

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 Whispers of God



And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. - 1 Kings 19:11-12

I don't know about you but this summer has been busy for my family! We've participated in several vacation bible schools. Our church helped host our own for the first time in several years as well. I had a month intensive class with hundreds of pages of assigned reading as well as papers to write and presentations

to give. We also have Seth in Wildcat baseball, which has been so much fun to see! Summer used to be a time to slow down but it seems, more than ever, time is moving faster. As we move through the height of summer and all its busyness, it's easy to miss the ways God continues to speak in our lives.

As I thought about God's presence and the loudness of life, I thought about this short story from 1 Kings 19. Elijah was in a state of despair, fleeing for his life and feeling utterly alone. He sought refuge in a cave, where the Lord spoke to him, saying, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Elijah experienced a great wind, an earthquake, and a fire, yet the Lord was not in these mighty displays. Instead, Elijah heard a "still, small voice"—a gentle whisper—and knew it was the voice of God.

In our noisy world, it is easy to assume that God's presence is found only in grand, dramatic events. We might look for Him in miraculous signs or extraordinary experiences. However, as Elijah learned, God often speaks to us in the quiet moments, in the whispers that can easily be drowned out by the clamor of everyday life. This passage reminds us to slow down, be still and listen. In our busy schedules, it is crucial to set aside time for prayer, reflection, and listening for God's voice. We may not always find Him in the rush of our daily activities or the loud proclamations around us, but in the calm and quiet moments, we can tune our hearts to His gentle whisper.

As we gather for worship, fellowship, and service this month, let us be mindful of the ways God speaks to us. Whether through the comforting words of a hymn, the shared prayers of our community, or the silent moments of personal devotion, God is present and ready to guide us. We can't neglect these things just because the seasons change. We can't use the hustle and bustle of life as an excuse to not pause and reflect on His goodness. I encourage you to continue in these things, as my family and I are trying to do as well. We are in this together as we mutually encourage one another in this journey of faith we share with one another. Let us also be encouraged by Elijah's story. Even when we feel alone or overwhelmed, God is near, offering His peace and direction in the stillness. Let us seek Him earnestly, listen attentively, and trust that His whisper will lead us on the right path.

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and minds this summer. Embrace the fun that comes with the busyness of life but also find joy and strength in hearing His voice, even in the quietest moments.

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)

**July 7, 2024 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Less Thorn or More Grace? - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Paul wanted less “thorn” (suffering). Instead, God gave him more grace! What thorns plague your life? What could God be teaching you through this? What blesses us for eternity – less thorn or more grace?

**July 14, 2024 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
John’s Triumphant Death - Mark 6:14-29**

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

To many people John the Baptist had a miserable, terrible conclusion to his life. But the spiritual reality is that he had a triumphant death. The account of the end of his life speaks to you today, and gives you great comfort and encouragement.

**July 21, 2024 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
More Than Enough - Mark 6:42**

Rev. Thomas Eggold

We’ve all experienced times when our own resources simply aren’t enough; when we are backed into a corner and all we can do is throw up our hands, admit that our situation is hopeless, and cry out for help. And it’s in that moment of surrender and honesty that God works and, in spite of what we lack, He provides what we need the most.

**July 28, 2024 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
I AM. Fear Not. - Mark 6:50**

Rev. Shayne Jonker

It’s nice to hear and to know about Jesus walking on the water in the wind at three in the morning. It’s saving to know Jesus walking on the water of your Baptism with the Spirit of God blowing over those baptismal waters. Walking on the sea, Jesus reveals Himself to be Lord of Creation; in the water of Baptism, He reveals Himself to be your Lord and Savior.

