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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 105

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Mission \$ 4,804.00

Online Operating & Missions \$ 447.74

Designated Gifts \$ 1,105.00

Total Contributions \$ 6,356.74

### 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

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

### Monday, August 11

### Tuesday, August 12

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

6:30pm Board of Directors

### Wednesday, August 13

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

### Thursday, August 14

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

### Friday, August 15

### Saturday, August 16

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

### Sunday, August 17

**9:00am Worship w/Communion**

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

## SERVING AMONG US +THIS WEEKEND+

Preacher ..... The Rev. Steve Ahlersmeyer  
 Pianist ..... Kasey Hapner  
 Altar Guild ..... Linda Stafford  
 Elder  
 (4:00pm) ..... Ed Ramos  
 (9:00am) ..... Peter Schlie  
 Head Usher ..... Dan Bates  
 Lay Readers  
 (9:00am) ..... The Hapner Family  
 PowerPoint Operators  
 (4:00pm) ..... Carla Johnson  
 (9:00am) ..... Aaron Brown  
 Sound Operator  
 (9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer  
 Live stream ..... Josiah Hapner

# SERVING AMONG US

## +NEXT WEEKEND+

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

Elder  
(4:00pm) ..... Peter Schlie  
(9:00am) ..... John Bates  
Head Usher ..... Ron Gallmeyer  
Lay Readers  
(9:00am) ..... John Stafford  
  Linda Stafford

PowerPoint Operators  
(4:00pm) ..... Charlotte Ratliff  
(9:00am) ..... Josiah Hapner  
Sound Operator  
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# BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (August 16<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>)

OLD TESTAMENT READING  
EPISTLE READING  
GOSPEL READING

Jeremiah 23:16–29  
Hebrews 11:17—12:3  
Luke 12:49–56

*The altar flowers are provided by Ina Gaunt in memory of William Gaunt on his birthday.*

# **BETHLEHEM'S 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Our theme is **"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
  - February, Sunday: Organ/Piano music
  - March 27, Friday: FISH FRY
  - April 18, Saturday: Great America Clean Up 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: 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.

**The next 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Committee meeting:  
August 27, at 6:00pm in  
the Fellowship Hall.**

## **VIDEO RECORDING SESSION**

We're a little more than a month away from the final opportunity to be included in the video portion of the Bethlehem 100th anniversary celebration. We'll be conducting interviews on Sept. 7 from 1-4 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will be the final and only chance, so please mark your calendar!

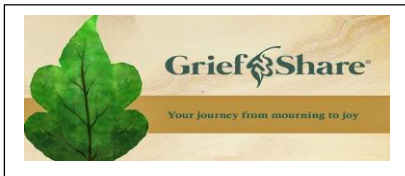
These 5-minute videos will consist of three questions: 1. When and why did you come to Bethlehem? 2. What are a couple of your favorite memories? 3. What has Bethlehem meant to you?

These recordings will be played before services throughout the anniversary year. **Also, those being interviewed do not need to be current members.**

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.

## **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), Thresa 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.

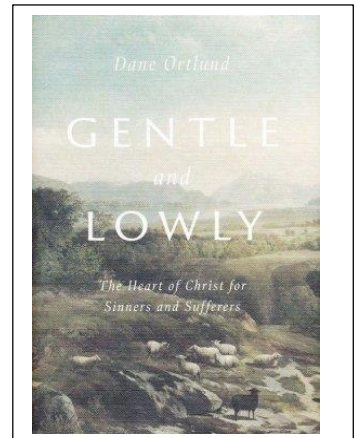
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## **Church-wide Bible Study starting 9/21/25**

Groups are to meet on a weekly basis thru the course of the study to discuss the assigned chapters for each week. The study guides will be provided.

**The books cost \$10 and will need to be purchased by those who want to participate and don't already have a copy.**

To get an idea as to how many books we'll need to purchase and when people can meet, look for sign-up sheets at both Church *entrances*.



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## LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

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### MITES

Over \$75 was collected Sunday from full Mite boxes deposited at the Mite Exchange Station. Thanks!

**Here's one of the Missions your Mites will help support.**

Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit  
2023–2025 Mission Grant 31 — \$58,988.62 (partial)



So many relationships are formed through the work of Camp Restore Detroit. Two little boys, one from the community and the other, a Lutheran from a different city, worshipping together. One is teaching the other about the use of the LCMS hymnal and enthusiastically sharing the love of Jesus with one another.

Camp Restore Detroit has been called to be a partner in breaking the cycle of generational poverty in Detroit by working with families and community leaders in a Christ-centered atmosphere, where families can learn and grow with access to education and needed resources.

Camp Restore Detroit fills the Children's Outreach House, Adult Outreach House, and the land surrounding it with programs and ministry aimed at sharing God's love as they work together to restore hope, support health and wellness, raise the educational levels of children and adults, and support vocational skill building in a Christ-centered environment.

This grant will fund furnishings for both houses, tools for learning including Bibles, SMARTboards, and computers. Additionally, a Maker's Space and a Storybook Learning and Reading Garden for community members and their children will be created.

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## LSUS News

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**LSUS registration is continuing 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 and the registration process. 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.

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)** and return the item to the designated box by August 17! Thank you for your partnership with LSUS!



Here is the wishlist for Rachel Wiegman's kindergarten classroom!

**[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/BQMHEY2IPS14?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/BQMHEY2IPS14?ref_=wl_share)**

Thank you so much :)



All teachers, staff, students, and families are invited to attend the 9:00am Worship Service at Bethlehem on **Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** to receive a special blessing ahead of the school year.



Thank you Bethlehem for all of your help for us, as well as your support gift!  
It means so much to us.

Many blessings to you!  
Joe and Suzy

## 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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## **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!



## **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>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>Joyce Knipstein</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 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), **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), **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**

Evelyn Hunter, Mark Hutchinson, Leah Hutchinson, Bill Ihssen, Dorothy Jackson, Karen Jarrell, Alma Jarvis, Gail Jenkins, Juanita Jennings, Marissa Johnson, Michael Johnson, and Chandra Jones. We also pray for Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

### **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.