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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 86

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Mission \$ 16,335.00

Online Operating & Missions \$ 334.04

Designated Gifts \$ 482.90

Total Contributions \$ 17,151.94

### 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, September 1

### Tuesday, September 2

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

6:30pm Board of Elders

### Wednesday, September 3

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:30pm - Choir Potluck - FH

### Thursday, September 4

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

### Friday, September 5

### Saturday, September 6

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

### Sunday, September 7

**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 ..... Sharon Dietrich  
Suzie Emley, Amber Herndon

Elder

(4:00pm) ..... Peter Schlie

(9:00am) ..... Brian Bates

Head Usher ..... Dan Bates

Lay Readers

(9:00am) ..... Glenn Emley

PowerPoint Operators

(4:00pm) ..... Blake Sebring

(9:00am) ..... Aaron Brown

Sound Operator

(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer

Live stream ..... Randy Hapner

## **SERVING AMONG US**

### **+NEXT 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 Readers

(9:00am) ..... Suzie Emley

PowerPoint Operators

(4:00pm) ..... Charlotte Ratliff

(9:00am) ..... Allison Cheng

Sound Operator

(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer

Live stream ..... Josiah Hapner

## **BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE**

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

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>)**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

EPISTLE READING

Philemon 1-21

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-35

*The altar flowers are given by Anoukone Somsanith in memory of  
his father-in-law, Chanla Vongphakdy.*

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

Our theme is "**Throughout All Generations**"

*"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Psalm 90:1*

This is a tentative plan schedule.

- January 11, Sunday: Kick-off with sit-down meal
  - February 22, Sunday: Organ Recital
  - March 27, Friday: FISH FRY
  - April 18, Saturday: Great America Clean Up
  - May 31, Sunday: Church Potluck Picnic
  - June 20, Saturday: Neighborhood Walk
  - July 18, Saturday: Community Fest w/clubhouse
  - August: LSUS clean up
  - September 12, Saturday: Alumni Dance
  - September 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:  
September 18, at 6:00pm in  
Room 1.**

## **VIDEO RECORDING SESSION NEXT WEEK!!**

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!

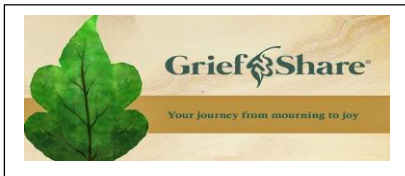
These 5-minute videos will consist of three questions: 1. When and why did you come to Bethlehem? 2. What are a couple of your favorite memories? 3. What has Bethlehem meant to you?

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), 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 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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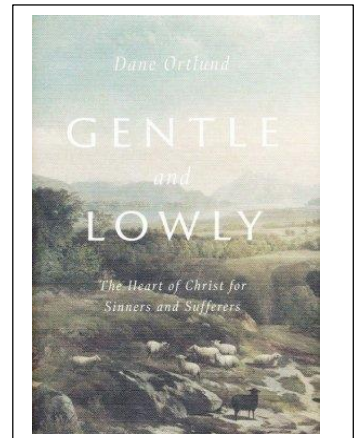
## **Churchwide Bible Study starting 9/21/25**

Groups are to meet on a weekly basis through 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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### "Lettuce" Gather & Play

WOB Fall gathering will be **Saturday, September 20th** at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Our LWML service project will be "Crosses for Benny" - assembling a cross necklace to be sent to Forged by Fire Ministries. The crosses will be given out with meals served to disaster victims. More information on this ministry at [fbf501c3.com](http://fbf501c3.com).

We will then enjoy a salad potluck followed by Games and prizes!



### LWML SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

All women are invited to join the LWML Choir for October 5th. We will be learned a beautiful and short piece called "Write Upon My Heart" by Joseph Martin. We will have a group practice on Saturday morning, Sept 27 from 9am-10am. Questions, contact Kasey, [kaseyneedham92@gmail.com](mailto:kaseyneedham92@gmail.com).

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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 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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## **CHOIRS RESUME FOR THE FALL!**

It's that time again - come and sing and/ or ring with the Bethlehem Choirs. Whether you've participated in the past or are interested in getting involved, we'd love for you to join us as we practice, worship, and share in the beautiful fellowship these ensembles provide.

### **September 3- Beginning-of-the-Year Choir Potluck**

6:30pm-8pm in the Fellowship Hall

New and prospective choir members are welcome to attend! Let's start out the season together with fellowship! Sign-ups for food outside the 1st floor choir room.

### **Choirs Resume rehearsal September 10!**

Sanctuary Choir 6:00pm-7:00pm Choir Room (1st Floor)

Handbell Choir -7:15pm-8:15 pm, Sanctuary Balcony

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## **LSUS News**

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**Please pray for all the students and staff.**

## **1st Annual LSUS Golf Outing: A Hole-in-One!**

Our first-ever LSUS Golf Outing was a huge success! This 18-hole Florida Scramble brought together 10 teams of 4 players, 12 amazing sponsors, and raised \$3,000 for the LSUS Sports Program! We're already looking forward to next year!

### **A huge THANK YOU to:**

- Our dedicated staff for serving a great meal catered by Melvia Culpher
- McMillen Golf Course for hosting
- All our hole and cart sponsors for making this event possible







## Winning Team

Dan Fink, Adam Plummer, Tim Webb, and Matthew Erb – *(who generously donated their winnings back to the school!)*

## 2nd Place

Dean & Rod Rodenbeck, Dennis Herman, and Mark Neubacher

**Closest to the Pin (Men)**  
Bob Michael

**Closest to the Pin (Women)** Hannah Fink

**Longest Drive (Men)**  
Adam Plummer

**Longest Drive (Women)**  
Erin Martin



## **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>Cathy Dykstra</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>Alice Pion</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), **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), **Queen Robinson** (Food Bank client), and those we name in our hearts.

### **For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Gladys Middleton, Carissa Miller, Carson Miller, Robert Miller, Rebecca Mitchell, Fannie Moore, Janee Moore, Mathew Moore, Pamala Morvilius, Corinne Nahrwold, Louise Nahrwold, and Ashley Nelson. We also pray for Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

### **For our church**

Loving Father, guide us as we reimagine our church space and outreach efforts. Give us a renewed sense of vision and purpose in this ever changing neighborhood. May our building serve as a haven of hope and renewal for both our community and our members, drawing all into a closer relationship with the life-changing work of Jesus.