
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE:	June 28/29	July 5/6	ATTENDANCE:
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31	\$ 6,192.31	
Offering for Operating & Missions	\$ 19,213.00	\$ 6,726.26	
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 554.61	\$ 509.54	
Designated Gifts	\$ 549.55	\$ 486.75	
Total Contributions	\$ 20,317.06	\$ 7,722.55	

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.

ACTIVITIES

+ THIS WEEK +



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

Monday, July 14

Tuesday, July 15

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, July 16

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, July 17

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, July 20

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

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.

SERVING AMONG US +THIS WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Steve Ahlersmeyer
 Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
 Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
 Altar Guild Kim Ellison
 Sharon Shediack
 Elder
 (4:00pm) Ed Ramos
 (9:00am) Greg Shediack
 Head Usher Evans Branigan
 Lay Reader
 (9:00am) Suzie Emley
 PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
 (9:00am) Allison Cheng
 Sound Operator
 (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
 Live stream Josiah Hapner

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

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 Altar Guild Linda Stafford
 Elder
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 Head Usher Dan Bates
 Lay Reader
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 (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 (July 19th and July 20th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Genesis 18:1-14
EPISTLE READING	Colossians 1:21-29
GOSPEL READING	Luke 10:38-42

The altar flowers are provided by Michael Johnson in loving memory of his sister, Bea Carlisle, on her birthday July 17.

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.

Volunteers are still needed! Please pray and consider using your skills and talents and join one of the following committees:

Thank Offering, Commemorative item (s), Community Service or any other available committee. Please contact Rhonda in church office for questions or you may contact a member of the steering committee—Pastor Ben, Rachele Dance or Sharon Dietrich.

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.

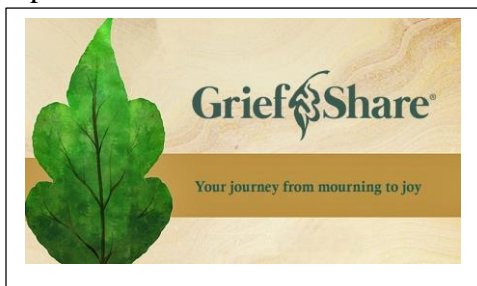
The next 100th Anniversary Committee meeting is Tuesday evening, July 22, at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Committees will “check in” with their progress. Any Bethlehem member is welcome to attend. Volunteers are still needed and appreciated!

BETHLEHEM 100TH ANNIVERSARY FOOD COMMITTEE!

WE WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, JULY 20TH, after the church service, during the coffee hour. Please go down to coffee hour first and get your coffee, and treats. Bring them up to Room 2 (first room on the left). We’ll have coffee refills there for you. We decided to meet there instead of staying in the Fellowship Hall due to the “noise”, which is great for Fellowship, but not so good for meetings! This first meeting will be a brainstorming one. We’ll list events that require Food, and decide what we might do for them. Need lots of input. Hope you all can make it.

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) our Grief Coordinator. 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.



If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited and encouraged to register for the 13-week GriefShare program. You’ll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

The newest edition of GriefShare will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne in Room 1 on Tuesdays starting August 19, 2024 from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the workbook. Please register by by contacting Rhonda in the church office at (260) 744-3228. This program is sponsored by our Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM DAY AWAY

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Berne Swiss Days & Rainbow Lake

10am - Car Pool from Bethlehem

10:45 - Berne Swiss Days Festival

1:00pm - Hapner's Cottage, Rainbow Lake Lunch and Relaxation

132 North Drive, Geneva, IN 46740

RSVP helpful to Laurie - 260-418-1877 hapners6@gmail.com

May bring small lawn chair. For more info. Call Laurie or Dena 602-8844



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.)

WOB CORE COMMITTEE MEETING

On Sunday, August 3rd during Coffee Hour in Room 2 The Women of Bethlehem Core Committee will meet. The Women of Bethlehem Core Committee was organized this year, and acts as an advisory board to the Women's Chairperson. The members are: Dena Schult (Chairperson), Shirley Davis, Sharon Dietrich, Joyce Knipstein, Laurie Hapner, Deanna Nelson, Linda Stafford, and Rhonda Cheng.

This is a volunteer board, and always welcomes new members. Meetings will be posted and are open to all women. During the August 3rd meeting, we will plan our September Service Project - "Crosses for Benny" for Forged by Fire Ministries and LWML Sunday, October 5th. Join us if you can.

LSUS News



LSUS registration is continuing for the 2025-2026 school year at Lutheran South Unity School. We are still looking for more students who would like to join our school family. Call Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS **(260-744-0459)** to make an appointment for a tour. Then the registration process will be explained to you. To help with tuition, we take Choice Vouchers. We also have scholarships and financial aid available. Someone is in the office Monday - Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm. Make your appointment now.

The poster for the 1st Annual LSUS Golf Outing features a grey background. At the top, it says "1ST ANNUAL LSUS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, flanked by two red circular logos containing a white cross and a white dove. Below this, the word "GOLF" is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font, and "OUTING" is written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font on a green banner. Underneath the banner, it says "FUNDRAISER BENEFITING LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL" in a small, black, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a green golf ball with a white "PaceMaker" logo. To the left of the golf ball, it says "TICKET \$65 PER PERSON" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the golf ball, it says "AUGUST 8TH 2025 11 AM" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the golf ball, it says "18 HOLE FLORIDA SCRAMBLE" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath this, it says "LUNCH PROVIDED | CASH BAR AVAILABLE ON COURSE" in a small, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, it says "MCMILLEN PARK 3900 HESSEN CASSEL RD., FORT WAYNE, IN 46806" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, it says "REGISTER NOW" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, next to a QR code. Below the QR code, it says "http://bit.ly/3FJokEq" in a small, black, sans-serif font.

ANNUAL CAMP LUTHERHAVEN CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, July 20, 2025. Worship begins at 11:00am. Our new directors: Keith Peters as Executive Director and Andrew Schroeder as Director of Summer & Youth Ministry be installed during the worship service. Following worship, join us for our annual Chicken Dinner, complete with mouthwatering chicken, delicious sides, and yummy desserts served in the open air pavilion along the shores of Lake Muncie. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$17 for Adults (age 13+), \$12 for Youth (age 6-12), and Children 5 & Under are free. Come for the worship. Stay for the chicken. Leave with a full heart.





SERVE AT THE RESCUE MISSION

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission!

Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month - upcoming dates include 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!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

**Teddy Bishop
Evans Branigan
Dana Crane
Pastor Jeff Geisler
Linda Kalthoff
Donna Melcher
Louise Nahrwold
Jewel Robinson
Phil Urbahns**

**Beau Bishop
Margaret Burger
Shirley Davis
Vicky Geisler
Carla Kay
Gladys Middleton
Deanna Nelson
Doris Scott**

**Ruby Bonner
Willard Brown
Joan Domrow
Jean Hille
Earl Kruger
Bob Miller
Eddie Pierce
Sharon Shediack**

**Lois Branigan
Derek Crane
Ina Gaunt
Carla Johnson
Nancy Kruger
Jane Miller
Adam Rice
Thomas Tinsley**

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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 Ocleva Williams), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Claudette Daniels, Steven Davies, John Davis, Sherrill Davis, Tracy Davis-Cannon, Gene Dettmer, LT DeYampert, Annette Diemer, Sharon Dietrich, Joan Domrow, Patsy Dressler, and Daniel Duffy.

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.