

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. Lent is the Season where we walk with our Savior to His cross. As we ponder and pray on the Passion of Jesus, we notice something about ourselves. We see our sin in its terrible horror...and we see our Savior in His full love!

Spring 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

Wednesdays in Lent

(Through April 9)

1:45 pm Worship / SBL Chapel Service

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

7:00 pm Worship Service

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday April 13 (12) – Regular Services

Maundy Thursday April 17 – 1:45 & 7:00 pm

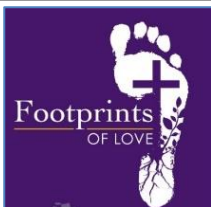
Good Friday April 18 – 12:00 & 7:00 pm

Easter Prayer Vigil April 19 – 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Easter Vigil Service April 19 – 5:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 20 – 6:53, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)



Suburban Bethlehem

Lutheran Church & School

Deeply rooted to grow

6318 W. California Rd
Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

March 30 (29), 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

“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** – This Bible Study will resume next Sunday – April 6. Today we enjoy hearing about the work of Right to Life of Northeast Indiana.

Joy in the Journey - Sunday morning Bible study facilitated by Deaconess Michelle in the Upper Room through April 13. This study will focus on finding Joy in different areas and times of our life including during the Lenten season.

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. [Resumes April 6]

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 journey through a Lenten devotion. Contact Tina Harmeyer 310-0367 with any questions.

"Growing Disciples" Bible Study – Want to discover more about the Christian faith? Considering becoming a member of SBL? Join this study on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Upper Room.

LifeLight Study – Revelation This study will resume on Wednesday, April 23 with Session 4. During the season of Lent please join in worshipping our Lord at the Lenten Worship Services.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets via ZOOM at 9 am. us as we start "Walking with God in the Desert" *Experiencing Living Water when Life is Tough* by Ray Vander Laan. Contact Patty at 247-0788 with questions.

Free Katie Luther Opera – Kathryn Peperkorn, our music teacher, is performing a One Woman Opera in Three Acts on April 12 at 7 pm at Concordia Theological Seminary in Sihler Auditorium.

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.

His Love – Our Response

Attendance

March 19, Wednesday 69/226+93=388

March 22 & 23, 2025

60 + 182 + 132 = 374

Worship Video viewed 75

Bible Study 41 + Sunday School 5 = 46

Weekly	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$ 15,836.50	\$ 18,384.61
Building Fund	\$ 1,527.09	\$ 3,089.47
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	\$ 220.00	\$ 0.00
YTD	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$718,144.86	\$698,615.19
Building Fund	\$105,090.82	\$117,359.85
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	\$53,116.69	0.00

Positive change begins with your generosity.

Birthdays This Week

Mar. 30 Tim Moses, Brad Schnelker

Mar. 31 Samantha Barnholt, Shawn Dreyer, Christa Linnemeier, Richard Schneider

Apr. 1 Barnabas Boedecker, Jeremiah Frederick, Heidi Reichard, Jayce Richards

Apr. 2 James DeFrain, Micah Johnson, Barb Knepple, Kyle Kruse, Joe Rennecker, Willow Rentschler

Apr. 3 Joyce Koontz, Josie Sauer, Kenny Snyder

Apr. 4 Collin Johnson, Barb Rentschler, Tammy Trauner

Apr. 5 Dolores Aman, Taylor Welker

Wednesday Lenten Worship Services Our Wednesday Lenten Service theme is "People Who Didn't..." Reflect on the lives of people who *didn't* do... Worship Services at 1:45 & 7:00 pm. Our journey to Easter takes us first to the cross.

Lenten Wednesday Suppers Each Wednesday in Lent includes a Lenten Supper served from 6 – 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Elders is serving Zuppa Toscana, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, Italian Garden Salad, Garlic Bread and Hot dogs on April 2.

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!

March 30 – April 5, 2025

Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30am

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

5th Sunday Potluck 11:30 am

Monday: Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm

Tuesday: Growing Disciples Class 6:00 pm

Wednesday: Lenten Servical 1:45 pm

Lenten Supper 6:00-6:45 pm

Lenten Service 7:00 pm

Open Basketball 7:30 pm

Thursday: Healthy Minds Healthy Lives 9:45 am

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

Saturday: Men's Bible Study 8:00 am

Worship Service 5:00 pm

***Altar Flowers** are given by Bev Weimer in loving memory of Dave Weimer.

TODAY 5th Sunday Potluck –today at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide sloppy joes and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Hearts of Mercy and Compassion (HMC)/ Crosses for Losses/ Ministry Team Opportunity:

We are establishing HMC/Crosses for Losses as an ongoing ministry of Suburban Bethlehem. We are working to finalize a "Ministry Team." The two basic roles needed are "builders" and "deliverers" of the crosses: builders construct and paint crosses, deliverers take crosses to areas where people are experiencing tragic loss to offer comfort. Also, we are still looking for a possible construction site. If you are interested in possibly serving contact Pastor Alex (alexduff58@gmail.com, 260-484-7873). Also to find out about LCC and the HMC/Crosses for Losses ministry, visit their website (www.LutheranChurchCharites.org).