EDUCATION HOUR

10:30am-11:30am

Adults-cafeteria

Kids-Sonshine Club room

Education Hour meets each Sunday from 10:30am-11:30am. Adults meet in the cafeteria, and the Kids in the Sonshine Club room. Both adults and kids’ classes will focus on the readings for that Sunday. The kids’ program, ages 3 and up, is called “Living Inside Out” and will include a DVD, lesson, and craft based on the theme. The goal is to have a consistent time where we can grow in God’s word and then have discussion about it that week at home, since we will be studying the same thing. Our “Generations of Faith” Bible Study which includes the whole congregation will be held on June 23, July 28, and August 25. We hope you can join us for this exciting ministry! Please invite your friends and neighbors!



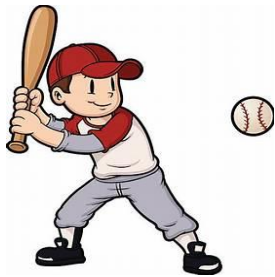
In introducing Himself to Moses at the burning bush, God said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Exodus 3:6. Who is Jacob that God would bring him to the attention of Moses? To answer that question, our Bethlehem **Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, July 27**, beginning at 8:30am will begin a series on “The Life of Jacob” starting with Jacob's birth and early years as presented in Genesis 25:19-34. All Bethlehem members, friends, and their guests are welcome to join us in the Bethlehem cafeteria for breakfast, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, prayer, and God's Word. *“After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.”* Genesis 25:26 NIV.

small GROUPs

SUMMER CHECK OFF LIST:

VBS

Biking the trails
Go to the zoo



Go to a ballgame
Go visit the cousins



Go to the lake
Get ice cream at least a dozen times



Pick blueberries
Go to ALL of the
Splash Pads in the area
at least once

Volunteer at the Food Bank or the Rescue Mission,



THE Rescue Mission
CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD™

Host a Coffee Hour, Help sort the Rummage Sale contributions for the September Sale.

Food Bank Report

By Sharon Shediack

May

We provided food to 319 individuals. They included 123 children under the age of 18, and 59 individuals over the age of 60. Our congregation provided 483# of food. We went to Community Harvest twice this month to purchase 1071# of food in the amount of \$275. Our 15 volunteers gave 120 hours of their time.

We could use broth, tuna, pasta sauce 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.



**Broths
Canned Fruit
Rice**



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

Bethlehem Mission News

By Jane Miller

As I am writing this, Joe Boway is completing his present trip to Liberia, where he has made arrangements to release the shipping containers docked in the capital city of Monrovia and then visited different Lutheran schools and churches in rural Liberia. By the time you read this, he will be back in Monrovia, worshiping with fellow believers in the church there. We did not know when we wrote the last update for the Messenger that that trip was planned; but if you are reading this on June 29th or 30th, please be praying for Joe's safe travel home on July 2nd and 3rd! Joe is such a faithful shepherd of our schools in rural Liberia, and we want to support him with our prayers!

One of my daily sources of praying for believers, especially in sensitive, persecuted areas of the world, is The Open Doors Newsletter and Prayer calendar. The newly arrived July issue has had a very pertinent to our family article about persecution going in the country of Laos! I quote, "Souvanee*, now in her 50s, and her husband Thong* (*Pseudonyms) lived with her mother-in-law. All 5 of their children were raised there. Two years ago, the couple and their family accepted Jesus into their lives and left the family religion to follow Christ. Though the mother-in-law didn't make the same decision, things seemed fine. But when Thong died of a serious illness, everything changed. Souvanee's mother-in-law began acting differently. She warned, 'I will only allow you to stay with me if you renounce your faith. If you won't, you should leave my house!' Souvanee repeatedly refused—and she was kicked out.

After learning what had happened, one of our local Open Doors partners responded immediately. He contacted an area church leader to visit Souvanee and her children. And soon Open Doors, through our local partners and contacts, bought the necessary construction materials to build Souvanee a new home. They started very early in the morning and finished everything by the evening of the same day. Praise the Lord, a simple house was completed with the help of everyone! 'I am very thankful for the overwhelming support from believers in the area', Souvanee says! 'I feel safe now to exercise my faith inside my simple home.' "We thank God for the ways He is sending help and hope to secret believers in Laos and other sensitive areas such as North Korea, India, Afghanistan, North Africa, Algeria, Central Asia, Sri Lanka and Iran! Let us keep them and their faith lives safe and at peace!

