

# THE MESSENGER August 2024

## The Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

*As forgiven children of God, Bethlehem Lutheran Church shows Christ's love through acts of service so that we can share the hope of the Gospel with others.*

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## From the Pastor's Desk



### The Gentle Savior in the Storm

*And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. - Mark 6:48*

As August arrives, many of us find ourselves preparing for a new school year. This time of transition often brings a mix of excitement and anxiety. We look forward to new opportunities and challenges, but we also face uncertainties and the stress of change. In this context, the story of Jesus walking on water in Mark 6:45-52 offers profound comfort and hope. Picture the scene. The disciples are straining at the oars, battling the wind and the waves in the dead of night.

They are experienced fishermen, familiar with the treacherous waters, yet this storm fills them with fear. They are struggling, exhausted, and no doubt questioning why Jesus sent them ahead in the first place.

But here is the beautiful, tender truth: Jesus sees them. From the mountainside where He had been praying, He watches over His beloved disciples. They are never out of His sight, never beyond His care. And He comes to them, walking on the sea. In the midst of their terror, they see a figure approaching on the water, and they cry out, thinking it is a ghost. Jesus immediately speaks to them, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." These words are not just a command but an invitation to trust, to find peace in His presence. Scripture tells us that Jesus' heart is gentle and lowly. Here, on the stormy sea, we see that heart in action. Jesus doesn't chastise the disciples for their fear; He meets them in it. He steps into their storm and brings calm—not just to the sea, but to their souls.

As we embark on a new school year and other endeavors, we face our own storms. The pressures of academics, the challenges of new environments, and the balancing of family schedules can all feel overwhelming. Like the disciples, we often feel like we are rowing against the wind, straining without progress. Yet, the message of Mark 6:45-52 is clear: Jesus sees us. He comes to us in our distress. His words to the disciples are His words to us: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." The essence of the Gospel is encapsulated in this moment. We are never alone in our struggles. Our Savior is not distant or detached; He is deeply involved in our lives. He comes to us, not to merely observe our plight, but to rescue us, to speak peace into our chaos. Let us hold fast to this truth as we start this new season. In every storm, Jesus is near. His heart is for us. And as we fix our eyes on Him, we will find the strength to take heart and not be afraid. For He is with us, always.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben





**Ways to watch WORSHIP ANEW:**  
**Online - <https://worshipanew.org/>**  
**Sunday at 6:30am on (WISE-TV Channel 33)**  
**Sunday at 7:00am on (EPTA channel 21.2)**  
**Sunday at 11:30am on TCT (WINM channel 12)**

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**August 4, 2024 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Food That Endures - John 6:22-35**  
**Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

Jesus tells us we are to labor for the food that endures to eternal life (John 6:27). That means we are to plan properly for the long term. Christians are to be long range planners.

**August 11, 2024 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**I Am the Bread of Life - John 6:35-51**  
**Rev. William Mueller**

Jesus tells us He is the Bread of Life. This is one of the great “I Am” statements in John’s Gospel. But what does Jesus mean by this? He gives Himself for us.

**August 18, 2024 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Ideal-Ordeal-New Deal - John 6:60-69**  
**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Our walk with Jesus, like so many of our relationships, appears so wonderful in its early days. Then comes an issue or crisis that intrudes upon our faith. God be praised that our Savior has “words of eternal life” (John 6:68 ESV) that can offer the “new deal” of forgiveness and life when our ideal has become an ordeal.

**August 25, 2024 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Without Wrinkle - Ephesians 5:25-27**  
**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

Wrinkles – we want to avoid them, but cannot. The good news is that God sees us, and all believers, as without wrinkle, which is far more important than in the physical sense. This means that we will live forever.

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## EDUCATION HOUR

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**10:30am-11:30am**  
**Adults-cafeteria**

Education Hour meets each Sunday. Adults meet in the cafeteria, and the Kids in the Sunshine Club room.

## Hiding God's Word *in our hearts* **Sunshine Club 2024 - 2025**



Starting August 4th  
 Children ages 3yrs +  
 are invited to join us in  
 the Sunshine Club room  
 after Sunday worship from  
 10:30-11:30.  
 We'll be digging into God's  
 promises for  
 us all throughout the Bible  
 beginning in Genesis!



