

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

Seed, Water, and Mission

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. —Isaiah 55:10–11

Our mission: Proclaiming Christ. Nurturing Faith. Restoring Hope.

Our vision: Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a catalyst for Gospel transformation in southeast Fort Wayne, where all people experience Christ's love, grow in faith, and restore hope together.

We have a new mission and vision as a congregation, and I want to say clearly: this is not just a nice plan. This is a planting. A seed has gone into the soil. God has spoken a Word over us. And just like Isaiah says, His Word is not going to return empty. It's going to do something. It's going to grow. So the question is not, "Do we like the plan?" or even, "Can we accomplish it?" The better question is: Are we ready for what God is going to grow through this? Isaiah gives us this beautiful image: rain and snow falling from heaven, soaking into the ground, making it sprout and flourish. A seed becomes wheat. Wheat becomes bread. Bread becomes life. All because water came down. That's what God's Word does. When He speaks, it's not empty. It brings life. It transforms hearts. It produces fruit we often never see coming. Now, we don't control the rain. We don't command the harvest. We don't make the seed grow. Our role is to receive what God has given—to plant faithfully, water generously, and wait expectantly. This isn't just a church program. It's a field. And it's time to work.

Proclaiming Christ

Every seed starts with the Word. Not just a word about what to do, but a Word about who we belong to. "Proclaiming Christ" means we center everything on Jesus—His death and resurrection, His grace and truth, His love for this broken world. Not just in sermons or Bible study, but in conversations, in prayers, in the quiet witness of daily life. It's not about shouting on street corners. It's about showing mercy at work. Offering forgiveness at home. Radiating peace when life is hard. We don't manufacture this message—we echo it. The Word goes out, and God does the work.

Nurturing Faith

Once the seed is planted, it needs care. That's what it means to nurture faith. Faith is a gift, but it doesn't grow on autopilot. It's fed by Scripture, prayer, worship, and community. Faith deepens when we ask questions, when we gather in study, when we pray for each other, when we walk through life together. Think of a garden: left alone, seedlings often dry up or get choked out. But in good soil, with watchful care and steady watering, they thrive. So come to worship. Join a Bible study. Talk about Jesus over coffee. Faith grows in those spaces.

Restoring Hope

If you've ever walked through a field in spring after a hard winter, you know what this looks like. Brown grass. Hard soil. And then—one blade of green. One flower poking through. And suddenly, you realize: everything's changing. That's what hope is like. And our world is starving for it. When we talk about "restoring hope," we're not offering cheap optimism. We're offering resurrection. We're offering Jesus, who walked out of the tomb and promises to make all things new. You restore hope when you sit with someone in grief. When you speak a word that reminds them they're not forgotten. When you support a struggling family. When you forgive. Hope takes root in those small moments. But make no mistake—it grows strong.

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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)

**June 1, 2025 – The Ascension of Our Lord
Why Did He Leave?**

Rev. Paul Shoemaker - Luke 24:44-53

Many times, people have wondered, “Why did Jesus leave the earth?” Would it not have been better for Him to remain? Jesus’ work on earth was done. It was time to return to heaven. Join us on Worship Anew as we discuss the reasons why Jesus ascended to heaven.

**June 8, 2025 – The Day of Pentecost
Reason to Celebrate!**

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast Jr. (Guest Pastor) - John 14:23

We celebrate every Sunday in the Church. And on Pentecost we see Jesus keep His promise to send His Holy Spirit. That is reason to celebrate!

**June 15, 2025 – Holy Trinity Sunday
Surprised by the Trinity**

Rev. Scott Zeckzer - John 8:58

Do you like surprises? Our God is a God of surprises. Tune in to Worship Anew and hear the surprises God has for you.

**June 22, 2025 – Second Sunday after Pentecost
Adopted by God**

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III - Galatians 4:4-5

Despite the fact that by nature we were enemies of God, He in His love and grace made us his children. We have been adopted by God. That means for us tremendous blessings in this life and in future glories.