July 7 - Tim and Michelle Miller and other LBT Missionaries Traveling Home

Pray for Tim and Michelle Miller and other LBT missionaries traveling right now back to the States for the global gathering of Lutheran Bible Translators in Concordia, MO this coming week. Pray for those attending the gathering to enjoy the gift of connection as they pray and fellowship with their brothers and sisters in Christ and in mission! Pray for these missionary families as they also spend time with their extended families and supporters this summer.

July 14 - Persecuted Believers in Laos

Pray with thanksgiving for Souvanee and her family in Laos, who were given wonderful, practical help and encouragement after being kicked out of her mother-in-law's house for not renouncing their faith in Jesus. Pray for continued protection for them and other believers who have been persecuted for their faith. Pray for inspiration for all of us to reach out with prayers and gifts in any ways we can to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

July 21 - Secret Believers in Sensitive Areas of the World

Pray for the Christian Believers in countries where they have been forced to keep their faith in Jesus a secret. Especially this month pray for those secret believers in North Korea, India, Afghanistan, North Africa, Algeria, Central Asia, Sri Lanka and Iran! Let's pick one of those areas each day this coming week to especially pray for during private or family prayer time.

July 28 - Sarah Miller Anderson and Zachary Anderson

Pray for Zack and Sarah Miller Anderson as they unite in marriage this weekend in the Peoria, IL area! Pray also for the Miller/Anderson/Kujak families as they gather from all over the world and country to celebrate this newly married couple as they begin their lives together! As they spend their first year of marriage in "Home Service," Pray they will also be able to come share with Bethlehem the new ways in which they hope to serve in overseas mission together

NOTES FROM THE BETHLEHEM MISSION COMMITTEE

BETHLEHEM, Thanks be to God for allowing us to support six missions, in Alaska, Liberia, Peru, SE Asia, as well as Cru Arts & Culture Ministry and King's Community Outreach.

In January, Tim and Michelle Miller visited Bethlehem and brought us up to date on their work in South East Asia. We were able to support them with \$1,000 which they used to purchase children's materials.

In April, your Mission Committee gave a report on the Alaskan Ministry and their work. We were able to donate \$500 for their emergency fund. Smoked Alaskan Salmon was served at our coffee hour that day.

In June, photos were shown on PowerPoint illustrating Joe & Suzy Schlie's ministry, CRU Art & Culture. A Bethlehem Briefing explained the work of CRU (formerly Crusade for Christ). Suzy went on a mission trip to Cuba in conjunction with Filters of Hope Ministry. She shared the Word and water filters with people in outlying villages as well as meeting with Cuban artists. Coffee time treats included Cuban Coffee, and mini Cuban sandwiches.

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. In August, they distributed backpacks to school children and food to adults in the community.

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)"

The above Bible verses are the main focus of the formation of Bethlehem's Family Life Ministry Team. A Team has been created to encourage, challenge, and equip the families of Bethlehem as well as the families in the surrounding neighborhood of the church. Not only Bethlehem's neighborhood, but neighborhoods where the families of Bethlehem live, work, and play. It's important for Christ's light to shine where ever we are. The team is comprised of Melissa Ahlersmeyer, Summer DeMond, and Natalie and Doug Reynolds. If you are interested in partnering with us in faith formation, please consider joining us!

Our hope is that we can connect with all ages and generations in our Bethlehem church family to create a solid foundation of faith in our homes, whatever each of our homes might look like. We want to create faith forming moments for all ages to support one another as we engage in and explore Biblical truths together. We are calling these opportunities to gather around God's word as a family "Generations of Faith". **Join us on July 28 for the next Generations of Faith Bible Study.**

- Family Life Ministry Team



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.



GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

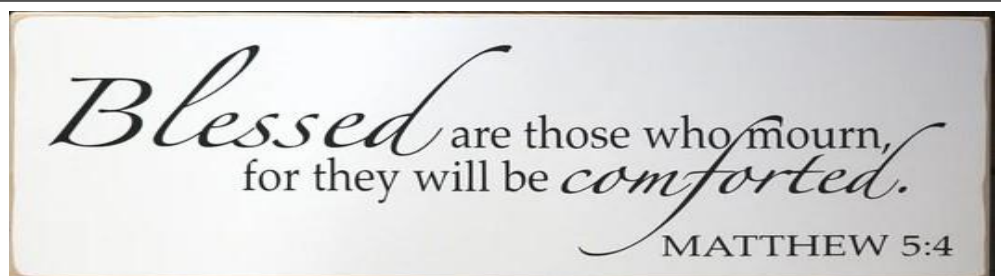
- Each weekly GriefShare group begins with a 30-minute video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss. Their insights will help you manage your emotions, gain clarity, and find answers to your questions as you walk through the grief process.
- 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.
- Your participant guide serves as a road map on your grief journey. 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.

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. Please register by August 15 by contacting

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
State/Local: lwmlindiana.org



September 26th - Sept. 28th

Donations are now being accepted.

SORTERS NEEDED

Rummage Sale sorting has begun! We will be sorting on both Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am – noon. Come when you can, leave when you must.

MYSTERY DESSERT SALE

Twelve Desserts were made and sold. Thanks to all who donated delicious desserts and all those who bought them for generous donations. Proceeds to LSUS: **\$251**



Tea Luncheon July 20th at 11:00am

Now taking reservations for a TEA LUNCHEON. Please call the church office (744-3228). July 20th at 11:00am at the Cranberry Cottage Tea Room & Boutique in Auburn, IN. Carpooling is available.



LWML CONVENTION BRIEF REPORT

(from Dena Schult & Linda Stafford)

LWML IN DISTRICT CONVENTION

BASKETS for Silent Auction

81 Baskets sold for total of \$4,489.00 (Bethlehem sent 4 baskets which were all sold)

A BIG Thank You to all that contributed fragrant items!

MISSION WALK FOR MITES

It was done outside & inside, and both Linda & Dena walked!

Another BIG Thank You to all that pledged for the walk (total of \$289)

Proceeds from the walk totaled \$2,201.54 for Mites!

MORE NUMBERS...

301 Women from Indiana/Kentucky attended.

Almost \$7,000 was given in 4 Meeting Offerings for various ministries.

The Joyful Corner

Joy is freedom

<https://www.shineyourjoy.space/post/joy-is-freedom>

Over the past few years, we have all been trying to grasp what exactly is going on in the world around us, and at the same time, doing our very best to continuously seek joy. I have understood freedom in a much more profound way than ever before because I recognize that it is directly connected to joy. Freedom is a gateway to more joy, and experiencing joy means we are truly free.

My understanding of freedom encompasses two parts: the first has to do with the inherent and God-given freedoms we have always had since birth, and the second has to do with the freedom we allow ourselves to experience, within our mind and soul. Often, we recognize one part more prominently than the other, and sometimes, we do not experience either of these parts. I believe the latter is what has happened to us in recent years. We have forgotten we are already inherently free and in turn, we have robbed ourselves of experiencing pure joy that comes from that freedom.

When we do not believe that we are free, we block ourselves from experiencing joy. It is as if we are in our own prison, locked out from joy. Then, we experience the opposite of joy, which is fear. Fear leaves no room for joy or freedom because our mind only wants to focus on what we are scared about and cannot control. We become more reactive and we have a difficult time focusing on what we can control, our thoughts. Fear has certainly escalated to an uncomfortable level for the past few years. And how have we felt? Terrified, stifled, sad, and isolated are just a few feelings that come to mind that I have experienced.

When we are free to be who we are, and to live with a freedom-mindset, we open ourselves up to being flooded with joy! A heaviness is lifted off of our shoulders, and all the pressures to be or think a certain way so that we are accepted no longer exist. We were never meant to be hidden, separated, and silenced. We were meant to shine, thrive, and express joy and freedom!

