
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

ATTENDANCE: 99

Needed for Operating & Missions \$ 6,192.31

Offering for Operating & Mission \$ 4,311.00

Online Operating & Missions \$ 334.04

Designated Gifts \$ 271.00

Total Contributions \$ 4,916.04

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 Education Hour - Adults –Café
Children - Sonshine Club

Monday, September 29

Tuesday, September 30

10:00pm-11:30am Food Bank

5:30pm GriefShare – Rm 1

Wednesday, October 1

10:00am -11:30am Food Bank

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Handbells

Thursday, October 2

10:00am-11:30am Food Bank

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4

9:30am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm Worship w/Communion

Sunday, October 5

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 Sharon Dietrich
 Suzie Emley, Amber Herndon

Elder
 (4:00pm) Michael Johnson
 (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

SERVING AMONG US +NEXT WEEKEND+

Preacher The Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer
 Pianist (4:00pm)..... Kasey Hapner
 Organist (9:00am) Janelle Deal
 Altar GuildKim Ellison
 Sharon Shediack

Elder
 (4:00pm) Ed Ramos
 (9:00am) Greg Shediack
 Head Usher Evans Branigan
 Lay Readers
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BETHLEHEM SERVICES ONLINE

The link to watch online: [**https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne**](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Oct. 4th & Oct. 5th)

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 1:18-20
EPISTLE READING	Romans 5:6-11
GOSPEL READING	Luke: 36-50

*The altar flowers are given by Charlotte Ratliff in memory of
 Barb Baatz and Marietta Reinking.*

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. Oct.5** 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

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:

- Thursday at Barb Netterville's home – 7:00pm
- Thursday either afternoon or evening - Laurie Hapner
- Men's Saturday group at Lutheran Life Villages - Randy Hapner
- The Sunday group – Ruth Bates - after service
- Monday group - Dena Schult – 7:00pm

Please contact the host for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

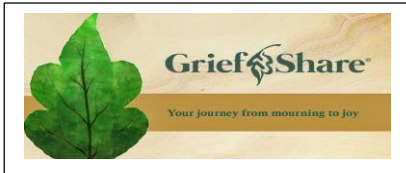
During the Gentle and Lowly series, Pastor Ben will be doing a study on the Characteristics of Jesus during the Education Hour in the cafeteria.

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!

RUMMAGE SALE

St. John Lutheran Church in Monroeville is having a fall rummage sale on Friday 10/24 from 8am-5pm, with a bag sale on Saturday 10/25 from 8am-12pm.

LWML/WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

LWML SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

The women's choir will be postpone until November.

LWML Sunday has been moved to Nov 23rd.

Choir practice TBD.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 25 - Advent Tea Hostess meeting at 11:30am.

October 28 – Women of Bethlehem prepare supper for the LSUS teachers and staff

LWML FORT WAYNE SOUTH ZONE FALL GATHERING

LWML Fort Wayne South Zone Fall Gathering will be on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 8:30–11:30am at The Shepherd's Hand Outreach, 1231 South Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne. The speaker will be Deaconess Jana Peters.

The Theme is **“Held and Led”** - *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”*— John 10:27–28

Registration is \$7 (includes a light continental breakfast)

The Ingathering will be for The Shepherd's Hand Outreach. We will be collecting Diapers: sizes 4, 5, 6, Pull-Ups: 2T–3T and 4T–5T, Baby wipes, and Feminine hygiene products (various pad sizes). Monetary donations are also welcome

We look forward to a morning of fellowship in God's Word, listening for the Shepherd's voice together, and supporting our neighbors through The Shepherd's Hand.

LSUS News

Please pray for these students and staff: Layla, Josiah, Kyu Kyu, Dontae, Trevion, Nyomi, Avari, Donald, Jaylyn, Nurse Jordan, and Mrs. Madden.

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“Did you know you can support our school just by shopping online? When you make purchases through [SchoolStore.com](https://www.schoolstore.com), a portion comes right back to benefit our students and classrooms—at no extra cost to you!”

Little Offerings, Big Impact



At Lutheran South Unity School, students take part in Thursday Chapel Offerings and Jean Day dollar collections. These offerings allow LSUS to extend Christian care beyond the classroom and make an impact both locally and globally.

From September through November, offerings will support two ministries: Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne, missionaries to Tanzania, and the Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana.

Many may remember Keah Payne, who served as financial administrator at LSUS while her husband studied at Concordia Seminary. Their children also attended LSUS during that time. Today, the Paynes serve in Tanzania, where Bryan teaches at a new seminary in Shinyanga to prepare pastors for service in Africa, and Keah partners with deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, supporting their professional development.

The Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana provides veterans the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials that honor their service and sacrifice.

Through their weekly offerings, LSUS students are learning that even small gifts can make a significant difference in the lives of others.



The Johnny Appleseed Blessing:

Oh, the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need
The sun, and the rain, and the apple seed.
The Lord is good to me.

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
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 Dorissa Scott, EJ Sebring, Blake Sebring, Greg Shediack, Ignacio Silva, Tonya Sims, Archie Smith, Ty Smith, Robert Snow, Anousack and Anoukone Somsanith, and John Stafford. 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.