**June 29, 2025 – Third Sunday after Pentecost
The Heavenward Walk**

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer - Luke 9:51, 57-62

Where are you going and how will you get there? Today Jesus begins the journey that will take Him to the cross, the empty tomb, and the right hand of His Father. He called people then and calls us today, to follow Him on The Heavenward Walk.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

To find airings near you, check the broadcast guide at lhm.org/guide.

The Lutheran Hour is available today in many other ways beyond traditional radio. From the American Forces Network, Sirius XM satellite radio, lutheranhour.org, the Connected by LHM mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Spotify, iHeartRadio, YouTube, dialing in on your phone, and more, listeners can hear the weekly sermons whenever and wherever they are.

For more information about Lutheran Hour Ministries, visit lhm.org.



www.myfwl.org





Serve at the Rescue Mission

Help serve lunch at the Rescue Mission! Volunteers needed every 4th Sunday of the Month - upcoming dates include June 22, July 27, Aug 24, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 28

This is a great way to serve our local Ft. Wayne Community. Sign-up with your friends or family and make this a meaningful service experience!

- 3-4 volunteers are needed to serve in the Rescue Mission Cafeteria each month.
- Time Commitment - Arrive at 11:10 to check in at the front desk. Then you will head back to the kitchen where you may place personal items in a locked room and wash hands and put on gloves for serving. Lunch will be served from 11:30-12:30. After, you will check out at the front desk and be done by 12:45, if not sooner!
- Physical ability - Must be able to stand for an hour of time, some lifting may be needed, but their staff can assist, too.
- Sign-up at the bulletin board outside the library - just past Fellowship Hall!
- Can't serve physically? Bake instead! Bring desserts to share on the 4th Sunday of the month. Please note that containers may not be returned to you - so plan accordingly! It is noted that people love chocolate cake!



Food Bank Report

By Sharon Shediack

April

We provided food to 338 individuals. They included 144 children under the age of 18, and 48 individuals over the age of 60.

Our congregation provided 450# of food. We went to Community Harvest four times this month to purchase 2034# of food in the amount of \$620. Our 15 volunteers gave 125 hours of their time.

We could use soup, rice, peanut butter, boxed baking mixes and tomato products.

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.

HELP KEEP THE FOOD BANK SHELVES STOCKED

Scour your pantries, include them on your shopping list. Bring a grocery bag of a few non-perishable items to the Saturday and Sunday services to the front pews during the Offering.



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

URGENT NEEDS

Soup, rice, peanut butter,
boxed baking mixes and
tomato products.

Bethlehem Mission News and Prayers

By Jane Miller

Dear Bethlehem Family,

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the presentation given by our granddaughter and new grandson-in-law, Sarah and Zack Anderson the Sunday after Easter, that was held in the sanctuary after the 9:00 sermon! We were blessed to attend this service and presentation and service also, with the help of our family, and it was so good to see you all in person instead of just online!

We recently got an email update from the Andersons concerning their plans to leave the US for SE Asia on June 7. They have some praises and also things to lift up to Father as they newly begin their life together as a newly married couple and team. Please keep this list where you can continue to lift it as they make this transition, and thank you for the generous monetary gift you gave them when they spoke here that Sunday!

PRaises:

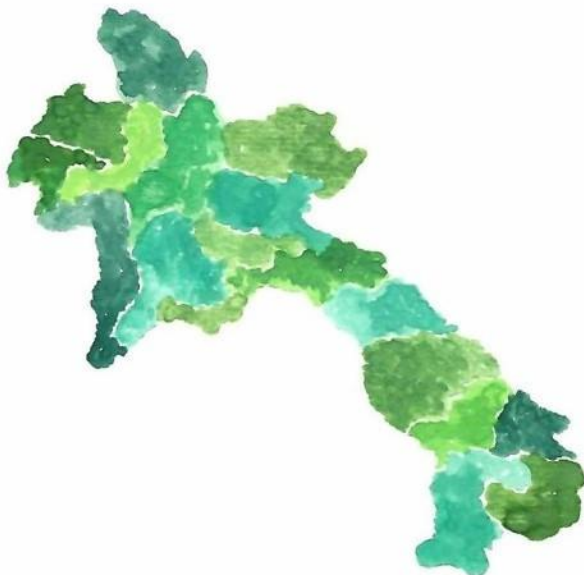
* They are blessed to be 100% funded and also have "Barnabas (encouragement) Teams" set up to support them! *Arrangements between their two organizations has been going well, and Sarah can work remotely with English Language/Laos and volunteer at Payap, where Zack will be taking linguistic classes.

