

## ***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 Sundays in the Epiphany Season are all about the Light of Christ growing in our hearts and lives. Jesus is our Light and our Salvation, whom shall we fear? Since Jesus is for us, nothing can be against us. Grow in this Light!

### **Late Winter Worship Schedule**

#### **SATURDAY:**

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

#### **SUNDAY:**

**8:00 am Traditional Worship Service**

**9:15 am Sunday School/Youth Bible Study**

**9:30 am Adult Bible Study**

**10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service**

**ONLINE WORSHIP @ SBL YouTube**

*Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5*

#### **Ash Wednesday – March 5**

**Wednesday Worship Services during Lent:**

**1:45 pm Worship / SBL Chapel Service**

**6:00 pm Lenten Supper** (*in Fellowship Hall*)

**7:00 pm Worship Service**

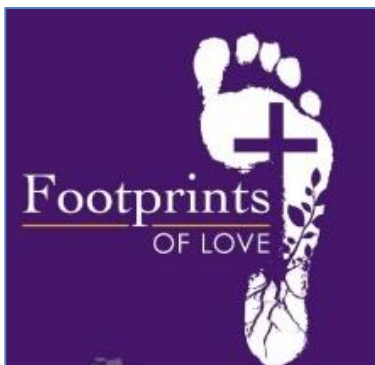


# Suburban Bethlehem

## Lutheran Church & School

6318 W. California Rd  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

***February 23 (22), 2025  
The Seventh Sunday  
after the Epiphany***



“Forever Faithful” is a great summary of our theme verse for the 2024-25 Ministry Year, “Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.” (Psalm 145:13) God is forever faithful with us and we respond as we faithfully share the message of salvation through the death and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ! This is at the core of why Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School exists – so that others can know more about Jesus!

## **Bible Study Sunday Morning**

**Luke: Eyewitness** –Sundays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Through a reading of Luke’s Gospel and interviews with Luke’s *eyewitnesses* we grow in our understanding and living of God’s Word!

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**. Vicar Adam is leading a study on the book of Deuteronomy. Scripture calls this *the* Book of the Law, join us in the Upper Room to find out how Moses preaches *the* Gospel of Christ in this “Romans of the Old Testament.”

**Sunday School** - 9:15-10:15 am Pre-K through 5th meet in the Youth Room. 6-8th meet in room 205 with Mrs. Holman for a study on Apologetics.

**Sunday Confirmation Classes** 9:30 am in Mr. Dahnke’s classroom # 207.

## **Saturday**

**Men’s Saturday Morning Bible Study (8:00 am – Fellowship Hall)** 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.

## **During the Week**

**Monday Night Women’s New Bible Study** Mondays at 4:00 pm in the upper conference room! Join us as we discuss “*In His Image*” by Jen Wilkin. Contact Tina Harmeyer 310-0367 with any questions.

**LifeLight Study – Revelation** We are studying the book of Revelation! Don’t let this fabulous book of the Bible scare you! Please contact Lilly in the Church Office to let her know you plan to attend. Materials are available for pickup. This year the 2nd Scripture Reading during the Easter Season will be from Revelation. LifeLight is offered Wednesdays at 1 pm or 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Friday Morning Women’s Bible Study** meets via ZOOM at 9 am. Join us for “*The Marvel and Miracle of Advent*” by Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. Contact Patty at 247-0788 with questions.

**\*Complete Your Easter Flowers Insert** and place payments and forms at the designated box at the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping beautify our church sanctuary for Easter.

**\*CLHS Sunday – March 2** Come to either (or both?) worship services on Sunday, March 2 as we celebrate the ministry of Concordia Lutheran High School. The CLHS Orchestra (with SBL members) will be participating in the worship services.