This song that I am about to weave in here may surprise you, but Whitney Houston's "One Moment in Time," which she recorded for the One Moment in Time: 1988 Summer Olympics Album, is a song that covers several joy-filled themes such as empowerment, motivation, believing in our dreams, and determination. Do you know what this all leads to though? Freedom. I am including my favorite lyrics from a part in the song where it reaches its ultimate climax and presents the eternal message of freedom:

**You're a winner for a lifetime If you seize that one moment in time Make it shine
Give me one moment in time When I'm more than I thought I could be
When all of my dreams are a heartbeat away And the answers are all up to me
Give me one moment in time When I'm racing with destiny Then in that one moment of time
I will be ~ I will be ~ I will be free ~ I will be ~ I will be free**

-Lyrics from One Moment in Time,

written by Albert Hammond and John Bettis and performed by Whitney Houston, 1988.

The lyrics are suggesting that we are not just winners during that one moment in time when we are achieving our dreams, but that one moment in time can light the way for the continued momentum and inspiration to be a winner for a lifetime. Once that spark has been lit, there is no stopping us as we shine! For me, this is the point in the song where I am completely aligned with Whitney's energy. I can feel the electrifying joy in my grasp! And look at how the song ends: "I will be free." Freedom is what happens when we allow joy in, and it is completely up to us to seek and accept it for our lives.

Want to be a winner for a lifetime? Choose joy and accept that you are already free. And like the song says, you will "feel eternity." You will be tapped into this high-vibration energy that feels like heaven and bliss, you will believe that anything is possible, and you will become unstoppable!

So, my friends, be the winner you were always meant to be, and keep on shining with joy and freedom!

**Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Regular monthly Meeting
May 14, 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: none

The May 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 the five Ascension promises of Jesus – I will be with you to the very end of the age; I will send the Spirit to teach you all things; I am preparing a place for you; I will rule all things for you; and I will come back for you. Pastor concluded the devotion with prayer.

The Board next reviewed the minutes from the April 9, 2024 meeting. John Stafford moved for their approval and the motion was seconded by Brian Bates. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Brian Bates presented the April 2024 Financial Report. Monthly income for April was \$24,156 compared with a budgeted amount of \$26,833. Year-to-date income through April was \$133,714. Monthly expenses for March totaled \$37,259, compared with monthly budget amount of \$40,010. Year-to-date expenses through April were \$152,664. Brian further presented a breakout of expenses through April by major category. He noted that four months through the year, we have expended 31 percent of the budgeted total. The balance in the Endowment Fund at the end of April was \$1,141,948 (the portion of the Endowment held at the Lutheran Foundation reflected the total at the end of March as the April number was not yet available). The balance in the SSMG Scholarship Fund was \$36,574, with \$25,000 having been withdrawn during April. The Financial Report was unanimously approved as submitted on a motion by Brian Bates and a second by Dan Bates.

The Soul Accounting report included the death of member Greg Schroeder on May 2nd and the transfers of Karen Koehlert and Benita Malinak to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church effective March 19th.

The Pastor's report included an update on his studies toward his Doctorate of Ministry. His thesis topic will be the Church's Responsibility to Its Neighborhood. He also provided an update on LSUS activity, specifically noting that the May 3rd musical went extremely well.

Under new business, the Board discussed the upcoming Voters Assembly on May 19th and reviewed questions that have been asked regarding the proposal for the Neighborhood Mission Rejuvenation Plan.

