:7 |
| GOSPEL READING | Luke 8:26-39 |

*The altar flowers are provided by Glenn and Suzie Emley in memory of
Dennis Emley.*

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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

This is a tentative plan schedule.

- 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: Church Potluck Picnic
- 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 Table)
- 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 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.

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!

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.



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

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

What a night!

We had an incredible Bridge 20/30 Launch Event with over 55 young adults coming together for a night of connection, community, and Christ-centered purpose. Thank you to everyone who showed up and made it such a memorable kickoff — it was amazing to see so many new and familiar faces! Follow us on Facebook: **The Bridge 20/30 Group Ft Wayne**

And don't miss what's coming next!

Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00pm - The Garden (3308 N. Anthony)

Devotion Anchor Night: "Authenticity" led by Brian Loesel

Stick around afterward for Euchre & Uno — bring your game face and a friend!

Tuesday, June 24 - Meetup - Hop River Brewing Company

This is just the beginning. Come be part of what God is doing through Bridge 20/30!

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>

TENT SALE AT WYNEKEN HOUSE

The Friends of Wyneken will hold a tent sale at the historic on Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 from 8:00am to 6:00pm, and Saturday, June 28 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Come check out the bargains on tools, household items, antiques, books, crafts, toys and collectibles! Visitors are invited to tour the Wyneken House to learn about Pastor F.C.D. Wyneken and the German Lutheran immigrants who settled in northeast Indiana during the 1800s. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

RUMMAGE SALE

In 2024 our Rummage Sale involved our sister LSUS churches (Mt. Calvary, Peace & Zion), and all proceeds went to LSUS. For several reasons, we will not be having an annual Rummage Sale for the Community this year. It takes much planning, leadership, and many volunteers. Many hours are spent in preparation, execution and clean-up, Many of our rooms are used to store and sort items. As many Bethlehem members are involved in planning our 100th Anniversary as well as considering how our building can be used for the community, our plate is full! Hopefully we can resume our Rummage Sale in the near future, benefitting the Women of Bethlehem and our Community.

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).*

LWML NATIONAL CONVENTION MITE WALK

Linda Stafford & Dena Schult will be attending the Convention AND doing the MITE WALK. They will walk the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge over the Missouri River that connects two states. Omaha, NE and Council Bluffs, IA.

Several Bethlehem women (and men) have pledged a flat amount their walk. All pledges will go to MITES. There is still time today to support their walk. See them after church!

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.

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.)

GET YOUR DESSERT for DAD TODAY!

Desserts are available after both the Saturday, and Sunday services. Proceeds to WOB Fund.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

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| 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), **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 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 Oclewa Williams), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Bounma Vongphachanh, Etta Walker, Brenda Warren, Heather Weemes, Amber Williams, Chamilon Williams, Linda Witte, Delores Wright, Suzanne Wright, and Kathy Young.

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.