Easter Caroling: Palm Sunday, April 13, 2:00-4:00pm: Share the joy of Easter by singing some of those treasured Easter Hymns with our shut-ins. This is not just for choir members. Voices of all kinds and ages and will be a blessing. Meet in church Fellowship Hall at 2:00pm.

Right to Life Workshop @ SBL How do you defend the value of life in a culture that increasingly says, "Not all humans are equal?" Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Saturday, April 26th, from 9 am to 12 pm at SBL for a Pro-Life Apologetics workshop. Visit: ichooselife.org/fortwayneWS

Worship Leaders

Preacher	Pastor Alex Duff
Liturgist	Vicar Adam Nieting
Scripture Reading	Sem. Stephen Lane
Acolyte:	(8:00) Jace Nichols
	(10:30) Landon Mueller
Altar Guild:	Audra Thomas & Cristel Boedecker
Musicians:	(5:00) Thomas Wilson
	(8:00) Bob Diss
	(10:30) Redeemed
Greeters:	(5:00) AJ & Dindy Bridges
	(8:00) Ryan & Andrea Schaefer
	(10:30) Carl & Cindy Thies

Thrivent Choice Dollars If you are a Thrivent member, a reminder it is now time to designate your choice dollars. These are monies that Thrivent makes available for you to donate to the church, school, or a favorite charity. Deadline is March 31st.

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 be part of a team to prepare & serve dinner on Friday, April 4 at 8 pm. We will serve approximately 70 people. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Pastor Alex with any questions.

***DCE Call – Accepted!** Praise God! Tim Jank has *accepted!* the Call to serve our Lord Jesus here at Suburban Bethlehem. Please remember Tim and Brenda, and their family, in your prayers as they wrap up their ministry at Camp Lutherhaven, pray for Lutherhaven and the new executive director, and continue to pray for SBL as we share Jesus Christ with our community.

***Prayer Conversations Follow Up** Pastor Bill and Principal Amy Greener thank the over 100 members who participated in one of the "Prayer Conversations" Follow Up. Thoughts shared were along the lines of a) supporting future building and b) concerns about our current debt load. There will be more discussions to come about this topic. Even though our official "40 Days of Prayer" have long concluded, prayers are still welcomed! Thank you!

Open Basketball: Adults and high school -- Join us Wednesdays at 7:30pm for some open basketball in the SBL gym. Dates are April 2, 9,16.

“A Whole New View”
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Prayer Ministry Focus
March 30, 2025
Mr. Aaron Barnholt
6th Grade

We have made it to the first weekend of spring break! Please pray for an enjoyable break. Allow the students to come back to finish the year strong. When we come back various events come and go and before we know it the school year will be wrapping up! We completed our iLearn practice tests this past week. We also pray our students will be able to focus and demonstrate what they have learned this year on the tests.

In math we are wrapping up finding the area of various two and three dimensional figures. In religion we have been talking about Jesus' parables and miracles. We are looking forward to our class trip to Camp Lutherhaven later in May. In December we filled orders and delivered over 1500 items on behalf of Suburban Bethlehem. We also celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week with various dress up days and activities!



Mr. Barnholt's 6th Grade



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

Those Who Mourn:

The family of Carl Schmidt

Illness Our Members: Linda Grepke, Teresa Hess, Carol McGuigan, Staci Nave, Cade Ostrander, Mike Smith

Others We Know: Adam Esterline, Ken Giboo, Jeff Gotsch, Mark Haynes, Jerry Honn, Serene Loppnow, Aiden Miller, Janine Scheumann, Laura Stahlhut, Glen Whittington, Scott Wilson

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, Sally Hutchisson, Elaine Jones, Carolyn Linnemeier, Pat Murphy, Elmer Schaefer, Anita Trick, Julia Weber

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

Others We Know: David Bradtmueller, Emily Buck, Cindy Burns, Bonnie Camp, Mark Carbaugh, Pastor Dave Dubbelde, Al Esterline, John Furniss, Phil Gallmeier, Don Hall, Lane Hobbs, Heather Kauffman, Brian Konger, Shari Konger, Roger Kuehnert, Scharlene Lane, Ned Licthsin, Jackson Longenbaugh, Erin O'Neill, Travis Robinson, Pastor Mike Schempf, Jim Schleben, June Schroeder, Mike Snider, Pastor John Stennfeld, 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 6th Grade – Mr. Aaron Barnholt

Prayer of Blessing

- The ministry of Right to Life of Northeast Indiana
- Tim Jank has accepted the call for our DCE position
- Jessica Bickle & Jason Myers' wedding this upcoming Saturday
- Prayer of blessing for our volunteers
- Stephen Ministry, Our Government, Our Public Servants

***Prayer Families**

Aaron & Samantha Barnholt
Adam & Krista Griewank Family
Ethan Johnson
Pat Murphy

Bernie Bollinger
Joseph Jank
Steve & Susan Kanning Family
Rob & Deb Myers Family