## AUGUST 31 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

In Genesis 26:34 through 27:40 Jacob with the help of his mother received the blessing of his father Isaac by disguising himself as his brother Esau. This deception and its consequences will be the focus of the Men's Prayer Breakfast set for 8:30 am on Saturday, August 31, in the Bethlehem cafeteria. Please plan to join your friends for breakfast, prayer, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, and the study of God's Word.

[Isaac said to Esau,] *"Prepare the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die."* Genesis 27:4 NIV.

# small GROUPS

August brings school supply lists and fall schedules. It's also a good time to start getting the Small Groups together again after the summer break. For Bible study ideas and resources, stop by the Book Nook and take a look at what's available. Want to start a Small Group or find out when our regular groups will be meeting? Contact either Randy Hapner or Ruth Bates.



There are openings for Rescue Mission Volunteers for August, September and October. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Book Nook library. We are also inviting all bakers to consider donating a dessert to be served with Lunch that day. Contact either Randy Hapner @ 260-745-7477 or Ruth Bates @ 260-417-0600 if you have further questions



## Food Bank Report

By Sharon Shediack

June

We provided food to 271 individuals. They included 127 children under the age of 18, and 41 individuals over the age of 60. Our congregation provided 260# of food. We went to Community Harvest three times this month to purchase 1682# of food in the amount of \$504. Our 15 volunteers gave 108 hours of their time.

We could use broth, tuna, pasta sauce, peanut butter and diced tomatoes. Thanks to ALL of you for all your many volunteer hours, dedication and the financial support you give to help provide this mission at Bethlehem.



Pasta Products  
Pasta Sauces  
Peanut Butter



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*

# Bethlehem Mission News

By Jane Miller

As the Summer Olympics in Paris is starting up, Joe and Suzy Schlie ask us to pray for the team Agape Art in Paris. The church that was their home church for all their years that they served with CRU in Paris has been transformed into a gallery and space for visitors of Paris, and especially now as the world gathers together for the Olympic Games 2024 through the Arts. The project, called “Hymnal-Humanity Gathered” is one that their friends in Agape Art would love to have our prayers and encouragement as they combine art and sports in a way that could truly minister to the hearts and minds of those who come to the Paris Olympics! Joe and Suzy are excited that artist Eduardo Sampaio will show his work at this exhibition - the story of his coming to faith in Jesus by God’s grace through the witness of Agape Art! We will start our weekly prayer focus prayers by asking the Holy Spirit to touch many hearts during the Olympics and continue His work in their spirits once they return to their home nations, to be able to be plugged into churches and/or groups of Believers who will continue to nurture their beginning seeking or opening their hearts to the Lord Jesus. We will also continue last month’s prayers for the persecuted Church and secret believers in sensitive countries in the world.

**August 5**

### **Agape Art in Paris during the Olympics**

Pray for Paris Agape Art and Sports during and after the Olympics! Pray that lasting changes will happen in the hearts of Olympians and visitors as a result of the outreach taking place in the heart of Paris!

**August 12**

### **The Persecuted Church in North Korea**

Pray with Yun Hee, the leader of an Open Doors safe-house in China where North Korean refugees can stay. Pray for her protection in this critical role. Pray that God would lead refugees, Christians and non-Christians, to Yun Hee. Pray for her as she shows them the love of Jesus. Yun Hee admits that the work sometimes wears her out; so pray for rejuvenation for Yun Hee and all those who run the safe houses.



**August 19**

### **Persecution in Viet Nam**

Pray for churches in Viet Nam’s remote areas. In recent months, authorities have controlled and persecuted churches prohibiting church activities. Pray for Pastor Chien Thiang in North Vietnam, who says that authorities wanted to evict the Christians. Pray for reconciliation and for Pastor Chien Thang and his family’s safety and protection. Pray that through them the Gospel would spread like wildfire.