TO LIFT UP:

*Health and safety for the transition month ahead, including their traveling to the other side of the world.
*Smooth visa application processes for both. *Finding a suitable house, vehicle, and way to ship their stuff from Laos to Thailand. *Finding a Thai fellowship to join. *Special connections with new friends in Thailand and old friends in Laos.

As their grandparents, Bob and I want to thank you in advance for your faithful praying for this couple we are helping to send. We learned many years ago that like Zebedee, the father of 2 of Jesus's first disciples, some of us are called to stay home and be "net menders," while others are called to be sent out to be "fishers of men!" Thankfully, the Lord prepared us ahead of time with a devotion from SPRINGS IN THE VALLEY the morning of the day that Tim came into my Kindergarten room at Bethlehem to tell me that he and Michelle had been invited, as a newlywed couple, to join the LCMS to be sent over to Thailand! Of course, wherever or at what stage of life, younger or older, Jesus Calls us to be shining beacons of light, part of cities on a hill, pointing the way to Him! Whether we are mainly serving in our local food bank, teaching the children, encouraging friends in our neighborhood or in a senior living facility, He leads us to serve Him right where He has planted us! Thank you for letting me share these thoughts!

In His love,
Jane Miller



Psalm 96:3

*'Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.'*

P.S. One of our friends in Laos painted this card!
It shows the provinces in Laos.

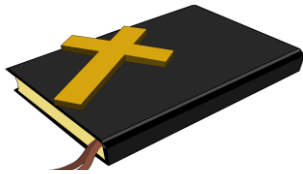
Dear Pastor Ben and the Bethlehem family,
Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to visit and share at Bethlehem! We are also grateful for your generous financial gift to us and our ministry. We are touched by Bethlehem's faithfulness to our family - our grandparents, the Millers in SEAsia, and also us, the Andersons - truly incredible! Coming to Bethlehem feels like coming home in a sense for me (Sarah). May God bless your ministry to your members, your neighborhood and beyond!
With love and thanks,
- Zack + Sarah

BETHLEHEM FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

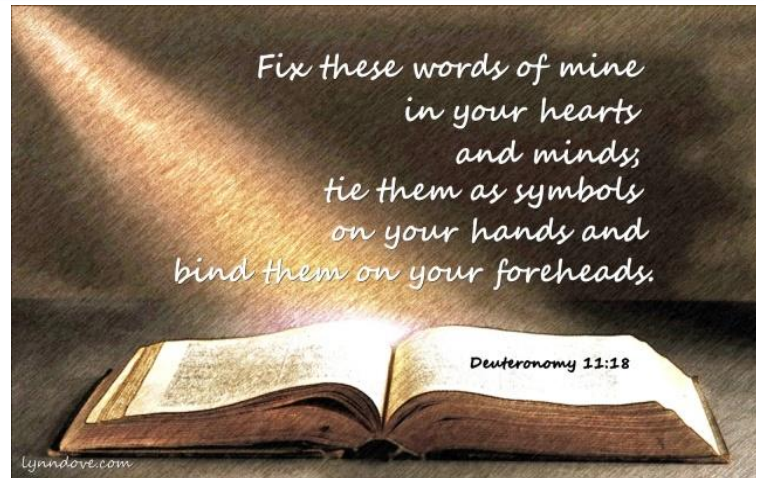
"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along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

EDUCATION HOUR

10:30am-11:30am



On Saturday, June 28, 2025, the Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held in the Bethlehem cafeteria starting at 8:30am. In the book of Obadiah we meet the Edomites, the descendants of Esau. The Edomites had been an independent nation for centuries but in due time found themselves subjugated to the kingdom of Judah as Isaac had prophesied. What was the result for the Edomites? Please plan to join us for breakfast, prayer, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, and our study of God's Word. *"Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, [the king of Judah,] "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the [Dead] Sea." II Chronicles 20:2a NIV.*



GENERATIONS *of faith*



Gather together around God's word to celebrate Pentecost and God's gift of the Holy Spirit with our entire Bethlehem family.

