

THE MESSENGER November 2024

The Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Our True Hope in a Divided World

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. - Ephesians 4:1-3

Here we are again—wrapping up yet another election season. The ads, the debates, the endless headlines. It feels like the whole world is pulling us into different corners, demanding that we choose a side, align with a cause, or fight for a victory. It's easy to get wrapped up in it, isn't it? But while elections matter and civic engagement is important, they aren't our ultimate hope. And try as they may, they shouldn't define us. As Christians, our true identity is found in Christ alone. In the wake of our Reformation celebration, I wanted to use the confessions to guide this conversation of politicization in the church. The Lutheran Confessions remind us that, while we're part of this world, our citizenship is ultimately in heaven. The Augsburg Confession, in Article XVI, talks about how Christians are to respect government and obey laws—unless, of course, they command us to sin. What this means is that we're called to engage in the world, but we don't belong to it. Our first loyalty is to Christ. He is our King.

In this divided season, it's easy to let politics shape how we see ourselves and others. But the Confessions point us to something so much bigger than winning elections or proving points. In Article IV of The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, we're reminded that our faith centers on grace. We're justified not by what we do, how we vote, or how convincing our arguments are, but by God's grace alone. And that grace isn't just for us—it's for everyone. This is our identity, and it's what we're called to extend to others, especially those we disagree with.

Luther's explanation of the Eighth Commandment in The Large Catechism really speaks to us here, too. He urges us to speak well of our neighbor and explain their actions in the kindest way. This is hard, especially in the heat of political tension. But Christ calls us to a different way. Not to tear down those who think differently, but to build up, to love, and to see them as fellow image-bearers of God.

And here's the good news: Thank God our unity doesn't depend on our politics. Our unity is built on something much stronger—Jesus. Article VII of the Augsburg Confession tells us that the church's unity is rooted in the gospel and the sacraments. Our shared identity is in Christ, not in political parties or platforms. This means we can stand together, even when we disagree, because Christ is what binds us. He is our hope. As Philippians 3:20 reminds us, "our citizenship is in heaven." That's the truth we hold onto in this election season—and every season. No matter what happens politically, our true King has already won the victory. And in Him, we have an unshakable identity, a lasting hope, and an eternal home.

So as this election and its aftermath unfold, let's remember who we are. We can be light bringers in a time of derision and division. Let's be a church that reflects the heart of Jesus, where everyone—regardless of political views—finds a place of love, respect, and peace. Let's be a church that holds on to the right things while rejecting those things that oppose the values and mission of the Kingdom of God. Our hope is not in politics but in Christ, and through Him, we're called to shine His light in a world desperate for peace and unity. Blessings to you this month as you participate in democracy and live with its results. We are citizens of a country, with all the rights and responsibilities that come with it, but our citizenship is ultimately in heaven and all that that entails must always come first.

In His Grace,
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)

**November 3, 2024 – All Saints Day
The Great Reversal - Matthew 5:1-12
Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

All of us were destined to spend our eternity apart from God. Because of Christ Jesus and His suffering, death, and glorious resurrection, a great reversal of our fate has taken place. By God's grace we are now saints and true believers who are destined for heaven.

**November 10, 2024 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
When Picking Up Sticks... - 1 Kings 17:8-16
Rev. William Mueller**

First Kings 17:8-16 brings us to the encounter of the prophet Elijah and the unnamed widow at the town of Zarephath. In this meeting, the Lord provides a miracle to care and support His people. Perhaps you feel like this widow. You're picking up sticks and expect nothing good to come. But wait upon the Lord! Sermon

**November 17, 2024 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Don't Give Up - Mark 13:13
Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Christians face two major temptations – placing too much faith in things that don't last and giving up on the one thing that is eternal. When you are tempted to invest your hopes and dreams in the things of this earth, fix your eyes upon Jesus and don't give up!

**November 24, 2024 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost
Praise the King Revelation 1:4
Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

In the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John presents us with a glimpse of the reign of Jesus Christ. Revelation 1 shows us that this King is almighty and that He is coming again on Judgment Day. The result is that we joyfully praise Christ the King.



