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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 85

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Missions \$ 5,668.50

Online Operating & Missions \$ 354.61

Designated Gifts \$ 178.00

Total Contributions \$ 6,201.11

### 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:** soup, peanut butter, boxed baking mixes, pasta sauce and tomato products.

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 28

### Tuesday, July 29

**10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank**

### Wednesday, July 30

**10:00am -11:30am Food Bank**

### Thursday, July 31

**10:00am-11:30am Food Bank**

### Friday, August 1

### Saturday, August 2

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

### Sunday, August 3

**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) ..... John Bates  
Head Usher ..... Ron Gallmeyer  
Lay Reader  
(9:00am) ..... Peter Schlie  
PowerPoint Operators  
(4:00pm) ..... Carla Johnson  
(9:00am) ..... Josiah Hapner  
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) ..... Brian Bates  
(9:00am) ..... Greg Shediack  
Head Usher ..... Evans Branigan  
Lay Reader  
(9:00am) ..... Donna Volmerding  
Dave Volmerding  
PowerPoint Operators  
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## **BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE**

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

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (August 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26
EPISTLE READING	Colossians 3:1-11
GOSPEL READING	Luke 12:13-21

*The altar flowers are provided by Charlotte Ratliff  
in memory of Rod Sebring.*

# **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."*

This is a tentative plan schedule.

- January 11, Sunday: Kick-off with sit-down meal
- March 27, Friday: FISH FRY
- April 18, 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?

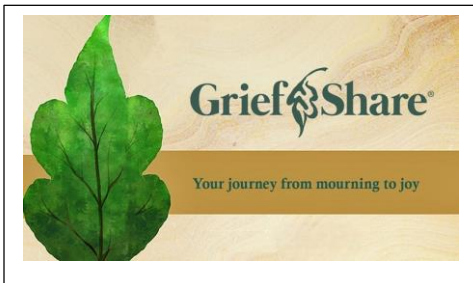
These recordings will be played before services throughout the anniversary year. Also, those being interviewed do not need to be current members. The main requirement is having some great memories about our church!

If you are interested, please consider emailing Blake Sebring at [blakeds@frontier.com](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.

The next 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting is Tuesday evening, August 27, at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Any Bethlehem member is welcome to attend. Volunteers are still needed and appreciated!

## **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.

**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 contacting Rhonda in the church office at (260) 744-3228. This program is sponsored by our Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem.

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## LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

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### WOB CORE COMMITTEE MEETING

On Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> The Women of Bethlehem Core Committee will meet during Coffee Hour in Room 1, 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. This is a volunteer board, and always welcomes new members. Meetings will be posted and are open to all women.

### NEED ANOTHER INSPIRITIONAL DAY AWAY??

### INDIANA DISTRICT LWML TREATSHOP

For \$20 registration, you get a light continental breakfast, a salad bar and Baked Potato Bar Lunch, and materials for the session!

Ingatherings go to: Crisis Pregnancy Center, Trinity Lutheran School teacher gift bags, and help in restocking Trinity's Gym Closet.

#### **Break Out Sessions: (may choose 3)**

Building on a Firm Foundation

Mission Vision: Living out our Christian faith, sister to sister.

Rags to Riches to You (Michelle Bauman)

Known: Christian Life Committee

Get Them Talking! How to make connections through fun ideas and laughter  
Craft, Chat and a Cookie! Young Woman Representatives give ways to bridge generation gap

A Guide to being an Effective Leader

Tag, You're It! President Emily Rogers (IN District)

Jesus Loves You! How much? Bible study of Psalm 139 with IN District Pastoral Counselors, Pastors Latzke and Becker

Registration Forms available in church office (to be sent in), or on [lwmlindiana.org](http://lwmlindiana.org)

**Dena Schult is attending, and has room for 3 more women.**



## **SERVE AT THE RESCUE MISSION**

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission!

Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month - upcoming dates include 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 at the bulletin board outside the library, just past Fellowship Hall, and make this a meaningful service experience! Can't serve physically? Bake instead!

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## **CRU ARTS AND CULTURE**

Joe Schlie, Executive Director of Cru Arts and Culture, will bring us up to date on his work with Cru on Sunday, August 3 after the 9:00am service.

Joe and his wife Suzy, and accomplished artist in her own right, will share about their ministry in France with other artists and musicians. They were able to share the Gospel with many young people and officials.

Since returning to the United States, they share the Gospel with musicians and artists all over the United States. Suzy was also able to travel to Cuba to give water filters to people in rural villages along with the Gospel.

Joe says the arts has the power to move people "forward and upward".

Join us Sunday, August 3 as Joe and Suzy Schlie share their ministry with us.

## **Let's Celebrate Pastor Jeffrey Geisler's Birthday with a Birthday Card Drive!**



Let's shower Pastor Jeff with love, gratitude, and blessings on his special day.

We want to shower him with lots of birthday cards to remind him how much he's cherished. **His Birthday is August 19**

Write a heartfelt message, share a favorite memory, or simply say "Thank you!"

### **Send or Drop Off To:**

Rev. Jeffrey Geisler  
6701 S. Anthony Blvd.  
Magnolia Lane Rm #326  
Fort Wayne, IN 46816

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## LSUS News

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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. Someone is in the office Monday - Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm. Make your appointment now.

### August 17<sup>th</sup> BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Teachers and Students are invited to receive a blessing and be prayed for during the 9:00am Worship service ahead of the first day of school.

**1ST ANNUAL LSUS GOLF OUTING**  
FUNDRAISER BENEFITING LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL

**TICKET \$65 PER PERSON**

**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> 2025 11 AM**

**18 HOLE FLORIDA SCRAMBLE**

LUNCH PROVIDED | CASH BAR AVAILABLE ON COURSE

**MCMILLEN PARK**  
3900 HESSEN CASSEL RD.,  
FORT WAYNE, IN 46806

**REGISTER NOW**

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<http://bit.ly/3FJoKEq>



### It's Back-To-School Time!

There are lots of deals on school supplies now. Please consider helping LSUS Art Classes with donating some items. See the display board in the narthex for items needed. (Crayola markers, crayons, Elmer's glue sticks, sharpies, pencils, erasers, scissors)

Take a stick and return the item to the designated box by August 17!

Thank you for your partnership with LSUS!

## **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>Ina Gaunt</b>	<b>Pastor Jeff Geisler</b>
<b>Vicky Geisler</b>	<b>Jean Hille</b>	<b>Carla Johnson</b>	<b>Carla Kay</b>
<b>Earl 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>Adam Rice</b>	<b>Jewel Robinson</b>	<b>Doris Scott</b>	<b>Sharon Shediack</b>
<b>Tashayla Sutorius</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 Rachele 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), **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**

Ronald Gallmeyer, Emilia Garcia, Victor Garcia, Ina Gaunt, Jared Geisler, Jessica Geisler, Pastor Jeffrey Geisler, Karen Gerke, Beverly Gunn, Joshua Hapner, Josiah Hapner, and Randy Hapner. We also pray for Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

### **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.