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH
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.

June marks **Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month**, a time to come together in support of the millions of individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, slowly erasing memory and cognitive function. Over **6 million Americans** are currently living with Alzheimer's, and this number is expected to rise sharply in the coming decades. Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month shines a light on this public health crisis while also promoting brain health, early detection, and caregiver support.

June
Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.



How You Can Get Involved

Go Purple for a Purpose

Show your support by wearing purple and sharing awareness messages on social media using hashtags like **#ENDALZ** and **#GoPurple**.

Join Local Events

Look for community walks, seminars, or fundraisers. Every step helps fund research and support services.

Support Research

Consider donating to trusted organizations like the Alzheimer's Association or participating in clinical trials that could help unlock new treatments.

Care for the Caregivers

Don't forget those who provide daily care. Offer support, a listening ear, or help them connect with caregiver resources.

Tips for Brain Health

While there is no cure yet, certain lifestyle habits can promote better brain health:

- Stay physically active
- Eat a heart-healthy diet
- Keep your mind engaged
- Stay socially connected
- Get regular health checkups

Hope for the Future

Breakthroughs in Alzheimer's research are happening, and public awareness is at an all-time high. Together, we are building a future where no one has to fear losing their memories to this disease.

Let's make this month one of action, compassion, and hope. Thank you for being part of this important journey.

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), Thresa Lightning (260-417-1450) or Richard Pierce (260-450-2280), our Grief Coordinators.

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

"Throughout All Generations"

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

- Sunday, January 11, 2026 Kick-off (same month as the first meeting of the church)
- Sunday, May 31, 2026 Potluck Picnic
- Sunday, September 27, 2026 Education Celebration (History of education and recognition of Confirmation classes)



VIDEO RECORDING SESSIONS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED

After some adjustments, we're finally able to reschedule the video recording session for part of Bethlehem's 100th anniversary celebration. The new date is **Sept. 7 from 1-4 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

These 5-minute videos will consist of three questions:

1. When and why did you come to Bethlehem?
2. What are a couple of your favorite memories?
3. What has Bethlehem meant to you?

These recordings will be played before services throughout the anniversary year. Also, those being interviewed do not need to be current members. The main requirement is having some great memories about our church!

If you are interested, please consider emailing Blake Sebring at blakeds@frontier.com so we can get a rough estimate of those wishing to participate. Seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall, and we will not

Seed, Water, and Mission

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We're not just recipients of God's Word—we're participants in His mission. God is sowing something through us in southeast Fort Wayne. Every member of Bethlehem has a role. This isn't just for the pastor or the church council. Some plant. Some water. Some harvest. But God gives the growth. And this mission isn't confined to the church building. It lives at your dinner table. At your workplace. On your block. At the bus stop and the nursing home. Every time you live out this mission—proclaiming Christ, nurturing faith, restoring hope—you're part of something eternal. You're planting seeds God promises will grow.

So let me encourage you this month: Pick one place to lean in. Reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while. Invite a neighbor to dinner. Renew your prayer life. Volunteer where help is needed. Whatever you choose, don't underestimate what God can do through it. His Word brings life. And when He sends it—through Scripture, through the Church, through you—it does not return empty. This mission won't sit on a shelf. Not if we plant it. Not if we water it. Not if we trust that the One who spoke is still speaking, still working, still transforming lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Ben

WOMEN of BETHLEHEM



National: lwml.org
State/Local: lwmlindiana.org



FOR YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR:

Saturday, July 26th, WOB Summer Social at Berne Swiss Days, followed by food/fellowship at Rainbow Lake (Hapner's Cottage). Car pool from Bethlehem, more details later.

COURAGEOUS CLEANING CREW

CCC (Cleaning Crew)...will NOT be meeting regularly on Thursday mornings this summer....only as needed for special needs.

