

Mission Statement

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School disciples each generation to grow deeply, serve humbly and go boldly in Christ to advance God's Kingdom.

We are blessed with you in worship today and we pray you are encouraged by God's love. We invite you to complete an attendance card which you will find next to the hymnals in the pew rack - guests of Suburban Bethlehem please use the green side of the card and place it in the offering plate. The season of Advent is a time for us to prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, Jesus Christ. We journey through God's Word so that His grace and love give us life and peace in our eternal King, Jesus! Welcome to this life in Jesus!

December Worship Schedule

SATURDAY:

5:00 pm Informal Worship *(in Fellowship Hall)*

SUNDAY:

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Education Hour – All Ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Advent Services (Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14)

5:00 – 6:45 pm Soup Supper *(in Fellowship Hall)*

5:30 pm Brief Advent Service

7:00 pm SBLs Advent Service

November 30: Grades 5-8

December 7: Grades 2-4

December 14: Nursery – Grade 1

Christmas Eve Worship Services

5:00, 7:00 & 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship Service – 10:00 am



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Lutheran Church & School

Deeply rooted to grow

6318 W. California Rd
Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

November 27 (26), 2022
First Sunday in Advent

“Let your light shine!” The theme verse for our 2022-23 Ministry Year is from Matthew 5:16 – “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” We pray that everyone who joins us in worship at SBL is moved by God's Spirit to let the light of Jesus shine through all that we do. Go ahead, *Let your light shine!*



Bible Study Sunday Morning

Judges: Many Saviors Point to THE Savior – Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. What can we learn from these judges? Where do we see this pattern in our own lives...and in the life of our society and nation? How do we see Jesus in all of this? Join us!

“A Case For Christmas” Bible Study: In this video Bible study we will dig into the true Christmas story to sort out the fact from the fiction and the hype from the holiness. What do the scriptures tell us? What evidence do we have to support the birth and identity of Christ? Join us! The Case for Christmas Bible study might even change the way you view the season. Science Room, facilitated by Pastor Alex.

Sunday School (3yr – High School) All ages should be dropped off in the youth room at 9:15 for opening. Please pick up children at 10:15 from their classrooms. Preschool-Kindergarten in room 207, 1st-4th room 206, 5th-8th room 205, high school will remain in the youth room.

Saturday

Men’s Saturday Morning Bible Study (8:00 am – Upper Room) We are a small group that enjoys fellowship and the study of God’s Word for an hour every Saturday morning. If you have any questions, please call Dan Schwarz 609-8319.

Saturday Mid–Morning Men’s Bible Study Join us at 9:30 in the Upper Room, as we focus on the book: "Joining Jesus on His Mission" and explore how we can develop skills to become better equipped to engage others in demonstrating the impact Jesus is having on your life. Facilitated by Tim Mueller you may contact him at 438-1149 or at timothy123mueller@gmail.com for information.

During the Week

Tuesday Night Women’s Bible Study Join us Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We are covering "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23". Call or text Tina Harmeyer at 260-310-0367 with questions.

God’s Girls Bible Study will see you January 11th.

Friday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets via ZOOM at 9:00 am. We are beginning our Bible Study on *Elijah: Faith and Fire* by Priscilla Shirer. Contact Patty Willyard at 247-0788 with any questions.

RW360 Continues with “Desire-The Progression of an Idol” Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, in the upper room. Contact Tim Mueller, Michael Schaefer or the church office with any questions.

His Love – Our Response Attendance

November 19 & 20, 2022

46+140+115 = 301

Worship Video viewed 562

Bible Study 38 + Sunday School 24 = 62

Weekly	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$19,110.50	\$ 19,124.78
Building Fund	\$2,205.00	\$ 3,089.47
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	51,775.00	0.00
YTD	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$359,722.46	\$401,620.38
Building Fund	\$36,809.00	\$64,878.87
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	52,020.00	0.00

Positive change begins with your generosity.



Electronic Giving Our lifestyles change, for example many of us have become part of a cashless society. Easier to scan, slide or tap a plastic card to transfer funds. From Groceries, to gas, to fast food to coffee ... to giving. By scanning the QR code (symbol) with your phone, it will take you to our Push Pay website. From there you can register and select several different areas to give to SBL. Either as a one-time event or on a recurring basis.

Advent Worship Services – “Carols of Christmas” at the 5:30 pm and the student led services at 7 pm. Worship services on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, and 21. Dec. 21 will only have a 7 pm service. The 5:30 worship services will focus around some of the more familiar (and maybe one or two not so familiar) carols of Christmas. Come to celebrate the upcoming festive season!