NOVEMBER 30

The Bethlehem Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 30, starting at 8:30am in the Bethlehem cafeteria. We shall focus on Advent with a sermon by Dietrich Bonhoeffer based on Revelation 3:20, *"I stand at the door and knock."*

Please plan to join us for breakfast, prayer, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, and God's Word. *"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."* Psalm 27:14 NIV.

EDUCATION HOUR

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



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



Children ages 3yrs +
are invited to join us in
the Sonshine 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!

small GROUPs

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. PSALM 95:1-2

May this Thanksgiving season to be a time to look around at the many blessings our dear Father gives us daily, and really appreciate that he never fails to give us all we need.





There are openings for Rescue Mission Volunteers in November for both bakers and servers. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Book Nook library. Contact either Randy Hapner @ 260-745-7477 or Ruth Bates @ 260-417-0600 if you have further questions.

Save the date!
Epiphany Brunch
January 5, 2025



Food Bank Report

By Sharon Shediack
September

We provided food to 347 individuals. They included 162 children under the age of 18, and 50 individuals over the age of 60.

Our congregation provided 307# of food. We went to Community Harvest four times this month to purchase 2927# of food in the amount of \$1291.

Our 17 volunteers gave 110 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.

FOOD BANK PRAYER REQUESTS

Below are some prayer requests from some of our Food Bank clients. I have omitted the names for privacy.

Please pray for: wife and family.

Please pray for: safe delivery of baby

Please pray for: family, friends and everybody.

Please pray for: better relationship with God.

Please pray for: relationship with husband and family

Please pray for: a mother and her adult son

Please pray for: my wife and I as we raise our family.

Please pray for: my husband who is hospitalized with liver issues.

Please pray for: our relationship, family, and that our love gets stronger.

*The greatest gifts we can give to each other
is to pray for one another.*

Missions

Southeast Asia is one of the missions we support here at Bethlehem. It is an area of Asia that consists of eleven countries that include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. These countries cover an area of over 1.7 million miles with a population of about 673 million inhabitants. There are many different languages and dialects spoken in Southeast Asia with remote and fragmented regions especially noticeable in language diversity.

Tim and Michelle Miller are missionaries who have been called for more than 25 years to bring the Good News of our Lord to remote regions of people who want to learn and build a relationship with God. Most recently we have supported Tim and Michelle Miller in their work to translate and 2 distribute Bible stories as audio recordings in the Shi language. Their goal is to develop 100 oral Bible stories as a foundation for understanding the Gospel from Creation through Christ and the birth of the Church. In addition, another area of missions we support is the Khon Southeast team. They have completed stories from Genesis, Exodus and Luke into the national language for Khon Sunday school lessons.

We are blessed and humbled to help financially support our missionaries in their work to bring the word of God to ethnic groups in remote and fragmented areas of Southeast Asia.



Please join us in
Fellowship Hall
on
November 10th
for a taste of
Southeast Asia.

Bethlehem Mission News

By Jane Miller

A few of our missionaries have begun trips, and we would like to be praying for them during their journeys! Joe Boway began his very busy trip to visit the churches in rural Liberia on October 14. At first he had trouble getting out of Chicago and then almost missed his connection in Brussels, Belgium. But thankfully, both Joe and all his luggage he was taking made it! Then they were not able to use their simpler transportation of a small Cessna plane, needing to take very rough roads! But they finally arrived in the Foya district, where this week he has been visiting classrooms in the morning and meeting with teachers and church leaders in the afternoons and evenings! On October 25th (I am writing this article on the 23rd), He will leave by the rough roads again to travel to the capital city of Monrovia to meet with church leaders and make arrangements for transporting building and school supplies to rural Liberia. On October 31, Reformation Day, Joe will fly to southeastern rural Liberia on a Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Cessna aircraft! We are asked to pray for all the all the children, pastors and church members traveling to the Reformation Conference, and also ask the Lord to be present and to bless the fellowship of Believers as they gather, as well as to bless all the pastors, teachers and lay-leaders as they share the Truth of God's Word at this conference! On November 3rd, All Saints Day celebration, they expect many baptisms in rural Liberia during the Reformation Conference, and ask us to rejoice with them as they welcome these new members into God's family! Once again, Joe asks for prayers for wisdom as he visits classrooms and meets with teachers and leaders. And as always, he asks us for protection for Glendora,, Joe Jr. and Joshua while Joe is away, and especially for Joshua as he celebrates his 15th birthday on October 30! Joe asks for safe travel back to Monrovia on November 7 and then back to Fort Wayne on November 10/11!