**August 26**

### **The Nigerian Chibok girls who were kidnapped from their school 10 years ago**

Praise God that another Chibok girl is free from captivity! Thank God for Lydia Simon’s recent return. After 276 girls were kidnapped from their school, 106 are still missing. Ask God to hold them close and that they would keep their eyes on Him. Lydia is a mother of three and 5 months pregnant. Pray that her community would accept her and her children, and that the Chibok parents would be encouraged and keep praying for their captive daughters. Pray that more captives throughout sub-Saharan Africa would be freed!

## **NOTES FROM THE BETHLEHEM MISSION COMMITTEE**

In August, our mission briefing will bring you up to date on the Liberian Children’s Ministry, founded by Joe Boway. This year is the 20th Anniversary of the Liberian Children’s Ministry. It has blossomed from one Lutheran school to fourteen! We’ll let you know what Bethlehem’s involvement has been from the very beginning and over these 20 years. **JOIN US ON AUGUST 11th, at the Sunday 9am Service** for a briefing on Liberia, and special Liberian snacks at Coffee Time.

In October, we will feature the work of Pastor Lewis King and his Community Outreach Ministry.

As the committee hears from Caitlin Ramirez regarding her work in Peru, more information will be passed on to you. **THANK YOU BETHLEHEM FOR YOUR SERVANT HEART!**

# BETHLEHEM FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)*

## Sonshine Club is back!

Join us on August 4th to kick off this year's theme - Hiding God's Word In Our Hearts we'll be highlighting Genesis for the month of August, learning God's promises from Creation, The Fall into Sin and Noah's Ark. Sonshine Club meets in the Sonshine Club room after Sunday Worship from 10:30 - 11:30 ages 3 years - 5th grade are welcome! Our next Generations of Faith Bible Study will be held on August 25th during the education hour and we'll be studying Psalm 119:11 together, all of our Bethlehem family is invited to join us!

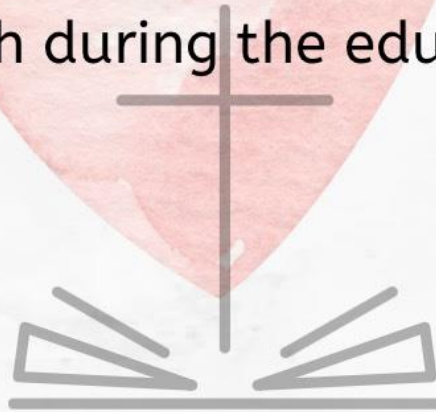
**Join us on August 25 for the next Generations of Faith Bible Study.**

- Family Life Ministry Team

## GENERATIONS

*of faith*

Our entire Bethlehem family is invited to dig deeper into God's word as we study Psalm 119:11 together on August 25th during the education hour



# LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR



The Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem is under the direction of Joyce Knipstein. **Bethlehem seeks to be a caring community and to provide hope.**

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL AND MENTAL HEALTH

The return to school can be a stressful time, whether it's the first day of kindergarten, middle school, high school. It is filled with excitement, anticipation, and apprehension. It's crucial to remember that school readiness isn't just about having the right supplies, it's also about mental health. Student mental health challenges such as anxiety, social anxiety, depression, and stress, can be significant concerns for parents and students alike during the back-to-school season.

### **Anxiety**

For many adolescents and teens, going to school is a normal part of their routine. But for some, the very idea triggers or intensifies stress and anxiety. Their anxiety can show up as physical symptoms, such as headaches, stomachaches, and fatigue.

### **Social anxiety**

Social anxiety involves fears of being watched, judged by others, or of becoming a failure.

### **Depression**

Depression in teens can look a bit different than it does in adults. Symptoms can include mood swings, irritability, angry outbursts, substance abuse, isolation, social withdrawal, and rebelliousness.

### **Stress**

Stress can be a challenge for adolescents and teens. Academic performance can take a mental, emotional, and physical toll on their minds and bodies.

It's normal for children to feel anxious about these changes. Here's how you can help ease their worries:

**Communicate:** Encourage your child to express their feelings about going back to school. Acknowledge their fears, make them feel understood, and reassure them that it's perfectly normal to feel anxious about these changes.