DESSERTS FOR DADS

Father's Day, June 15, 2025
DONATE A DESSERT IN A DECORATED BOX
Boxes available after Church during May.
Bring desserts to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 14th from 3-4pm Proceeds to WOB Fund



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

2025 Convention



Date: June 26-29, 2025

Location: Omaha, Nebraska

Convention Center: CHI Health Center,
455 N 10th St, Omaha, NE, 68102

Theme: Growing in God's Grace

Scripture Verse: *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen*
(2 Peter 3:18).



The Joyful Corner

The Steady Light of Joy

*"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."*

Psalm 16:11

Joy is often misunderstood as mere happiness. But while happiness can flicker based on circumstances, joy is a steady flame that burns within the heart of those who walk with God. It is not dependent on good news, a stable job, or perfect relationships. Instead, joy is rooted in the unchanging presence of God.

David, the writer of Psalm 16, understood this well. Despite the pressures of leadership, threats to his life, and deep personal failures, he could still declare, "In your presence there is fullness of joy." Joy, for him, was not a fleeting emotion but a deep assurance that God was with him and for him.

When we anchor our joy in the presence of God, we find a strength that carries us through trials. It becomes the music in our silence, the hope in our waiting, and the light in our darkness. This kind of joy isn't loud or boastful—it's quiet, resilient, and deeply rooted in trust.

- What is the difference between joy and happiness in your own life?
- Have you experienced joy even during difficult seasons? What sustained it?
- How can you cultivate more time in God's presence to experience the "fullness of joy"?

Lord, thank You for the gift of joy that goes deeper than circumstances. Help me to seek Your presence daily, where true joy is found. Teach me to rest in You and to carry that quiet assurance into every part of my life. Amen.



Serve the Lord
with
joy

LSUS NEWS

Celebrating the Final Week

This final week of school at LSUS was one to remember, packed with excitement, laughter, and meaningful moments. As the 2024–2025 school year came to a close, students, staff, and families came together to celebrate the end of a challenging year and to look forward with hope and pride.

Graduation Celebration

Sunday (May 18) afternoon we held the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. Family, friends, and staff gathered to honor our graduates as they prepared to move on to high school. The ceremony featured heartfelt speeches from Lafayette Jordan, Valedictorian, Sophia, and Salutatorian, AJ. We wish our graduates the best as they take their next steps away from LSUS.



*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from Him. He only is my
rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken. Psalm 62:5-6*

Field Day Fun

The week kicked off with our annual Field Day, a student favorite that brought out everyone's school spirit and energy. From classic relay races and tug-of-war to sack races and water balloon tosses, students of all ages had a blast competing and cheering each other on.



Staff Inflatable Costume Race

The staff surprised students with a hilarious inflatable costume race! Dressed in oversized inflatable costumes, teachers and staff members raced across the field to the cheers and laughter of students. The playful competition brought the entire school community together in a joyful celebration. Congrats to Pastor Ben on his victory!



Draft, not yet approved by the Board
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
May 13, 2025

Members present: Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer, Evans Branigan, Brian Bates, Dan Bates, Rachele Dance, Blake Sebring, Greg Shediack, David Schult and John Stafford

Members absent: none Guests: Mark Blessing, Dena Schult

The May regular monthly meeting of the Board was opened at 6:30 PM by President Greg Shediack. Pastor Ben provided an opening devotion discussing the power of the Lord to provide opportunities for Bethlehem Lutheran Church and our need to prepare for these opportunities. Pastor closed the devotion with prayer.

The minutes from the Board's April, 2025 regular monthly meeting were unanimously approved as submitted, on a motion from John Stafford and a second from Dan Bates.

There were no items this month in the Soul Accounting report as forwarded from the Board of Elders.

Brian Bates presented the April Financial Report. Monthly income for April was \$28,215 compared with a budgeted amount of \$26,833. Income from offerings through the first four months of the year totaled \$105,868 and total income including miscellaneous receipts and extraordinary income totaled \$126,090. Monthly expenses for April totaled \$30,211, compared with monthly budget amount of \$33,668. Expenses for the year through April totaled \$130,223. The balance in the Endowment Fund at the end of April was \$1,347,765. That portion of the Endowment Fund resting with the Lutheran Foundation was current through March as we had not yet received the April statement. The month-end balance in the SSMG Fund was \$24,598. Brian also presented a report illustrating actual expenses compared with budgeted amounts for the major categories of the Operating Budget. Through April, we expended 32.23 percent of the budgeted expenses. The monthly Treasurer's Report was unanimously adopted on a motion by Brian Bates and a second by Blake Sebring.

