
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE:	106
Needed for Operating & Missions	\$ 6,192.31
Offering for Operating & Mission	\$ 8,233.10
Online Operating & Missions	\$ 637.43
Designated Gifts	\$ 562.00
Total Contributions	\$ 9,432.53

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 and Tuna,**

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 15

Tuesday, September 16

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

Wednesday, September 17

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, September 18

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm 100th Anniversary Committee

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

10:00am Fall Fling - FH

Sunday, September 21

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Generations of Faith

Bible Study- FH

SERVING AMONG US +THIS WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Mike Wakeland
Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
Altar Guild Linda Stafford

Elder
(4:00pm) Michael Johnson
(9:00am) Greg Shediack
Head Usher Evans Branigan
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Dena Schult
PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Blake Sebring
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Joshua Hapner

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT 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) Peter Schlie
(9:00am) Peter Schlie
Head Usher Dan Bates
Lay Readers
(9:00am) Donna Melcher
Theresa Lightning

PowerPoint Operators
(4:00pm) Carla Johnson
(9:00am) Aaron Brown
Sound Operator
(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Dave Volmerding

BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Sept. 20th & Sept. 21st)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 40:1-11
EPISTLE READING	Philippians 2:1-11
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 11:25-30

*The altar flowers are given by Ina Gaunt in memory of her grandparents
and Charter member Fred and Marie Hegerfeld.*

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. Sanctuary Choir 6:00pm-7:00pm Choir Room (1st Floor) Handbell Choir - 7:15pm-8:15 pm, Sanctuary Balcony

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our videos to help celebrate our upcoming 100th anniversary. You have provided such a blessing to our church community by sharing your memories and experiences. You have given us a tremendous opportunity to celebrate what Bethlehem means to all of us!

If anyone was unable to participate in our video tapings to celebrate Bethlehem's upcoming 100th anniversary celebration, you can still participate. Though there will be no more taping sessions, you could make a recording on your phone and send it as an attachment to the church at Bethfw@yahoo.com.

We ask that you answer these questions: When and how did you come to Bethlehem? What are a couple of your favorite memories of Bethlehem? And what does Bethlehem mean to you?

We ask that you limit the videos to five minutes or less, prop your phone up to provide a stable shot, and we retain the right to edit to fit the overall narrative. We also ask you to send the videos in by Nov. 1. The goal is to play the videos before services.

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!

**The next 100th Anniversary Committee meeting:
September 18, at 6:00pm in Room 1.**

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Today, Sunday, September 14, is Holy Cross Day. Glenn Emley will lead the class on what "The Holy Cross" means to us. Next Sunday, September 21, Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer will begin a new series based on the book, *Gentle and Lowly*. Our classes begin at 10:30 A.M. in the cafeteria. All Bethlehem members and visitors are welcome to attend. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." I Corinthians 1:18 NIV.

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.



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

If you ordered a book, they are available in the Church office. The cost of the book is \$10. We also have a few extra books available for purchase.

There are a several established groups, they include:

- 1) The Elders Group - Peter Schlie
- 2) Thursday at Barb Netterville's home – Sharon Shediack
- 3) Thursday either afternoon or evening - Laurie Hapner
- 4) Men's Saturday group at Lutheran Life Villages - Randy Hapner
- 5) The Sunday after service group – Ruth Bates
- 6) Monday group - Dena Schult

Places, dates and times TBA.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our next Generations of Faith church wide bible study during the education hour on **September 21st** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll join together to launch our new Gentle and Lowly small group study. All ages and generations of our Bethlehem Family are invited!

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, NOVEMBER 23

The women's choir will be postpone until November. LWML Sunday has been moved to Nov 23rd. Choir practice TBD.

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.

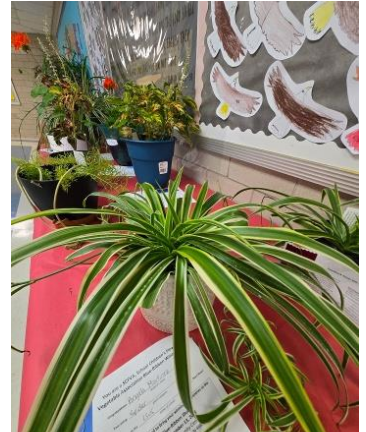
Sign-up at the bulletin board outside the library, just past Fellowship Hall, and make this a meaningful service experience! Can't serve physically? Bake instead!

LSUS News

Please pray for theses students and staff: Royalty, Ramya, Artez, Summer, Alonte, Skylar, Javier, Lilliana, Mia, and Mr. Brian Bolton

Blooming with Pride: LSUS Plant Show

We are pleased to share that 8 of our students participated in this year's LSUS Plant Show, held in partnership with the School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association. Our students/staff entered 12 projects, showcasing their hard work and dedication in growing flowers and plants. This event not only highlighted their gardening achievements but also encouraged responsibility, patience, and creativity. We are proud of our young gardeners and look forward to seeing their skills continue to grow.



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Trust in the Lord with all you heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6



Rain Can't Dampen Our Back to School Spirit!

Despite the rainy weather, our Back to School Night was a wonderful success! Parents had the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet with teachers, and see the beautiful plants from our recent LSUS Plant Show on display.

Families were encouraged to mingle and enjoy a refreshing Kona Ice treat together. In addition, an information table was available for those interested in learning more about our PTO. If you would like to get involved, please contact the school office for details.



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 Oclewa Williams), **Queen Robinson** (Food Bank client), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church: We pray for Elfriede Plettner, Paula Polston, Carole Preston, Ed Ramos, Susan Ramos, Kim Rasmussen, Charlotte Ratliff, Josie Reed, Phyllis Reinking, Adam Rice, Deborrah Richards, and Joan Richter. Josie Reed and Brittany Ingrams.

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.