**Create Routines:** A consistent routine fosters a sense of security in children. Establishing a regular sleep schedule, eating healthy meals, and setting aside time for homework and relaxation can help children adjust to the rhythm of the school year.

**Provide Mental Health Days:** After your child is back at school, you may find they need an occasional a break from the stress and anxiety of school and social performance. These mental health days should be structured to include proactive activities that provide rejuvenation and connection, such as going for a walk or spending one-on-one time with a parent.

There is a wealth of resources for parents, teachers, and students alike:

- [StopBullying.Gov](http://StopBullying.Gov) —can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy.
- [SchoolSafety.Gov](http://SchoolSafety.Gov) — provides schools with actionable recommendations to create a safe and supportive learning environment where students can thrive and grow.
- [SAMHSA's National Helpline](http://SAMHSA's National Helpline) — [1-800-662-HELP \(4357\)](tel:1-800-662-HELP) is a confidential, free, 24/7, 365-day-a-year information service for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders.
- [FindSupport.gov](http://FindSupport.gov) —designed to help people identify available resources, explore unbiased information and learn how to reach out to get the support they need for issues related to mental health, drugs, or alcohol.

As we approach the new school year, let's make 'Caring for Every Child's Mental Health' a priority. Let's commit to making the back-to-school transition about physical, academic readiness, and about mental preparedness.



GriefShare is a safe, 13-week group where you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. You'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, and gain solid support each step of the way.

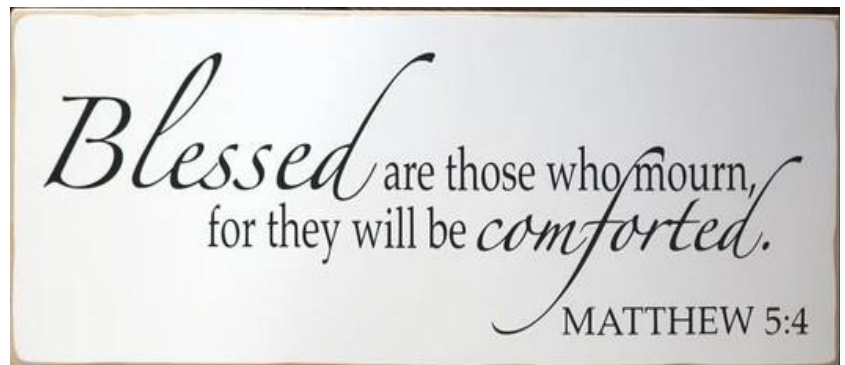
Each weekly GriefShare group begins with a 30-minute video. After the video, you and the other group members will spend time discussing what was presented in the video and what is going on in your lives. Talking with other people who understand what you're experiencing brings great comfort, normalizes the grief experience, and offers a supportive environment to work through your grief.

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited and encouraged to register for the 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. **The newest edition of GriefShare will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne in Room 1 on Tuesdays starting August 20, 2024 from 5:30pm-7:00pm.**

There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the workbook. This book helps you process your emotions and experiences and cope with the loss. You'll apply what you've heard in the group and gain tools to deal with complicated grief. Please register by August 15 by contacting Rhonda in the church office at (260) 744-3228. This program is sponsored by our Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you 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) or Richard Pierce (260-450-2280), our Grief Coordinators.



# WOMEN of BETHLEHEM



National: [lwml.org](http://lwml.org)  
State/Local: [lwmlindiana.org](http://lwmlindiana.org)

**September 26<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Donations are now being accepted.**

## SORTERS NEEDED

Rummage Sale sorting has begun!

We will be sorting Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am – noon.

Come when you can, leave when you must.



# The Joyful Corner

## JOY UNSPEAKABLE

This song tells us we will testify of God's goodness when life circumstances threaten to drag them down as well as when things are going well.

The hope in this song emphasizes that no matter what is going on in life, God has the last say. So don't give up, even when things feel impossible. Instead, praise Him and he will lift you above your circumstances.