Pastor's report provided a review of the Easter Week services; an update on the progress of his Doctor of Ministry classes; and an update on the building situation at Lutheran South Unity School. The school building experienced a significant sewer backup causing damage to some furniture and fixtures as well as necessitating a serious cleaning operation. As a result, the students will finish the school year at Bethlehem. The last day of school will be on May 21st.

Pastor Ben, Blake Sebring, Mark Blessing and John Stafford provided an update on the work of the Community Center Committee. Since the last Board update, Committee members have met with two additional individuals/groups that have expressed interest in partnering with us. Mark also reviewed the draft of a listing of sought attributes and preferences from the perspective of Bethlehem that we can use in interaction with groups with which we are in discussion. The Board reacted favorably to the draft as presented. It was further suggested that we provide an update, including the list of sought attributes and preferences at the June 1st Voters Assembly.

Mark updated the Board on the building assessment which has been completed. The preliminary report indicated that the most immediate needs were for some minor roofing and masonry repairs. We are awaiting the consultant's final report. We have an opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$75,000 from Sacred Places (the same organization which provided the grant to fund the building assessment). The deadline for application is June 15th. Given that before making any final decision on the specific projects to include in this application, we would like to review the consultant's final report. Since the application falls before the next Board meeting, John Stafford moved that the Board give the President the authority to approve a grant application to Sacred Places, for the June 15th grant application window, for a request of up to \$75,000 to address capital projects as identified in the building assessment. The motion was seconded by David Schult and passed unanimously.

The Board next discussed a proposed agenda for the June 1st Voters Assembly. In addition to the regular items (approval of minutes and presentation of the treasurer's report), we would include a presentation of a proposed Bethlehem Vision, Mission and Values Statement; the proposed amendment to the Bylaws regarding eliminating tenure limitations on Board service; an update from the Community Center Committee and an update from the 100th Anniversary Committee.

Under new business, the Board discussed the need for having the organ tuned. Brian noted that this was a budgeted expense. Arrangements will be made for the tune up. Pastor Ben informed the Board that the Summer Clubhouse would be returning to Bethlehem this year (it had been discontinued as a result of COVID). All expenses will be covered by the Clubhouse. It will be here from June 16th through July 18th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Evans Branigan moved and Rachele Dance seconded a motion for adjournment. After closing with prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted in His service,

John Stafford, Secretary

Voters' assembly June 1st.

Agenda will be forthcoming but will include an amendment to the constitution and our mission, vision and values to be approved.

The Board of Directors proposes the following amendment to the Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws for consideration at the next Voters Assembly (tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 1, 2025):

Removal of the following section:

Chapter III – Officers and Board of Directors

A. 3. Tenure

No director may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms without a break of at least one (1) year of service, except the Senior Pastor. If a director serves one year or more of an unexpired term, that service shall count as one term. If a director serves less than one year of an unexpired term, that service shall not count as a term.

The Board is offering this proposal in light of the increasing difficulty of finding members of the congregation willing to serve on the Board of Directors.

Let all that you do be done in love.
1 Corinthians 16:14



Join us on Tuesday, June 24 for Lutheran Night at Parkview Field!
Game time is 7:05pm.

Ticket orders received before Friday, May 16, will be entered into a special drawing for prizes such as: a \$50 gift certificate to The Orchard team store, an autographed team bat, a chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch & more.

**Ticket orders must be received prior to Monday, June 10th in order to receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.

Lutheran Night will be a FAMILY FEAST NIGHT where fans can enjoy select concession items for only \$1.00, including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, and pizza slices!