Advent Soup Suppers – Feed your body and your soul! The four Wednesdays in Advent offer a Soup Supper from 5:00 – 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Nov. 30 Outreach (ham & beans)
Dec. 7 Women’s Ministry (chili)
Dec. 14 Confirmation (ham & potato)
Dec. 21 High School Youth Group (chicken noodle) Freewill Offering. Thank you!

***Women’s Ministry 6@6** on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Don Hall’s Tavern @ Coventry. RSVP appreciated to Vera 385-4017 or Marilyn 402-4283 (call or text). See You!

November 27 – December 3, 2022

Sunday: *Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30am*

Drive-in Worship Service audio only available

Education Hour 9:30 am Main Bible Study, Sunday School

Decorate Sanctuary 12:00 pm

Monday: Handbells 6:00 pm

Women's Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

Redeemed 6:30 pm

CE & Y Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday: *Chapel 8:00 am*

Advent Supper 5:00-6:45 pm *Ham & Beans*

Advent Service 5:30 pm

Advent Service 7:00 pm

Dartball 7:30 pm

Friday: Women's Bible Study via Zoom 9:00 am

Saturday: *Worship Service 5 pm*

Magic of Christmas 11:30 am Lunch 12:15 pm Show

Men's Bible Study 8:00 am

Men's Mid Morning Bible Study 9:30 am

***20's & 30's:** You're invited to a Progressive Dinner on December 4th at 4 PM. For more details see the flyer posted at the welcome center and to RSVP.

Youth Group Christmas Party will be December 18th from 3-5PM in the fellowship all for all 5th-12th graders. Join us for Christmas movies, games, and cookie decorating. Don't forget to bring a \$5 white elephant gift!

Women's Ministry Invites You to attend the Magic of Christmas on December 3rd in the school commons. This is a family event including lunch, a show by a Christian illusionist, and the story of Jesus' birth. Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet by the welcome center.

Women's Ministry Meeting: Join us on Monday, November 28 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Scrip for Sale Support the ministry of our school and church by purchasing Scrip. Gift cards are available for a WIDE variety of places with a % of your purchase being given to SBL and a % coming back to you! See the card table at the Welcome Center Sundays between services! Questions? Contact Carrie Johnson 760-7358 or sblscrip@gmail.com.

SBL Men's Chorus Anyone interested in being part of our SBL Men's Chorus please contact John Wiehe at 260-402-0809. We are just in the beginning stages but intend to be able to sing at all services.

Worship Leaders

Preacher: Sem. Adam Nieting

Liturgist: Pastor Alex Duff

Acolyte: (8:00) Blake Perl

(10:30) Sienna Walker

Altar Guild: Deb Myers

Musicians: (5:00) Thomas Wilson

(8:00) Bob Diss

(10:30) Redeemed

Greeters: (5:00) Jody Kaiser

(8:00) Harold & Carol Stahlhut

(10:30) Steve & Angie Pipenger

Faith Commitment Cards Please return your 2023 Faith Commitment Cards and your Hands Together In Ministry surveys. Extras are available at the Welcome Center. Together we are the body of Christ!

Smooth Edge 2 will be performing Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 pm in the Fellowship room. Join us for this highly energetic and entertaining live show. This local a cappella group was here last Christmas. We look forward to their unique style and harmonies again. Soft drinks and desserts will be provided and free will donations will be accepted.

Congregational Christmas Caroling: Saturday, December 10, 1pm-4pm All congregational members, families and friends are invited! Help us spread the Christmas spirit and joy to shut-in members of our congregation. Choir experience is not a requirement! Meet in the Fellowship Hall! Sign up at Welcome Center or contact Pastor Alex (260-403-6496; alexduff58@gmail.com)

Angel Tree Please be sure to return all Angel tree gifts by November 30th and a huge thank you to everyone who helped purchase gifts and gift cards. Gifts and gift cards can be placed under the tree or dropped off at the church office.

Washington DC Trip Fundraiser! Come and support the SBLs 8th-grade students on Sunday, December 11, and enjoy a delicious Italian lunch at the same time! The students are hosting a take-out lunch from 10:30-12:30 pm from the Fellowship Hall kitchen. There are two options, lasagna with breadsticks and fettuccine alfredo with breadsticks. It is all for a free-will offering and all goes directly to helping the students earn money for their trip in May! Any questions? Contact Miss Miesner at 573-517-3937 or miesnerjohannah@gmail.com

***2023 Altar Flowers Now Available** for Sponsorship in the Altar Flower binder at the welcome center.

Isaiah 2:1-5
“The Lord Comes to Reverse All Wrongs and Bring us Peace”

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**Prayer Ministry Focus
Sunday, November 27
Mr. Dan Gottschalk
Grade 5A & Athletics**

Thank you for your prayers and contributions to the school ministry of SBL – please keep the 5th graders in your prayers as we prepare to lead Advent worship in a few days, use the Ga-Ga pit at recess, learn to write for a purpose, and how to have good friendships. Thank the hard-working basketball players and cheerleaders!