## **His Love – Our Response**

### **Attendance**

**February 15 & 16, 2025**

**56 + 89 + 126 = 271**

**Worship Video viewed 93**

**Presentation 35 + Sunday School 7 = 42**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
General Fund	\$ 18,469.33	\$ 18,384.61
Building Fund	\$ 4,806.59	\$ 3,089.47
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	\$ 720.00	\$ 0.00
<b>YTD</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
General Fund	\$627,958.79	\$606,692.14
Building Fund	\$93,882.84	\$101,912.51
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	\$44,369.02	0.00

*Positive change begins with your generosity.*

## **Birthdays This Week**

- Feb. 23** Nanette Gotsch, Adelyn Lundquist, Allyson Lundquist, Maryanne McClure, Marilyn Scaer, August Schaefer, Braedon Snyder
- Feb. 24** Brody Goheen, Kevin McGuigan, Randy Schaefer
- Feb. 25** Denny Schaefer, Colton Schroeder
- Feb. 26** Cortney Hockemeyer, Gary Welker
- Feb. 27** Chad Hough, Kaitlyn Mertens
- Feb. 28** Noah Felger, Laylah Frederick, Carly Linnemeier, Anthony Vance
- Feb. 29** Sharon Gottwald
- Mar. 1** Barb Linnemeier, Caitlyn Wilson

**Wednesday Lenten Worship Services** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. Ash Wednesday services include imposition of ashes (for those who desire) and celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Our Wednesday Lenten Service theme is “*People Who Didn’t...*” Reflect on their lives to enhance our own Lenten journey.

**Lenten Wednesday Suppers** Each Wednesday in Lent includes a Lenten Supper served from 6:00 – 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Stewardship Committee is serving scalloped potatoes with ham, and other goodies on Ash Wednesday (March 5).

**\*Candy Donations for Easter Egg Hunt** We need small, wrapped candy to place in the eggs for SBL’s Easter Egg Hunt. Place candy in the box at the Welcome Center. Donations needed by Sunday, April 13. The Easter Egg hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:00am-10:30 am. Thank you so much!

**February 23 – March 1, 2025**

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

**Drive-in Worship Service audio only available**

Education Hour 9:30 am Bible Study, Sunday School, High School Bible Study & Confirmation

**Monday:** Youth Group Mad Monday 3:00-4:00 pm

Women's Bible Study 4:00 pm

**Wednesday: Chapel 8:10 am**

LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Dartball 7:00 pm

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

Confirmation Class Retreat

**Saturday:** Confirmation Class Retreat

Men's Bible Study 8:00 am

**Worship Service 5:00 pm**

**\*Altar Flowers** are given by David Reinhard in loving memory of Kathryn Reinhard.

**\*The Kapelle of Concordia University Chicago**

will be performing a free choir concert at SBL in the Sanctuary on Friday March 7th at 7pm.

**Little Disciples Summer Day Camp** - enrollment

for this summer is now open. Paperwork can be found on the church website or email camp@sblschool.com.

**SBL Holds Annual Live & Silent Auction** Join us

on March 22 at the Allen County Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Rd. Doors open at 5 pm. The live auction begins at 7 pm. Entry is free. Food and drink will be available for purchase and complimentary popcorn and desserts will be provided. You must be 21 years old or older to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

**Thrivent Cards!** Have you used your Thrivent cards yet? If not, please consider donating yours for the annual SBL School & Church Auction! Please contact Amber Yoder at 260-615-4494 with questions.

**Call Received – Prayers Requested** – As he announced at the Voters Meeting on 3 February, Pastor Bill Mueller has received a Call to Timothy Lutheran Church & School in Blue Springs, Missouri. Pastor, Julie, and Nick plan to visit Timothy February 24 & 25, with a decision by Ash Wednesday.

**\*Women's Ministry Meeting** – March 4 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to join!

**Voters Approve DCE Position** with an emphasis on business management and music worship support for the 2025-26 Ministry Year. If you have any names to suggest for consideration, please let an Elder or Pastor know. Thank you!