Joe thanks God for YOU, our partners, who have helped the Liberian Children's Ministry meet the physical, educational and spiritual needs of the children of Liberia in order to give them real hope for the future - hope that is only found in Christ Jesus! Ask the Lord to speak to Joe's heart and give him a clear vision of future plans for the Liberian Children's Ministry. Please use this above shortened prayer calendar to pray for all these needs for Joe's very important mission trip he has already begun!

Meanwhile, I saw today on Facebook that Todd Roeske has begun one of his LCMS Mission trips to the Philippines and other parts of Asia to visit and encourage churches that have been planted in the past! I don't have a timeline for when he will be where; but he would appreciate our prayers for his travels! Many of you remember that we supported Todd, Kim and their daughters as they served for many years in the Philippines and then Alaska! They came to speak many times, and now Todd is a parish pastor in the state of Washington. But he is still sent out to encourage the churches in Asia, just as St. Paul and the Apostles did in the time of the early Church!

Finally, if you have any time left for more missionary prayers, please pray for the Children of the Persecuted Church! Throughout the world, children are targeted because they and their parents follow Jesus. Let's spend some time praying for the youngest voices facing persecution. Open Doors tells us that when children are discriminated against at school, they can be at risk of dropping out or renouncing their faith in Jesus. PLEASE PRAY 2 Timothy 1:7 over them: *"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline!"*

NEVER underestimate the importance and power of being the ones praying from home for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God! God bless you as you take on this important task that Jesus gave us all!



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
Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
3705 S. Anthony Blvd.,
Fort Wayne in Room 1
Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

November 5

Hope & Resilience

There's more to Your Story. The video and exercises in this session will help you find strength and hope again. You'll discover: Biblical hope is more than "wishful thinking." How resilience helps you press on after loss. Resilience grows the more you ground yourself in God's truth.

November 12

What Do I Live For Now?

Remembering and honoring. Through this session's video and exercises, you'll see that moving forward with your life can include: "Legacy projects" that bless others and honor your loved one. Preserving memories and using lessons you've learned from your loved one. Pursuing interests or skills, which renews your sense of purpose.



Join us in Room 1 on November 19 at 5:30pm for "Surviving the Holidays"

The Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be bleak. Navigating grief during the holiday season can be challenging. This event offers coping tools and support for those grieving. This event will equip you with strategies to cope with the changing traditions, draining social events, and various triggers that evoke complex emotions. It could be the most important event of your holiday season! We pray that the tools, practical next steps provided, and additional community support will help us all see this season as one of healing and hope.

There is a \$5.00 suggested donation to help cover the costs of books.



Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas after a big life change: a lost job, a broken relationship, a wearying illness, a recent death—or perhaps it is simply a time that has always been difficult. For these reasons, our church will offer a special "Darkest Night" service on **Saturday, December 21st at 6:30pm.** You are invited to come join with us in sharing and hearing scripture, prayers, and music acknowledging that God's presence is for those who mourn, and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

"The Christmas star shines brightly upon all those missing loved ones in heaven."

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.



