
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 87

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Mission \$ 3,354.50

Online Operating & Missions \$ 1,619.04

Designated Gifts \$ 698.00

Total Contributions \$ 5,671.54

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:

Soups 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 Generations of Faith

Bible Study- FH

Monday, September 22

Tuesday, September 23

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

Wednesday, September 24

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, September 25

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, September 28

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:00am Coffee Hour – FH

10:30am Education Hour - Adults –Café

Children - Sonshine Club

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) Peter Schlie
(9:00am) Peter Schlie
Head Usher Dan Bates

Lay Readers

(9:00am) Donna Melcher
Threasa Lightning

PowerPoint Operators

(4:00pm) Carla Johnson
(9:00am) Aaron Brown
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) John Bates
Head Usher Ron Gallmeyer

Lay Readers

(9:00am) Peter Schlie
PowerPoint Operators

(4:00pm) Charlotte Ratliff
(9:00am) Josiah Hapner
Sound Operator

(9:00am)..... Dan Scheerer
Live stream Randy Hapner

BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Sept. 27th & Sept. 28th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 103:6-14

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

The altar flowers are given by Charlotte Ratliff in honor of great granddaughter, Rayna Blake King, who was born on July 31, 2025,

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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

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

**The next 100th Anniversary Committee meeting:
October 16 at 6:00pm in Room 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!

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

COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

Sacred Places of Indiana has notified Bethlehem it has been awarded a grant of \$66,350 for the Community Center project. Committee members have been working for more than a year to earn this grant, attending four day-long trainings in Indianapolis and building a database of research and history for applications. Bethlehem had to compete against a cohort of 50 applicants.

Sacred Places previously awarded Bethlehem a \$23,500 grant for a total-building assessment to point out trouble spots. This second grant will be used to address those areas, including membrane roof replacement, chimney masonry repairs, outdated ventilation fans, sewer backflow prevention measures and repair to the bell tower.

As part of this award, Bethlehem has two years to complete the repairs and is responsible for matching one-third of the funds provided to give us a total of \$100,000. Per the grant award provisions, we are prohibited from using Bethlehem's endowment fund as any or all of the match.

This award also encourages committee members to apply for larger grants in the future from Sacred Places. We were limited to \$75,000 or less during this application, which had to be filed by June 15 shortly after the training and assessment were completed.

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!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

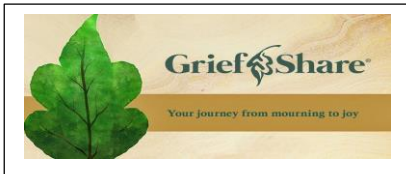
The Bethlehem Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held this Saturday, September 27, in the cafeteria starting at 8:30am. Breakfast will be served followed by a devotion by Bill Ihssen, time for prayer, and a study of God's Word from the Book of Obadiah, II Chronicles 25:1-28, and II Kings 14:21-22 and 16:5-6. All are welcome to join us.
"... God has the power to help or to overthrow." II Chronicles 25:8b NIV.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Chosen Season II Women's Bible Study begins Saturday, October 4 at 9:30am. We will meet every week through November 22.

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.

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!

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.

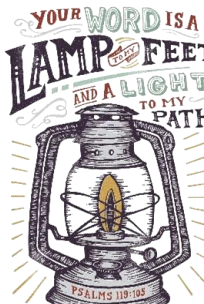
LSUS News

Please pray for these students and staff: Roel, Aniyah, Ja'maire, Reign, Le'Ana, Joshua, Da'Marion, Van, Erick, and Nurse Jordan.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Your word is a lamp
to my feet and light to
my path.

Psalms 119:105



PHOENIX SPORTS

Monday, 9/22 4:30PM
Girls Volleyball Game
@St. Peter's

Wednesday, 9/24 4:30PM
Girls Volleyball Game
@ Wynken

Saturday, 9/27 Time TBD
Girls Volleyball Game
@ CLHS

GATHERING OUTDOORS IN PRAISE

At Lutheran South Unity School, we've been blessed with the chance to enjoy God's beautiful creation by gathering outside for morning devotions and chapel while the gym finishes up construction. Worshiping together in front of the school entrance and across the lawn has filled our days with fresh air, sunshine, and joyful praise. These outdoor moments have reminded us that no matter where we gather, God's presence is with us, drawing us together as one school family.



Heavy Lifting, Cool Results

Our students had a front-row seat to an exciting moment on campus as the final HVAC unit was lifted into place on the building. With construction in its final stages, several classes were able to step outside and safely watch the crane at work.

This last installation marks an important step toward completing the HVAC project and ensuring updated air conditioning/heat throughout the school. We are grateful for these improvements and look forward to the comfort they will bring to our students and staff for years to come.



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	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), **Erica** (Food Bank client), and those we name in our hearts.

For the families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church: We pray for Christopher Rigdon, Rita Rincon, Denise Robinson, Jewel Robinson, Sara Robinson, Miriam Roesener, Gertrude Savage, Dan Scheerer, Peter Schlie, Susan Schott, David Schult, and Barry Schust.. 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.