We will all deal with negative, difficult circumstances. The only way we can move through those circumstances and come out on the other side is to cling to Jesus and the joy that comes from knowing Him. This song radiates—well, *joy*, not only through its lyrics, but in the music itself. And listeners are reminded that God reigns above all of life's mountains and valleys. You can see the video here:

<https://youtu.be/18i1TGOM0mQ?si=31trVeEfgmsPS8K> you can click on the link in the Messenger on our website: Bethlehemlcms.com.

### "Joy Unspeakable" Sung by Mandisa

**This is not another song About all we've done wrong  
We already know I think it's time for us  
To find the freedom in the trust Of letting go**

**Let's take some time To thank Him for the blessings  
Let's go big tonight With all our hearts adore Him**

**With joy unspeakable Let's get on our feet  
Movin' to the beat Wave our hands high in the air  
Celebrate His love Grace that is enough  
Give Him all of our cares With joy unspeakable, joy unspeakable**

**Let's raise our voices to the One Because He is worthy of  
All of our praise He's given us a second chance  
Turned our sadness into dance We have been changed**

**Let's take this time To thank Him for the blessings  
Let's go big tonight With all our hearts adore Him**

**With joy unspeakable Let's get on our feet  
Movin' to the beat Wave our hands high in the air  
Celebrate His love Grace that is enough  
Give Him all of our cares With joy unspeakable, joy unspeakable  
With joy unspeakable, joy unspeakable**

**You and I were made for more Can't imagine what's in store  
We were meant to soar Like an eagle  
Leave religion at the door Raise the roof and shake the floor  
Let's get loud and let's explore Joy unspeakable...**

**Joy unspeakable Let's get on our feet  
Movin' to the beat Wave our hands high in the air  
Celebrate His love Grace that is enough  
Give Him all of our cares With joy unspeakable, joy unspeakable...**



**Adopted**  
**Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Board of Directors Regular monthly Meeting**  
**June 11, 2024**

Members present: Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer, Brian Bates, Dan Bates, Evans Branigan, Rachele Dance, Caleb DeMond, Greg Shediack and John Stafford Members absent: Natalie Reynolds  
Guests: Doug Reynolds

The June 2024 regular monthly meeting of the Board was opened at 6:34 PM by President Greg Shediack.

Pastor Ahlersmeyer began the meeting with a devotion based on 2nd Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3-7. Jesus comforts us so that we can comfort others, giving us a reason for our sufferings. Pastor concluded the devotion with prayer.

The Board next reviewed the minutes from its May 14, 2024 meeting. There being no changes offered, John Stafford moved for their approval and the motion was seconded by Dan Bates. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Brian Bates presented the May 2024 Financial Report. Monthly income for May was \$25,809 compared with a budgeted amount of \$26,833. Year-to-date income through May was \$159,523, including a \$25,000 withdrawal from the SSMG Fund. Monthly expenses for May totaled \$32,941, compared with monthly budget amount of \$40,010. Year-to-date expenses through May were \$185,605. Brian further presented a breakout of expenses through May by major category. He noted that through five months, we have expended 38.7 percent of the budgeted total. The balance in the Endowment Fund at the end of May was \$1,144,363. The balance in the SSMG Scholarship Fund was \$35,220. The Financial Report was unanimously approved as submitted on a motion by Brian Bates and a second by Caleb DeMond.

The Soul Accounting report from the Board of Elders included the deaths of member Greg Shroeder on May 2nd and Terry Bratton on May 15th.

The Pastor's report included an update on his studies toward his Doctorate of Ministry. His classes end for the Summer the week of June 10th and will resume in the Fall. A Bible class on empathy will be conducted on Tuesdays for three weeks, beginning June 18th.

John Stafford presented information to the Board on an opportunity to submit a grant application to Indiana Landmarks under their Sacred Places Indiana program. Mark Blessing has been taking the lead in preparing a draft application. We can request up to \$25,000 for a "New Dollars/New Partners" section of the Indiana Landmarks program. The application would request funds for examining potential improvements to the building which may be needed to as a part of the Neighborhood Mission Rejuvenation Plan. The application is due by June 30, 2024. John asked for the Board's authorization to submit this grant application. Upon a motion by Brian Bates and a second by Caleb DeMond, the Board approved the authorization to submit the application. Pastor also reported to the Board that a member offered to contribute \$5,000 toward expenses necessary to assess building improvements which may be needed to reutilize currently underutilized portions of the building.