*"Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever."*

1 Chronicles 16:34

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WOMEN of BETHLEHEM



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

Christmas Traditions



12th Annual Advent Tea

December 8th 1:30pm

If you are interested in attending, please call the Church Office 744-3228.
Love Offering will be going to Our Savior Lutheran Church and School in St. Petersburg, FL



SAVE THE DATE FOR

**THE 2026 LWML INDIANA DISTRICT
CONVENTION**

June 26, 27, and 28, 2026

All women are invited to the

Vanderburgh 4-H Center

**201 East Boonville - New Harmony Road,
Evansville, IN 47725**

Let's Go!
to Omaha, NE

We're off to the LWML Convention!
June 25-29, 2025

If you'd like to take the bus with us, email Emily at
emily12rogers6@gmail.com

Approximately
\$200 a person
Intent to join
deadline: August
25



The Joyful Corner

Thank You, God!

In the Word

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever (Psalm 30:12b).

Of the Word

A young couple came home every day tired and ready to unwind. They shared their tales of woe about jobs and co-workers. After a while, they realized their continual complaining was not healthy for their relationship. They decided on a new plan: they would still share their heartaches, but each would be required to share one joy from the day, too. What a difference it made for them!

Similarly, conversations with friends and co-workers can turn into gripe sessions which leave everyone feeling disgruntled. How easy it is to do nearly the same thing in prayer. It is not difficult to bring troubles, heartaches, illnesses and death to the Lord's attention. He does want us to do that, and He promises to hear and help. Beyond that, He also wants our thanks and praise. He says, *and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me (Psalm 50:15).*

Walking with my Lord

Lord, forgive my complaining and unthankfulness. Help me to cultivate an "attitude of gratitude" both to You and to those whose lives touch mine. Make my life a life of service and thankfulness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



BETHLEHEM FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

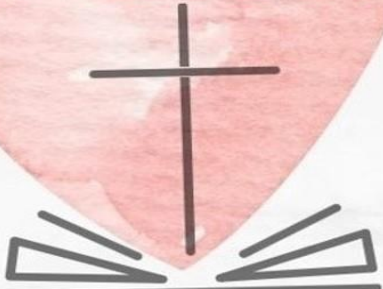
"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along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

**Our next
GENERATIONS**

of faith

is

November 24



It's beginning to look a lot like CHRISTMAS!
Order your poinsettias to decorate the chancel at Christmas!

NAME _____

In Memory of _____

POINSETTIAS @ \$25.00 \$ _____ TOTAL

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING – NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Make checks payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and mail with form to:
3705 South Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46806, or give to an usher. *(no phone orders, please)*

**POINSETTIAS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER THE 10:00AM SERVICE
DECEMBER 25, 2024.**



THE BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

The Bethlehem Community Center Committee continues to meet and study potential future options for the building. Members recently met with representatives of the Dana Causey Foundation, Angela Moellering of Lutheran Social Services, Trisha LaRowe of Neighborhood Health and visited with Javier Mondragon, CEO of Bridge of Grace.

Committee members have also started a six-month training program with Sacred Places of Indiana which will provide input and guidance for building a plan to move forward. The program will also make the church eligible for grants, including to pay for a necessary and substantial building engineering assessment.

The committee members are Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer, Greg Shediack, Barb Netterville, Blake Sebring, John Stafford, Mark Blessing, Peter Schlie and Kim Brooks. We continue to move judiciously, praying for God's guidance and discernment to know His plans for us. We will regularly provide updates in the Messenger.

BETHLEHEM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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



"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

In an attempt to honor Bethlehem's 100th anniversary in two years, we are asking members to participate in a videotaping session on Nov. 10 from 1-4 p.m. in the Lutheran Life Villages Heritage Room. 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?

That's all the individual presentations will be. Understanding that everyone could talk for an hour, but we have limited time, we are asking to keep the sessions to five minutes so we can include more people. These recordings will be played before services throughout the anniversary year. Those being interviewed also do not need to be current members.

