
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 72

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 4,001.50

Online Operating & Missions \$ 1,170.33

Designated Gifts \$ 116.00

Total Contributions \$ 5,287.83

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 + THIS WEEK +



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

Wednesday, July 23

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

Thursday, July 24

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, July 27

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) Peter Schlie
 (9:00am) Peter Schlie
 Head Usher Dan Bates
 Lay Reader
 (9:00am) Donna Melcher
 Threasa Lightning
 PowerPoint Operators
 (4:00pm) Blake Sebring
 (9:00am) Aaron Brown
 Sound Operator
 (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
 Live stream Joshua Hapner

SERVING AMONG US

+NEXT WEEKEND+

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Organist (9:00am)	Janelle Deal
Altar Guild	Mary Snow
	Allison Cheng
Elder	
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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

The link to watch online: [**https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne**](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (July 26th and July 27th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:17-33

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 2:6-19

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-13

The altar flowers are provided by Ina Gaunt in honor of her aunt and uncle Oz and Ruth Ferber, their children, grandchildren, etc.

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.

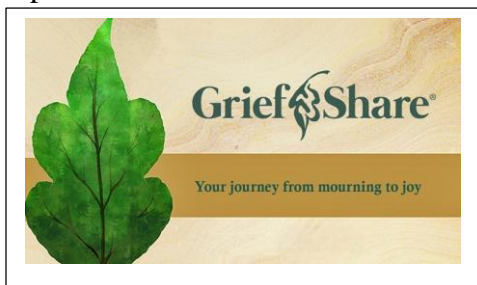
The next 100th Anniversary Committee meeting is Tuesday evening, July 22, at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Committees will “check in” with their progress. Any Bethlehem member is welcome to attend. Volunteers are still needed and appreciated!

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.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Bethlehem Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held this Saturday, July 26, in the cafeteria starting at 8:30am. Our focus is on the Edomites about whom much of the book of Obadiah is focused. The Edomites were subject to Judah as we shall see in I Kings 22:47-48, II Kings 3:1-27, and II Chronicles 20:1-30, 35-37. Please plan to join us for breakfast, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, prayer, and our study of God's Word. *"Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, [the king of Judah,] 'A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the [Dead] Sea.'"* II Chronicles 20:2a NIV.

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 to plan our September Service Project - "Crosses for Benny" for Forged by Fire Ministries and LWML Sunday, October 5th. Join us if you can.

This is a volunteer board, and always welcomes new members. Meetings will be posted and are open to all women.

LSUS News



LSUS registration continues for the 2025-2026 school year at Lutheran South Unity School. 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 green and white color scheme. At the top, it says "1ST ANNUAL LSUS GOLF OUTING" in large, bold letters. Below this, it states "FUNDRAISER BENEFITING LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL". The ticket price is listed as "TICKET \$65 PER PERSON". The date and time are "AUGUST 8TH 2025 11 AM". A central image shows a golf ball with "Pace-Maker" written on it. Below the ball, it says "18 HOLE FLORIDA SCRAMBLE". At the bottom, it mentions "LUNCH PROVIDED | CASH BAR AVAILABLE ON COURSE". The location is "MCMILLEN PARK 3900 HESSEN CASSEL RD., FORT WAYNE, IN 46806". A "REGISTER NOW" button is present, along with a QR code labeled "SCAN ME" and a URL: <http://bit.ly/3FJokEq>.

THE FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Friends of Wyneken will host an ice cream social at the historic Wyneken House on Sunday, July 27 from 2-5pm. There will be ice cream with lots of fixings, as well as games and a water slide for the kids. Come see what's new at the house and learn more about Rev. Friedrich Wyneken, a pioneer circuit rider who also served as the president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod from 1850 to 1864. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

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
Vicky Geisler
Carla Kay
Bob Miller
Eddie Pierce
Sharon Shediack**

**Beau Bishop
Margaret Burger
Shirley Davis
Jean Hille
Earl Kruger
Jane Miller
Adam Rice
Tashayla Sutorius**

**Ruby Bonner
Willard Brown
Ina Gaunt
Carla Johnson
Donna Melcher
Louise Nahrwold
Jewel Robinson
Thomas Tinsley**

**Lois Branigan
Derek Crane
Pastor Jeff Geisler
Linda Kalthoff
Gladys Middleton
Deanna Nelson
Doris Scott
Phil Urbahns**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

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), **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

Cathy Dykstra, Laverne Eickhoff, Tim Ellison, Glenn Emley, David Epperson, Donald Essex, Dorothy Feagin, Elliot Ferguson, Greg Finner, Rafael Flores, Tonia Freeman, and Greg Fuller. We also pray for Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams. We pray for the families of Joan Domrow who passed away on July 14 and Nancy Kruger who passed on July 15.

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.