Thank you, LORD God our Heavenly Father, for bringing us to faith; keep us united in You. Help us to learn more about You and help us all to be your lights in this world. Guide us and give us courage. Keep us faithful until You come again! Amen!



Birthdays This Week

Nov. 27 Sally Hutchisson, Olive Mullendore, Pat Poling, Beverly Thompson

Nov. 30 Sarah Brennan, Kyle Johnson, Jenny Kidd

Dec. 1 Amy Greener, Edwin Dornseif, Jordan Hicks

Dec. 2 Patricia Brundige, Mason Moffitt, Linda Strittmatter

Dec. 3 Anna Jank, Alexandria Beard, Sharon Fox

Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances (1Thess. 5:17-18)

Those Who Mourn

The families of James and Ben Perry, nephew and grandnephew of David Wolf

Illness

Our Members: Nick Ely, Jody Furniss, Corbin Gallmeier, Luke Gallmeier, Terri Hobbs, Maxine Hoffman, Sally Hutchisson, Anna Jank, Marilyn Krieg, Gladys Kruse, Pat Kruse, August Lymon, Carol McGuigan, Emily Nieting, Mike Smith, Christina Sutter, Wilbur Weber

Others We Know: Tim Bollinger, Heather Brinker, Eric Buddenbaum, Steve Capito, Steve Carter, Tammy Dahling, Michael Dauscher, Jennifer Glover, Damon Hill, Austin Hollingsworth, Terry Hudson, Corey Jay, Carolyn Kemper, Gretchen Krumm, Gary Lone, Jackson Longenbaugh, Dallas Lynch, Eugene Morris III, Myles Nettle, Gertrude Peach, Carol Quinn, Bill Schmidt, Jan Steele, Angie Stockert, Nate Taylor, Betty Whiteleather, Kathy Wilson

Long Term Illness Bernie Bollinger, Patty Brundige, Devron Burnett, Stephanie Coburn, Joshua Jank, David Krieg

Homebound Arloa Alvey, Jim Butcher, Karen & Tim Eastom, Gretchen Fuhrmann, Bev Harrison, Larry Haugk, Sally Hutchisson, Elaine Jones, Marilyn Krieg, Carolyn Linnemeier, Dorothy Nitz, Norma Thiele, Wilbur & Julia Weber

Cancer Our Members: Dan Esterline, Sue Esterline, James D. Streit, Dave Weimer

Others We Know: Reginald Barry, Darlene Bickle, Cindy Burns, Dick & Bonnie Camp, Mark Carbaugh, Adam Connelly, Dennis Crowe, Kendall Dettmer, Sarah Dock, Pastor Jim Drummond, Pastor Dave Dubbelde, Al Esterline, Diana Frederick, Tyler Grossman, Dana Nakanishi, Christine Parent, Sharon Platz, Travis Robinson, Pastor Mike Schempf, Phyliss Tilbury, Bryan Umberg, Cindy Warnecke, Jayden White, Cindy Willyard, Joe Zimeki

Public Servants: *Armed Forces:* Bryce Kanning, Jack Kidd; *Indiana State Police:* Bryce Kanning; *Fort Wayne Fire Department:* Brian Kidd; *Arcola Fire Department:* Michael Fairfield, Russ Harmeyer, Charlie Reid

Others We Know: Paul Carmen, Mike Duvall, Zeke Felton, Nathan Harmeyer, Zach Harmeyer, Conner Mills, Dakota Schaefer, Logan Snider, Zeb Stahl, Andy Yarrington

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Prayer of Blessing

- Birth of Adam Samuel Felton, son of Sam & Juel Felton
- Stephen Ministry, Our Government, Our Public Servants
- Missionary Pastor Steve & Cyndi Schumacher
- End of hostilities in Ukraine

Prayer Families

Clayton Clifford

JP Eberbach

Dorothy Gilmore

Dan & Amanda Hullinger Family

Jayce Richards

Christina & Gary Sutter Family

Wilbur & Julia Weber