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, and we will not schedule appointments, but we'll start a line and keep going until we are finished. Hopefully this will be a fun time of reminiscing.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
September 10, 2024

Members present: Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer, Evans Branigan, Brian Bates, Rachele Dance, Natalie Reynolds, Bake Sebring, Greg Shediack and John Stafford Members absent: Dan Bates Guests: none

The September 10th regular monthly meeting of the Board was opened at 6:33 PM by President Greg Shediack. Pastor Ben provided an opening devotion based on Psalm 46, we should not be anxious as God is ever present, the God of Jacob is our fortress. Pastor closed the devotion with prayer.

The Board first considered the vacancy on the Board created with the transfer of Caleb DeMond. This is an At-Large Board position. John Stafford moved that Blake Sebring fill the remainder of the term. The motion was seconded by Brian Bates and was passed unanimously. The term of this position runs through December, 2025. It was noted that per the bylaws this action of the Board will need to be presented to the congregation at the next Voters Assembly for its ratification.

The Soul Accounting report, as approved by the Board of Elders at its September meeting was reviewed by the Board. John Nahrwold was received by transfer on August 19th. Dishondra Johnson transferred to Holy Cross on August 19th and that Caleb and Summer DeMond and daughter Olivia transferred to Redeemer on September 3rd.

The minutes from the Board's August, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on a motion from John Stafford and a second from Blake Sebring.

Brian Bates presented the July Financial Report. Monthly offerings for August were \$25,552 compared with a budgeted amount of \$26,833. Monthly expenses for August totaled \$37,228, compared with monthly budget amounts of \$40,010. The balance in the Endowment Fund at the end of August was \$1,154,828. The balance reflected the June ending balance in the funds held with the Lutheran Foundation as the current statement had not yet been received. The month-end balance in the SSMG Fund was \$24,481. Brian also presented a report illustrating actual expenses compared with budgeted amounts for the major categories of the Operating Budget. Through the first eight months of the year, we have expended 63.7 percent of the budgeted expenses. The monthly Treasurer's Report was unanimously adopted on a motion by Brian Bates and a second by Natalie Reynolds.

In the Pastor's report, Pastor Ben noted that he is currently spending portions of four days a week at LSUS. He also reported that he will meeting with Doug Reynolds in the coming week to discuss short-term coverage of our music during the Saturday and Sunday services until a more permanent arrangement occurs.

John Stafford provided an update on the work of the Community Center Committee. Four members of the Committee – Pastor Ben, Mark Blessing, Blake Sebring and John Stafford – attended our first workshop with the Sacred Places Program. The workshop was a day-long session in Indianapolis. He reported that it was most informative and that it included eleven congregations from across the state. Among the activities that day, each congregation was asked to begin working on a case statement focused on the role they played within their respective community and support for needed facility renovations. The next workshop will be on October 26th and will also be in Indianapolis.

Under new business, Blake Sebring noted that as a part of the 100th Anniversary preparations, that Committee is planning to conduct video interviews with several long-term members of the congregation. Rachele Dance also provided an update on the activities of the Missions Committee.

On behalf of the Board, Greg thanked Natalie Reynolds for her service on the Board and all the contributions she and Doug have made to Bethlehem.

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 7:35 PM.

Submitted in His service,
John Stafford, Secretary

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

November 17 following the worship service.

The Voters Assembly of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church will meet on Sunday, November 17, 2024, in the sanctuary following the 9:00am worship service. Agenda items include the following:

- Opening prayer
- The minutes of the Voters Assembly of May 19, 2024.
- The Treasurer's report.
- Budget
- Elections
- Lay Delegate for the convention
- Community Center update
- 100th Anniversary
- Other Business

All Bethlehem members may attend and participate in the meeting. All Bethlehem communicant members age eighteen years and older are eligible to vote.

© Heavenly Father,
on this Thanksgiving Day,
let us pause to express our
gratitude for Your constant love
and care and for the many graces
and blessings You have bestowed on
us. We thank You for this day.

We thank You for all the countless
gifts that grace our lives and
continually delight and surprise us,
especially our family and friends. Let
us give thanks for the daily blessings
we receive from You – health, food,
joy and peace of mind. These are the
blessings You so generously share.