Under New Business, the Board considered a request from the Board of Property Management to replace the tubes and the refractory in the boiler. Multiple quotes for the work were sought by Dan Scheerer on behalf of the Board of Property Management and the recommendation is to accept the bid from Combustion Mechanical, Inc. for \$29,750. Brian Bates moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Board of Property Management to accept the proposal from Combustion Mechanical, Inc. and proceed to start the project with an upper limit on the expenditure of \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Rachele Dance and passed unanimously.

The Board was also updated on the trimming of trees on our property which were overhanging a portion of the roof and potentially harming it. The expense total approximately \$4,000 and will be paid from the Board of Property Management line in the annual operating budget.

The Board next discussed the need to upgrade our hearing assistance devices. It was noted that the congregation had received a \$3,000 donation to offset the expenses of the upgrade. The Board authorized Pastor Ben to proceed with securing the new devices for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 on a motion by John Stafford and a second by Dan Bates.

**Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Board of Directors Regular monthly Meeting**

**June 11, 2024**

Continued

Doug Reynolds presented the Board with an opportunity to enter into an arrangement with Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church to accept their Steinway piano in exchange for a contribution of \$3,000. Funds for this contribution will come from the Congregational Life line in the budget as some other expected expenses are coming in at a lower amount than expected. Bethlehem will also be responsible for any associated moving expenses. Given that this expenditure is within the annual operating budget, no Board motion was needed. However, there was support among Board members that this was an exceptional opportunity.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Evans Branigan moved and Rachele Dance seconded for adjournment. After Pastor closed with prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Submitted in His service,  
John Stafford, Secretary

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

The 100th Anniversary Committee met and have a few dates and a theme for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our theme will be:

### **"Throughout All Generations"**

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

\*Kick-off: Sunday, January 11, 2026 (same month as the first meeting of the church)

\*Education Celebration: Sunday, May 31, 2026 (History of education and recognition of Confirmation classes)

\*Main Event - Sunday, September. 27, 2026 Tent service

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





17 July 2024

To the People of Bethlehem and  
Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer

We at Mt. Calvary thank you for your generosity and kindness by letting us use space at church as we transition and currently have no place for our church office operations. You are so very kind and have warmly welcomed us. That means so much!

The place you have provided works very well for us and is convenient. It's more than adequate. We don't know how long we may need the space, but we hope soon to be able to move into a new place we can call home. If, however, you need the space or for any other reason need to have us move on, don't hesitate to say so.

If there is anything we can do to help you in your ministry, please let us know; we'll be happy to do what we can.

May God's goodness continue to lead you as you grow in God's love and share the Good News of Jesus.

