
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE:	88
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 4,088.00
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 637.43
Designated Gifts	\$ 398.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,123.43

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: 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, September 8

Tuesday, September 9

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank
5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1
6:30pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, September 10

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank
6:00pm Choir
7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, September 11

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, September 14

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 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

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+NEXT WEEKEND+

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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Sept. 13th & Sept. 14th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 1:5-17

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

*The altar flowers are given by Annette Diemer in honor of parents,
Arthur and Sophia, wedding anniversary on September 11
and sister, Ruth Ann Heck, birthday on September 22.*

BETHLEHEM'S 100th 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 100th Anniversary
Committee meeting:
September 18, at 6:00pm in
Room 1.**

100TH ANNIVERSARY FOOD COMMITTEE

Meeting on Sun. Sept. 21st during Coffee Hour. Committee members, please get your drink and treat, and then come upstairs to Room 1 for the meeting. We are hoping that all 17 members can make it!

CHOIRS RESUME FOR THE FALL!

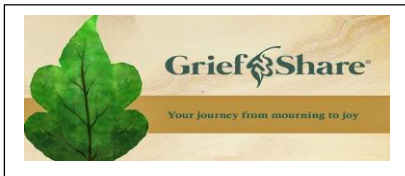
It's that time again - come and sing and/ or ring with the Bethlehem Choirs. Whether you've participated in the past or are interested in getting involved, we'd love for you to join us as we practice, worship, and share in the beautiful fellowship these ensembles provide. **Choirs Resume rehearsal September 10!**

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

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

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.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS

This morning Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer resumes our Adult Bible Class on today's Scripture readings. Next Sunday, September 14, is Holy Cross Day on the Church calendar. Glenn Emley will lead the class that morning on "The Holy Cross." Our classes begin at 10:30 A.M. in the cafeteria. All Bethlehem members and visitors are welcome to attend. "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Philemon 6 NIV.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM



FALL FLING



Saturday, September 20th in the Fellowship Hall.

10:00am - CROSSES FOR BENNY- Help assemble Crosses to be given out with Meals to disaster victims by Forged by Fire Ministries.

11:00am - SALAD POTLUCK - Bring a favorite salad to share, breadsticks, drinks, and desserts provided.

12:00pm - GAME TIME - Euchre Table, Seven Table, Spoons Table, Sequence Table - WIN 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.

SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Ladies Society will hold their semi-annual rummage sale at 800 Green Street, New Haven, on Thursday, September 18 from 9:00am to 7:00pm and on Friday, September 19 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. A \$3.00 bag sale will be held on Friday.

GERMANFEST AT THE HISTORIC WYNEKEN HOUSE

The Friends of Wyneken will host a Germanfest at the historic Wyneken House on Saturday, September 27, from 5:30-9:00 PM. There will be German and American food and beverages, a silent auction, music by the duo String Theory, and plenty of *gemutlichkeit*. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call or text (260) 437-0420 for information or to reserve tickets. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

SERVE AT THE RESCUE MISSION

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission!

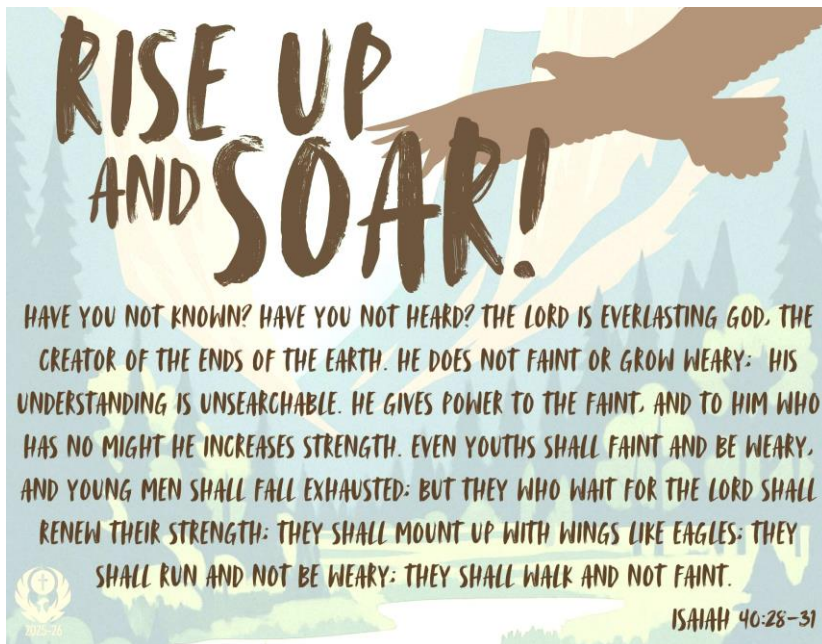
Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month - upcoming dates include Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, and Dec. 28. This is a great way to serve our local Ft. Wayne Community.