Loving God, today and every
day, help us remember that
Thanksgiving is first thanks
and then giving.

Amen.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Thaylea Pierce | 17 – Kimberly Brooks |
| 3 – Brooklyn Fuller | Memphis Graf |
| 4 – Alana Branigan | Jaylin Weemes |
| Camilla Helmuth | 18 – Kim Rasmussen |
| 5 – Joanne Soest | Jayden Walker |
| 6 – Evelyn Hunter | 19 – Shatyra Nelson |
| Gene Kalthoff | Kamari Taylor |
| Yvonne Krill | 20 – Emilia Garcia |
| Karla Silva | Jeremy Trendle |
| 7 – Edward Tharp | 21 – Lori Kilpatrick |
| Delores Wright | 22 – Treyon Freeman |
| 8 – Randy Stewart | Melody King |
| 9 – Lacey Bernabe | Gavin Robinson |
| Deniya Ensley | Jacob Van Doorn |
| Josiah Hapner | 24 – Tim Ellison |
| 12 – Kyla Polston | Zuri Jackson |
| 13 – Janet Luke | 25 – Jason Scott |
| Donna Volmerding | 26 – Greg Finner |
| 14 – Randy Hapner | 27 – Aurora Dressler |
| Deborrah Richards | Shea Hutchinson |
| 15 – LaDarius Griggs | Charlotte Ratliff |
| 16 – Anthony Mante | 28 – Ian Pettit |
| | 30 – Allison Cheng |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

30 – John and Shirley Davis (56)

Happy Anniversary

ONLINE WORSHIP

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

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www.myfwl.org



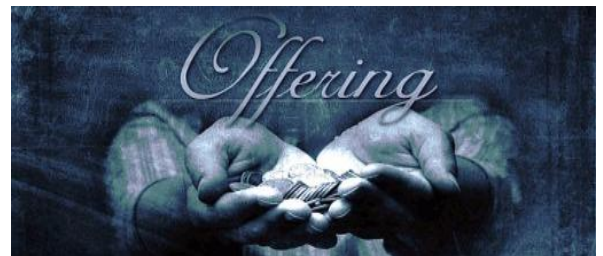
**IS YOUR
INFO UP
TO DATE?**

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

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



November 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> |
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| 2 | Mary Snow Allison Cheng | Ed Ramos | | | Blake Sebring | |
| 3 | | John Bates | Ron Gallmeyer | Kimberly Brooks | Allison Cheng | Joshua Hapner |
| 9 | Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley Amber Herndon | Peter Schlie | | | Charlotte Ratliff | |
| 10 | | Peter Schlie | Evans Branigan | Dena Schult | Aaron Brown | Dave Volmerding |
| 16 | Kim Ellison Sharon Shediack | Michael Johnson | | | Carla Johnson | |
| 17 | | Greg Shediack | Dan Bates | Glenn Emley | Josiah Hapner | Randy Hapner |
| 23 | Linda Stafford | Brian Bates | | | Blake Sebring | |
| 24 | | John Bates | Ron Gallmeyer | Suzie Emley | Allison Cheng | Josiah Hapner |
| 27 | Mary Snow Allison Cheng | | | | | |
| 30 | Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley Amber Herndon | | | | Charlotte Ratliff | Joshua Hapner Hapner |
| 1 | | Ed Ramos | Evans Branigan | Donna Melcher Threasa Lightning | Aaron Brown | |

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

November 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><i>Give thanks</i> TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE <i>endures forever</i> PSALM 136:1</p> | | |  | | <p>1</p> | <p>2 8:30am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm</p> |
| <p>3 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5 6:30pm - Bd. of Elders 5:30pm - GriefShare</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm</p> |
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| <p>17 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19 5:30pm – Surviving the Holidays</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm</p> |
| <p>24 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour Generations of Faith</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27 6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship w/Comm</p> | <p>28 THANKSGIVING</p> <div>Office Closed</div> | <p>29</p> | <p>30 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 4:00pm Worship w/Comm</p> |