## **Worship Leaders**

Preacher	Pastor Bill Mueller
Liturgist	Vicar Adam Nieting
Scripture Reading	Sem. Stephen Lane
Acolyte:	(8:00) Landon Mueller
	(10:30) Hailey Wilson
Altar Guild:	Bethany Carter
Musicians:	(5:00) Thomas Wilson
	(8:00) Bob Diss
	(10:30) Redeemed
Greeters:	(5:00) Dave & Patty Willyard
	(8:00) Jim & Kathy Reid
	(10:30) Peggy Luchies

**\*Baptized Today is Juniper Elizabeth Scherer** at the 10:30 am service. She was born on October 24, 2024 to parents John & Ashley Scherer. Her sponsors are Kimberly Moore, Latacha Cottrell, Danny & Erika Robertson. Welcome Juniper to the family of faith!

**40 Days of Prayer Conversations** –Pastor Bill Mueller, Principal Amy Greener and other congregational leaders would love to hear your thoughts about how God has led you in these 40 days of prayer. Plan to attend one of three "Prayer Conversations" after the 40 days: Wednesday, March 5 at Noon (lunch provided); Sunday, March 9 at Noon (lunch provided); or Monday March 10 at 7 pm. See sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center OR use the QR code. Everyone is invited to participate and attend!



**2024 Financial Statements** in the Fellowship Hall.

**\*Lighthouse Ministry Food Drive & Dinner** We are collecting bags or boxes of rice for the Lighthouse Ministry food bank. This ministry helps men with addictions. Place your items in the marked box at the Welcome Center. You may also sign up to prepare & serve dinner on Friday, April 4 at 7 pm. Donations and/or Thrivent cards are needed for this meal to serve approximately 70 people. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Pastor Alex with questions.

## **\*Prayer Families**

Shaun Burridge  
Kim & Curtis Cornman Family  
Bryce & Mallory Kanning  
Ronald & Elizabeth Partridge Family  
Melissa Satterthwaite Family  
Roger & Whitney Stahlhut Family  
Brock & Jodi Williams Family  
Angelica Willyard Family

**“Seeds of the Resurrection”**  
**1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42**

✝ “Each in his own \_\_\_\_\_”

✝ The \_\_\_\_\_ will be raised \_\_\_\_\_

✝ The last \_\_\_\_\_ to be destroyed is \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your prayers and encouragement! Your prayers have given us the courage and strength needed to have great success in our school year together! We have learned that 1<sup>st</sup> Graders CAN do HARD things!!

**Prayer Ministry Focus**  
**February 23, 2025**  
**Mrs. Marissa Moffitt**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

First grade has been taking off with their reading. They are excited to read books all by themselves and take Accelerated Reader tests over the books. Collectively, we have read 33,718 words!!

We recently celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day and all the things we have learned this year! We buzzed around the room to find the numbers 1 to 100 and order them on the hundreds chart!

We love to explore the world that God created for us. We especially loved celebrating National Lutheran Schools' Week with all the special spirit days and activities!

We pray together that 1<sup>st</sup> graders continue grow in their faith and have their roots firmly planted in Jesus this school year.



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

**Illness Our Members:** Teresa Hess, Carol McGuigan, Staci Nave, Cade Ostrander, Carl Schmidt, Mike Smith, Danielle Snyder, Hunter Stahlhut

**Others We Know:** Dixie Bertolet, Nathaniel Cooke, Adam Esterline, Ken Giboo, Jeff Gotsch, Mark Haynes, Jerry Honn, Abbey Hull, Aiden Miller, Janine Scheumann, Laura Stahlhut, Glen Whittington

**Long Term Illness** Bernie Bollinger, Patty Brundige, Stephanie Coburn, Michael Dauscher, Pat Kruse, Jackson Longenbaugh, Mary Lutz, Pat Murphy, Emily Nieting, Richard Scaer, Carl Schmidt

**Homebound** Sherrey Blad, Jim Butcher, Karen & Tim Eastom, Gretchen Fuhrmann, Larry Haugk, Larry Hille, Sally Hutchisson, Elaine Jones, Carolyn Linnemeier, Pat Murphy, Elmer Schaefer, Anita Trick, Julia Weber

