

## **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 Easter is the time for us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! Jesus lives...and so do we! Our Scripture Readings draw our attention on the fact and joyful implications of Jesus' Resurrection! Alleluia!

### **Spring Worship Schedule**

#### **SATURDAY:**

**5:00 pm Informal Worship** *(in Fellowship Hall)*  
*(through May 17)*

#### **SUNDAY:**

**8:00 am Traditional Worship Service**

**9:30 am Education Hour – All Ages**

**10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service**

#### **DRIVE-IN WORSHIP**

**Tune Your Car Radio to 87.9 FM**

**ONLINE WORSHIP @ SBL YouTube**

*Monday 7:00 pm Worship Services resume May 26*



# Suburban Bethlehem

## Lutheran Church & School

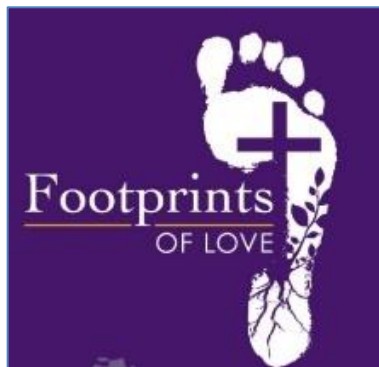
Deeply rooted to grow

6318 W. California Rd  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

**April 20 (19), 2025**

**Easter Sunday**

***The Resurrection of Our Lord***



“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** –there will be no Bible study on Easter Sunday. Luke: Eyewitness Bible study will continue on April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!

\***Colossians:** On May 4, Vicar Adam will begin a Bible study on the book of Colossians. In this short epistle, the apostle Paul teaches us about the mystery of Christ, true God and true man, and the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word, which strengthens us in faith toward God and love toward one another, and doing everything with thankfulness. Join us as we dig into this treasure of the Church!

\***Sunday School** - there will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday. Sunday School will resume on April 27th.

**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 Bible Study** There will be no Monday Women's Bible study Easter Monday. We will resume on April 28. 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** We resume our study of the Book of Revelation this **Wednesday, April 23**. We are on Session 4; all are welcome at either 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm.

**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.

## His Love – Our Response

### Attendance

April 9, Wednesday 46+176+47=269

April 12 & 13, 2025

55 + 172 + 170 = 397

Worship Video viewed 80

Bible Study 44 + Sunday School 12 = 56

Weekly	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$ 18,070.91	\$ 18,384.61
Building Fund	\$ 3,155.77	\$ 3,089.47
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 0.00
YTD	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$773,288.71	\$753,769.02
Building Fund	\$114,857.97	\$126,628.26
Bldg Fund/Mem & Prin Reduction	\$57,721.69	0.00

*Positive change begins with your generosity.*

## Birthdays This Week

**Apr. 20** Rachel Dillman, Elisabeth Patrick, Landon Mueller

**Apr. 21** Hannah Holman

**Apr. 23** Sheri Harmeyer

**Apr. 24** Kim Moore, Becky Wysong

**Apr. 25** Cameron Hille

**Apr. 26** Emma Ross, Leroy Schaefer

**Seniors Group Thursday, April 24** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck and a presentation from Worship Anew. Please bring a friend, and a dish to share for our potluck lunch.

\***Summer Day Camp Open House** - interested in sending your child to camp this summer? Come meet our new director, Danielle Snyder and counselors on Wednesday, April 23 from 6 - 7pm in the commons door 13. Camp registration forms can be found on the church website or email [camp@sblschool.com](mailto:camp@sblschool.com)

**RSVP for Women's Ministry 6@6 PM** on Tuesday, May 6 at 6 pm at Coyote Creek Bar & Grill 4935 Hillegas Rd. Join us! RSVP's required to guarantee seating by May 4 to Vera 385-4017 or Marilyn 402-4283 (call or text).