With you in His service,

*Pastor Karl A. Frincke*

Karl A. Frincke, Transition Pastor

*Neal McFeters*

Neal McFeters, Congregation President

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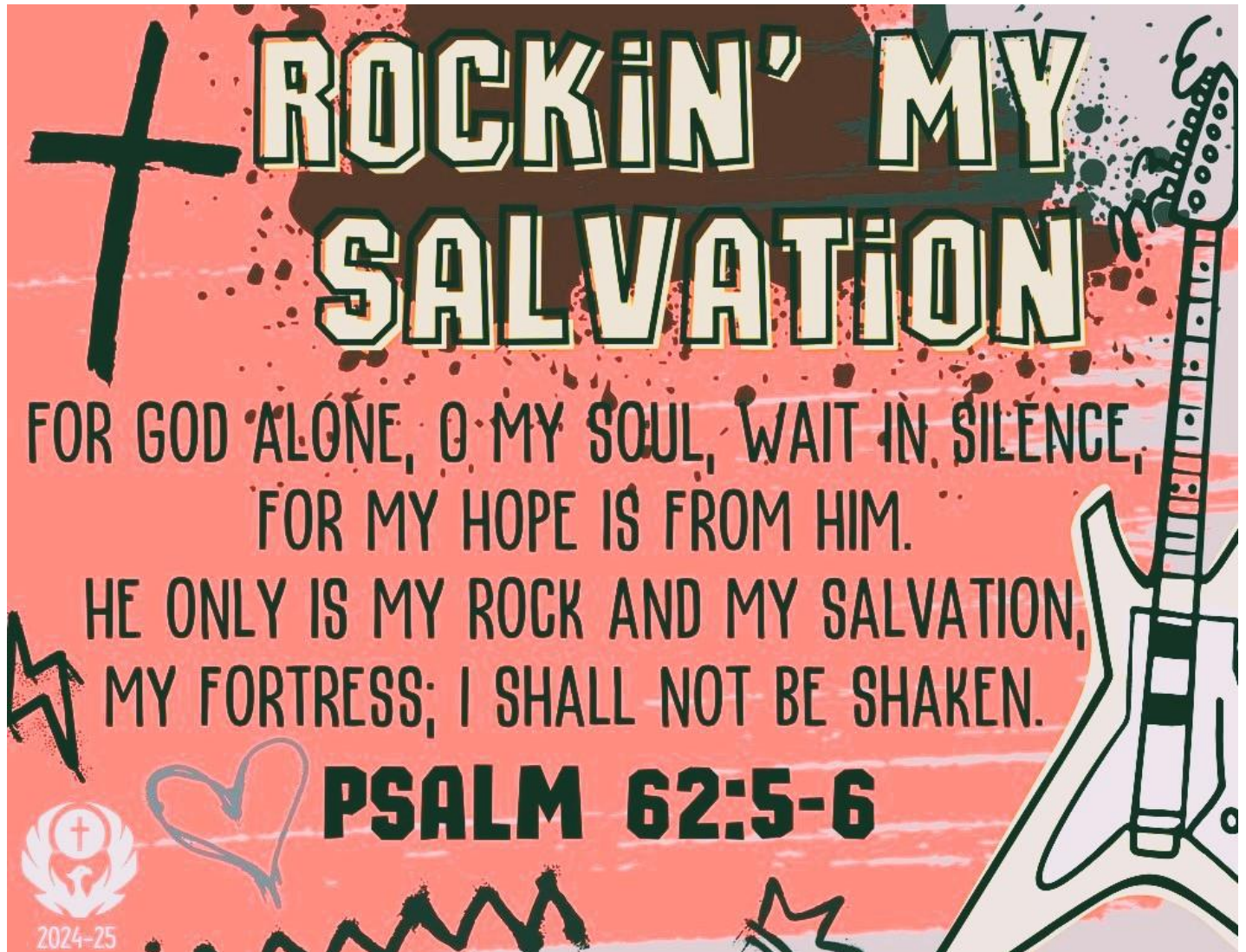
THANK YOU



# LSUS NEWS

First Day of School is August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Our theme this year is:**



*Lord, keep the students from becoming distracted by the actions of others. Help them to keep their attention on You. Help them to make good decisions and remain patient and trust You. Comfort, guide, and help them through this school year and help them remember that You are their Rock and Salvation. Amen*



# Calling back all Choir & Handbell members and new members!

Choir and Handbells  
begin August 21

Choir - 5:30pm (Room 2)

Handbells – 7:15pm (Sanctuary)

*Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

Psalm 100:2

## Reasons to join the choir

- The view from the choir loft.
- Because research shows participating in music results in longevity.
- Because you love singing.
- Improves your self-esteem.
- It's fun.
- It's a great way to relax.
- Meet new friends.
- Because singing is good for the soul.
- Because you love music.
- **YOU LOVE WORSHIPPING JESUS!!**