**Cancer Our Members:** Dan Braun, Corbin Gallmeier, Kevin McGuigan, Michael Schaefer, Linda Voelker

**Others We Know:** Reginald Barry, David Bradtmueller, Emily Buck, Cindy Burns, Bonnie Camp, Mark Carbaugh, Adam Connelly, Pastor Dave Dubbelde, Al Esterline, John Furniss, Phil Gallmeier, Tyler Grossman, Don Hall, Lane Hobbs, Heather Kauffman, Brian Konger, Shari Konger, Roger Kuehnert, Scharlene Lane, Ned Lichsin, Jackson Longenbaugh, Erin O'Neill, Sharon Platz, Travis Robinson, Pastor Mike Schempf, Jim Schleben, June Schroeder, Mike Snider, Pastor John Stennfeld, Mike Thomas, Phyliss Tilbury, Bryan Umberg, Cindy Willyard

**Public Servants:** *Armed Forces:* Bryce Kanning, Jack Kidd, Tommy Kidd; *Indiana State Police:* Bryce Kanning; *Fort Wayne Fire Department:* Brian Kidd; *West Central Fire Department:* Michael Fairfield, Russ Harmeyer, Charlie Reid  
*All Medical Personnel*

**Others We Know:** Paul Carmen, Mike Duvall, Zeke Felton, Zach Harmeyer, Dakota Schaefer, Logan Snider, Zeb Stahl

**Prayer Ministry Focus** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Mrs. Marissa Moffitt

**Prayer of Blessing**

- Baptism of Juniper Elizabeth Scherer, daughter of John & Ashley Scherer.
- Amanda Dahnke has accepted the second 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher position
- The call process for the DCE position
- Pray for discernment in Pastor Bill's call to Timothy Lutheran Church & School in Blue Springs, MO
- Sons and Daughters of SBL who are now serving and future church workers. Aaron Barnholt, Chris Brune, Pastor Greg Enterline, Charity Felton, Heidi (Gottschalk) Felton, Ellen (Dittmer) Gottschalk, Neil Grepke, Matt Johnston, Abbey (Zelt) Kohler, Pastor David Mews, Lindsey (Schaefer) Noll, Stephanie Rennecker, Matt Springer, Pastor Joel Springer; in college: Hollie Johnson
- Stephen Ministry, Our Government, and Our Public Servants

# EASTER FLOWERS

ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025**

**LILLIES: WHITE**

**6" \$11.00 QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ 8" \$16.00 QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**10" \$24.00 QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ 12" \$48.00 QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**DAFFODILS: 7" YELLOW \$9.00 QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**HYACINTHS: 6" PINK / BLUE / WHITE / PURPLE**

**\$9.00 COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AZALEAS: 6" PINK \$22.00 QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**MUMS: 6" YELLOW / WHITE / PURPLE**

**\$ 15.00 COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**HYDRANGEAS: 6" PINK / BLUE \$22.00**

**COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TULIPS :**

**6" RED / PINK / YELLOW / PURPLE / ORANGE**

**\$9.00 COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**CROWN OF THORNS: 4" ASSORTED COLORS**

**\$9.00 QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**DIPLADENIA: 6" ASSORTED COLORS**

**\$19.00 QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**GERANIUMS: \$12.00 COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ QTY. \_\_\_\_\_**

**8.5" PINK / VIOLET / RED / SALMON / WHITE**

**Complete your information**

**on the backside.**



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025**

Please make check payable to Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church (SBLC) and in the memo section please write in **Easter Flower**. Place orders and payment in the box located at the Welcome Center or you may send to the church office by mail. Flowers will be displayed in Church through Easter Sunday and may be picked up after the 10:30 am service. If you have questions, please call Chris Ruch at 415-5603.

**NAME:**

**PHONE:**

**PAID BY: CASH CHECK**

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:**

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:**