**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](http://ichooselife.org/fortwayneWS)

## April 20 – April 26, 2025

### **Sunday:**

**Easter Sunrise Service w/ Communion 6:53 am**

**Easter Festive Service w/ Communion 8:30 am**

**Easter Festive Service w/ Communion 10:30 am**

Easter Breakfast is served 8:00-10:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00-10:30 am

**Monday:** Church Office Closed

Handbells 6:00 pm

**Tuesday: Chapel 8:10 am**

Capital Campaign Committee 4:00 pm

Growing Disciples Class 6:00 pm

Outreach Board 6:30 pm

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

**Thursday:** Seniors Presentation & Potluck 12 pm

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

Beer & Hymns 6:30 pm

**Saturday:** Men's Bible Study 8:00 am

Life Defenders Workshop 9:00 am

**Worship Service 5:00 pm**

**\*Holy Week:** He is Risen!!! Today is the Feast of the Resurrection, the high point of the year as we remember the high point of all history. Christ has defeated death, and he has done it for you! Alleluia! Of course, we do more than remember something that happened long ago. Our risen Lord comes to you today with His risen Body and life-giving blood. He is Risen, and he comes to you with blessing!

**Beer & Hymns April 25** – Join us for an evening of fellowship & singing. Friday, April 25 at 6:30 pm, Greener's Barn 7006 Felger Rd. Beer, water and lemonade will be provided. Bring a snack to share.

**Monday Worship Services Begin** Monday, May 26 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our last Saturday Worship service is Saturday, May 17.

**Auction Thank You!** Thank you to the entire SBL family for your generous support through our annual auction. Your kindness & generosity bless everyone!

**\*Auction Baskets** – Please return any unused auction baskets so we may reuse them next year. All baskets may be returned to the school or church.

**Easter Breakfast** will be served from 8:00 am -10:45 am on Easter Sunday hosted by High School Youth Group. We will offer pancakes, egg bakes, fruit, and various breads. Free will donation will go to the National Youth Gathering Trip.

**\*May 11 & 18 Altar Flowers** are available for sponsorship. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

## Worship Leaders

Preacher	Both Pastors & Vicar
Liturgist	Both Pastors & Vicar
Scripture Reading	Sem Stephen Lane
Acolyte:	(6:53) Beatrice Burrige-Waymoth
	(8:30) Emma Nichols
	(10:30) Tyson Labit
Altar Guild:	Carol Stahlhut, Jody Kaiser & Julie Mueller
Musicians:	(5:00) Bob Diss & Thomas Wilson
	(6:53) Andy Schultz & Bob Diss
	(8:30) Redeemed, Bob Diss & Andy Schultz
	(10:30) Redeemed
Greeters:	(5:00) Randy & Nan Castle
	(8:30) Randy & Sue Schaefer
	(10:30) Steve & Angie Pipenger

**\*Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Rachel Dillman's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.

**LWML FTW 3 Zone Gathering** Saturday, May 3 at Emanuel Lutheran Church 800 Green St. New Haven, door #11. Registration (\$7) begins at 8:30 am. Ingathering for a mission in Kenya, donation or new girls' underwear sizes 8, 10, 12, 14, & 16. Enjoy a warm tea party atmosphere. RSVP with Dolores Aman 489-1314 or Sharon Mueller 413-0715.

## Congregational Discussion Meeting – April 29

Everyone in the church and school family is invited to a follow up Discussion Meeting from the "Prayer Conversations" following the 40 Days of Prayer. At this meeting we will summarize the responses, give information on options moving forward and have a general discussion about the options. Everyone is invited – Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. No decisions to be made, but an SBL Family discussion about possible steps forward.

**\*Footprints of Love:** "Great American Cleanup" May 3, 9:30am-11:30am Help needed! Come and be a part of the nation's largest community improvement program that Fort Wayne has participated in for over 25 years. It is a time to show our community pride by lending a hand to clean up littered roadsides, parks, trails, and river ways. We will be cleaning up along California Road. Meet at the church by 9:30am. Sign up at Welcome Center or contact Pastor Alex (260-403-6496) if you can help.