The Board also continued discussing, but took no action, on the need for some repairs to the boiler. Proposals for the work needed are currently being solicited from several vendors. Also discussed was the need to replace or upgrade our hearing assistance devices.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Evans Branigan moved and Brian Bates seconded for adjournment. After Pastor closed with prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted in His service,
John Stafford, Secretary

***So then, as we have opportunity, let
us do good to everyone, and
especially to those who are of the
household of faith.***

Galatians 6:10



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 – Carolyn Knox | 16 – Waldell Bright |
| 2 – Deanna Nelson | 17 – Tina Adamonis |
| 3 – Fannie Moore | 18 – Margaret Burger |
| David Schult | 19 – Janet Blessing |
| Linda Witte | Daniel Duffey |
| 4 - Juanita Jennings | 20 – Michael Oberholtzer |
| 7 – Boualinh Vongphachanh | Sataria White |
| 9 – Mandy Martinsky | 24 – Craig Bradley |
| 10 – Jose Fuentes | Antonio Jones |
| Doris Scott | Glenda Starks |
| 12 - Lam Duong | 25 – DJ Nungester |
| Jayna Holmes | Zahara Nungester |
| Carson Hutchinson | 26 – Elliot Ferguson |
| Jaide Tucker | Shayla Hudson |
| 13 – Sophia Grant | 27 – Carlos Magadan |
| 14 – Mary Ellen Emley | 29 – Briauna Crawford |
| Andrew Thomas | 30 – Dan Scheerer |
| 15 – Matthew Jenkins | 31 – Ronald Gallmeyer |
| Michael Johnson | Deb Niemoeller |
| Olivia Smith | Lea Smith |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – David and Elisabeth Magadan (35)
 2 – Claude and Dorothy Jackson (40)
 David and Dena Schult (63)
 11 – Craig and Jennifer Bradley (3)
 12 – Ty and Julie Smith (20)
 13 – Andres and Sandra Linan (27)
 15 – Rev. Jeffrey and Vicky Geisler (40)
 19 – LeeNathan and Kimberly Griggs (26)
 28 – Eddie and Nancy Pierce (22)
 30 – Steve and Lenka Bercot (56)

ITEMS NEEDED

Double stroller and baby items needed for a baby boy due in October. Contact Josie Reed at 260-515-0561

ONLINE WORSHIP

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



www.myfwl.org



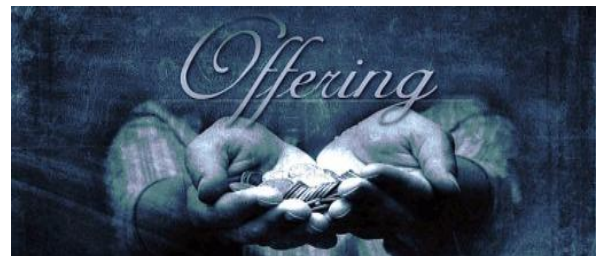
**IS YOUR
INFO UP
TO DATE?**

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 or pick up a form by the church exits and turn into an elder or the church office.



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July 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>
6	Linda Stafford Mary Snow	Ed Ramos		Ruby Bonner	Blake Sebring	
7		John Bates	Evans Branigan	Donna Volmerding Dave Volmerding	Aaron Brown	Josiah Hapner
13	Natalie Reynolds Allison Cheng	Peter Schlie		Ruby Bonner	Charlotte Ratliff	
14		Joe Nelson	Dan Bates	Richard Pierce	Josiah Hapner	Joshua Hapner
20	Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley Amber Herndon	Peter Schlie		Ruby Bonner	Blake Sebring	
21		Peter Schlie	Ron Gallmeyer	Peter Schlie	Allison Cheng	Dave Volmerding
27	Kim Ellison Sharon Shediack	Michael Johnson		Ruby Bonner	Carla Johnson	
28		Greg Shediack	Evans Branigan	The Hapner Family	Aaron Brown	Randy Hapner

*The greatest joy that I know in this life is
SERVING the Lord.*

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30pm - Bd. of Elders	3	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 8:30am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
7 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	8	9 6:30pm – Bd. of Directors	10	11	12	13 8:30am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
14 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	15	16	17	18	19	20 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11:00am WOB Tea Luncheon 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
21 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	22	23	24	25	26	27 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
28 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour Generations of Faith Bible Study – Café	29	30	31	 <p><i>For you have been called to live in freedom . . . use your freedom to serve one another in LOVE. Galatians 5:13</i></p>		