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!

LSUS News

Please pray for theses students and staff. Riley, Brayden, Raidyn, May, Benicio, Key'Vontay, 6th Grade, Marion, Kendall, the Teachers and Staff, and Mrs. Bahr's Father.

At LSUS, everything we do connects to our mission: We proclaim Christ, connect families, and provide academic excellence in a diverse, safe, loving, and caring community. And our motto reminds us of what matters most: **God. School. Family. Community.**



At LSUS, we teach our students to **RISE UP** in all they do whether in school, at home or elsewhere. **RISE UP** is the “LSUS Way” in which is our guide to Christian character in our daily lives. We focus on **Respect, Integrity, Service, Empathy, Unity, and Perseverance** in how we behave and treat others as we partner with families to help our students grow into the young men and women God intended them to be.

We are deeply grateful for the faithful support of our associated churches, whose partnership strengthens the ministry of Lutheran South Unity School. As we continue to grow and serve our students, we invite members of your congregation to consider volunteering their time and talents with us. If you are interested in serving, please contact our school office for more information. 260-744-0459

Welcome to a brand-new school year at LSUS! It is always a joy to see our halls filled with the excitement and energy of our students returning. A warm welcome to all of our new families—we are blessed to have them join our school community. We also welcome our new faculty and staff!

LSUS Faculty and Staff:

Principal Amber Bahr

Kdg Michelle Madden

Teacher Aide Preosha Graham-Coats*

1st Hannah Fink

Teacher Aide Sylvia Benavides

2nd John Fink

3rd Rachel Wiegman

4th Abbey Kohler

5th Danielle Ramsey

Teacher Aide LaQuetta Washington

6th/MS Soc St Chase Mertz

7th/MS Sci Michael Cullen

8th Gr/MS ELA Yvonne Schwantz

MS Teacher Aide Brian Bolton

Art Natalie Reynolds

Music Elisa Sawall

LSEM Arianna Case*

*New to LSUS this year

Hall Monitor Josh Sowders

FWCS Title I Tutor Mary Shutt*

EACS Title I Tutor Sarah Wheaton*

Financial Administrator Betsy Lytle

Office Administrator Allison Cheng

Admissions Erica & Courtney Pearson*

School Librarian Diane Lammert

Extended Care Staff Angela Johnson*,

Ja'Queisha Raines*, Shay Ratcliff*,

Courtney & Erica Pearson

Kitchen Manager Stacey Antoine

Kitchen Assistant Lafayette Jordan

Kitchen Assistant Shaniqua Swann

Physical Ed. Lee Buxton*

Custodian Shay Ratcliff* & Shantell Harper*

Maintenance Jovan Antoine

K-3 Curriculum Coach Cathie Wakeland

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For our members;

Teddy Bishop	Beau Bishop	Ruby Bonner	Lois Branigan
Evans Branigan	Margaret Burger	Willard Brown	Derek Crane
Dana Crane	Cathy Dykstra	Ina Gaunt	Pastor Jeff Geisler
Vicky Geisler	Jean Hille	Carla Johnson	Carla Kay
Joyce Knipstein	Earl Kruger	Donna Melcher	Gladys Middleton
Bob Miller	Jane Miller	Louise Nahrwold	Deanna Nelson
Eddie Pierce	Alice Pion	Adam Rice	Jewel Robinson
Doris Scott	Sharon Shediack	Tashayla Sutorius	Thomas Tinsley
Phil Urbahns			

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), **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: We pray for Andrew Nelson, Isaac Nelson, Joe Nelson, Terri Nelson, Barb Netterville, Loan Nguyen, Patti Niday, Thomas Oberholtzer, Dorothy Oetting, Eddie Pierce, Lisa Pippenger, and Amie Pishvai. Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams. Give thanks to You for 45 years of marriage for LT and Denise DeYampert on September 6. Keep the family of Alvin Harris, husband of Valeria Harris and brother-in-law to Trina Jones, who went to be with His Lord on August 29.

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.