*Sing to the LORD  
a new song, for he has  
done marvelous things!*

*-Psalm 98:1*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| 1 – Miracle Perez-Nelson  | 13 – Gail Jenkins<br>Elena Tobon  |
| 2 – Jessica Geisler<br>Elizabeth Hatfield                                     | 15 – Angelita Garcia  |
| 3 – Michael Porter<br>Elijah Stanford-Manning                                 | 16 – Logan Bernabe<br>Elliot Ferguson<br>Donna Melcher  |
| 4 – Tonisha King<br>Timothy Miller<br>Tristian Owen                           | 19 – Pastor Jeffrey Geisler   |
| 6 – Linda Stafford  | 21 – LaShondra DeYampert<br>Julie Smith<br>Thomas Tinsley   |
| 8 – Robert Crawford<br>Sara Miller<br>Denise Robinson                         | 22 – Juliann Davis<br>Sharon Dietrich   |
| 9 – Blake Pettit  | 23 – Marquetia Gatewood<br>Riley Robinson   |
| 11 – Judah Ahlersmeyer<br>Quinton Hunter<br>Yolanda Linan<br>Triston Richards | 24 – Erica Dammann  |
| 12 – Ruth Bates<br>Trena Jones<br>Mary Snow                                   | 25 – Kathy Brehm<br>26 – Royce Fuentes<br>28 – Stavion Davies<br>29 – Jazmyn Martin<br>Jason Vongphachanh |

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Tim and Kim Ellison (44)
- 3 – Omar and Janine Bernabe (39)
- 7 – Robert and Mary Snow (31)
- 8 – Darrell and Sara Robinson (9)
- 13 – Timothy and Michelle Miller (35)
- 19 – Eddie and Cathy Young (35)
- 21 – Pastor Ben and Melissa Ahlersmeyer (14)
- 27 – Greg and Cathy Finner (36)  
Greg and Pamela Fuller (31)
- 29 – Karl and Kelly Bernabe (9)



ONLINE WORSHIP

<https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemfortwayne>



[www.myfwl.org](http://www.myfwl.org)



**IS YOUR  
INFO UP  
TO DATE?**

If you have had a change in home address, home or cell phone number or email address, please be sure to let us know so that we can update our database.

If your children have moved out on their own please provide the office with their updated information.

**We want to stay in touch, so having accurate contact information is important to us.**

Please call, mail, or email the church office with any updates.



Offerings may be mailed to the church at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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# August Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Power point</u>	<u>Live Stream</u>
3	Linda Stafford Mary Snow	Ed Ramos		Natalie Reynolds	Blake Sebring	
4		John Bates	Dan Bates	John Stafford Linda Stafford	Josiah Hapner	Josiah Hapner
10	Natalie Reynolds Allison Cheng	Michael Johnson		Natalie Reynolds	Charlotte Ratliff	
11		Joe Nelson	Ron Gallmeyer	Glenn Emley	Allison Cheng	Joshua Hapner
17	Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley Amber Herndon	Peter Schlie		Natalie Reynolds	Blake Sebring	
18		Peter Schlie	Evans Branigan	Suzie Emley	Aaron Brown	Dave Volmerding
24	Kim Ellison Sharon Shediack	Michael Johnson		Natalie Reynolds	Carla Johnson	
25		Greg Shediack	Dan Bates	Donna Melcher Threasa Lightning	Josiah Hapner	Randy Hapner
31	Linda Stafford Mary Snow	Ed Ramos		Natalie Reynolds	Charlotte Ratliff	
1		John Bates	Ron Gallmeyer	Richard Pierce	Allison Cheng	Josiah Hapner

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SERVING the Lord.*

# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 8:30am Men's Bible Study <b>4:00pm Worship w/Comm</b>
				4 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour <b>Back to School Giveaway</b>	5	6 6:30pm - Bd. of Elders
11 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	12	13 7:00pm – Bd. of Directors	14	15	16	17 8:30am Men's Bible Study <b>4:00pm Worship w/Comm</b>
18 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	19	20 5:30pm - GriefShare	21 5:30pm - Choir 7:15pm - Handbells	22	23	24 8:30am Men's Bible Study <b>4:00pm Worship w/Comm</b>
25 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	26	27 5:30pm - GriefShare	28 5:30pm - Choir 7:15pm - Handbells	29	30	31 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast <b>4:00pm Worship w/Comm</b>