And, plan on staying to enjoy post game fireworks!!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Christopher Hill | 16 – Josie Reed |
| 3 – Robert Miller | Sharon Varner |
| 4 – Alexis Branigan | 17 – Jason Mann |
| 5 – Kaiden Graf-Martz | 18 – Samara Hill-Roddy |
| Mark Hutchinson | 21 – Karen Gerke |
| 7 – DeAynne Suttle | Michael Williams |
| 8 – Charles Adams | 22 – Le'Asia Jones |
| Deb Christensen | Gertrude Savage |
| 9 – Eric Centurion | 23 – Ebbie Clark IV |
| 10 – Lenka Bercot | Vicky Geisler |
| Aaron Brown | Victoria Nelson |
| 11 – Tyler Stevenson | 24 – Thomas Oberholtzer |
| 12 – Amber Martin | 25 – Rachele Dance |
| 13 – Karen Jarrell | 26 – Victor Garcia |
| 14 – Cesar Flores | 27 – Beau Bishop |
| 15 – Tamala Kahn | 29 – Shantajah Lambert |
| David Volmerding | 30 – Carla Johnson |

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Earl Davis and Sherrill Davis
 8 – Randy and Laurie Hapner
 12 – Thomas and MaryAnn Oberholtzer
 22 – Alvin and Valeria Harris
 27 – Archie and Annie Smith
 29 – Edward and Delores Tharp

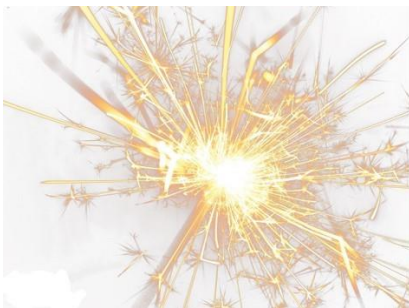


If you have had a change in home address, home or cell phone number or email address, please be sure to let us know so that we can update our database.

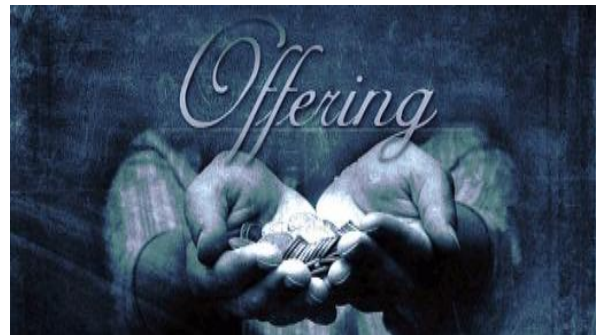
If your children have moved out on their own please provide the office with their updated information.

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.



“Sometimes the strength within you is not a big fiery flame for all to see, it is just a tiny spark that whispers softly ‘You got this, keep going.’” – Unknown



Offerings may be mailed to the church at
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
 3705 South Anthony Boulevard,
 Fort Wayne, IN 46806

You can make gifts directly on our website. It's simple and secure.

Visit our website to see how easy it is!

www.bethlehemlcms.org



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JUNE 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>
31	Mary Snow Allison Cheng	Michael Johnson			Carla Johnson	
1		Greg Shediack	Evans Branigan	Peter Schlie	Allison Cheng	Dave Volmerding
7	Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley Amber Herndon	Brian Bates			Charlotte Ratliff	
8		Peter Schlie	Dan Bates	Dave Volmerding Donna Volmerding	Aaron Brown	Randy Hapner
14	Kim Ellison Sharon Shediack	Ed Ramos			Blake Sebring	
15		John Bates	Ron Gallmeyer	The Hapner Family	Josiah Hapner	Josiah Hapner
21	Linda Stafford	Peter Schlie			Charlotte Ratliff	
22		Greg Shediack	Evans Branigan	John Stafford Linda Stafford	Allison Cheng	Joshua Hapner
28	Mary Snow Allison Cheng	Michael Johnson			Carla Johnson	
29		Peter Schlie	Dan Bates	Dena Schult Kimberly Brooks	Aaron Brown	Dave Volmerding

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June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	2	3 6:30pm - Bd. of Elders	4	5	6	7 8:30am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
8 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	9	10 6:30pm – Bd. of Directors	11	12	13	14 8:30am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
15 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour Desserts for Dad	16	17	18	19	20	21 8:30am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
	Summer Clubhouse					
22 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour	23	24	25	26	27	28 8:30am Prayer Breakfast 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
	Summer Clubhouse					
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