**\*VBS Save the Date** - Join us for VBS "True North" this summer June 23-27.

# EASTER FLOWERS MEMORIALS

Thank you for beautifying our sanctuary:

Dolores Aman - In memory of Spouse - Reverend Norman Aman

Jeffery & Marilyn Arnold - In memory of Parents - George & Phyllis Arnold and August & Alma Kruse

Baker Family - In memory of Margaret Baker (mom, wife & grandma) and Lindsay Baker (mom, wife & aunt)

Gerald & Karen Bickle - In memory of Parents - Carl & Darlene Bickle and Bill & Katie Schmidt

Mark & Cindy Cody - in memory of Parents - Jack & Kate Cody and Ken & Rosemarie Fisher and friend Tricia Grams

Ron & Deb Dreyer - In memory of Parents - Clarence & Ella Dreyer and Waren & Helga Wickliffe

Jacki, Kelsey & Kayli Greener - In memory of Husband & Father - Stan Greener

Darwin & Sheri Harmeyer - In memory of granddaughter - Reagan Harmeyer

Steve & Susan Kanning - In memory of Mother - Nancy Wakeland

Hope Kauffman - In memory of Oma Nancy Wakeland

Bart & Chris Ruch - In memory of Parents - Paul & Edythe Ruch and Chet & Becky Reinking and sister Connie Ormsby

Edna & Edgar Schaefer - In memory of Parents - Carl & Bertha Schaefer and Ernest & Mildred Brown

Elmer Schaefer - In memory of Spouse - Marcella Schaefer and Parents - Carl & Bertha Schaefer and August & Mildred Felger

Dan & Janet Stahl - In memory of Father - Richard Bollenbacher and brother Bob Bollenbacher

Bob & Tam Sunderland - In memory of Parents - Bob & Jane Sunderland and Don & Grace Linnemeier

Kenneth & Diane Taylor - In memory of Parents - Ben & Val Taylor and Brian & Nancy Crider

Carl & Cindy Thies - In memory of Parents - Carl & Edna Thies and Norman & Juanita Springer

Gary & Angela Welker - In memory of Son - Brandon Welker and parents Gary & Lois Welker

Rick & Rebecca Wysong - In memory of Parents - Dean & Violet Wysong and Walter & Wanda Scare

Larry & Mary Zelt - In memory of Parents - Edmund & Lorinde Zelt and Lawrence & Velma Hockemeyer

Anonymus - Thanksgiving for all the volunteers at SBLC and SBLS. God's gifts to all of us.

**Church:** web page: [www.deeplyrootedtogrow.org](http://www.deeplyrootedtogrow.org) e-mail: [sbl@deeplyrootedtogrow.org](mailto:sbl@deeplyrootedtogrow.org)

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**Prayer Ministry Focus**  
**April 20, 2025**  
**Entire Ministry of SBL**  
**Senior Pastor Bill**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

A Blessed Easter to everyone! There is no other day within the Christian Church Year more important than Easter. Easter brings us to the triumph of Jesus Christ through His resurrection. As He had told His disciples – but they had so quickly forgotten – it was necessary for Jesus to be crucified, to be killed, He would be buried, but on the third day He would rise again to life.

Easter is the most important holiday on the Church Calendar. It is also the most important event in all of human history! The Holy Spirit prompted the Apostle Paul to write, “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.” (1 Corinthians 15:17-19) If Jesus has not been raised back to life then our sins are not paid for, there is no atonement, Jesus’ death was no different than any of our deaths. **BUT Christ HAS BEEN raised from the dead!!** This means all of our sins are covered, paid for, redeemed and we are forgiven. We have joy now and a glorious, hope-filled future in Jesus! For we, too, shall one day be raised from the dead as well! Pray for all the ministries of SBL as we share the joyous news that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

This is the power and JOY of Easter! I pray that each and everyone of you are encouraged today with the joyful news of Jesus’ resurrection!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



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

**Those Who Mourn:**

The family of Tam Burtscher, the sister of Paul Stevens.

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

**Others We Know:** Andrew Cabot, Adam Esterline, Bernice Garrett, Ken Giboo, Jeff Gotsch, Mark Haynes, Jerry Honn, Aiden Miller, Janine Scheumann, Laura Stahlhut, Glen Whittington, Scott Wilson

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

**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

**Others We Know:** David Bradtmueller, Emily Buck, Cindy Burns, Bonnie Camp, Mark Carbaugh, Pastor Dave Dubbelde, Al Esterline, John Furniss, Phil Gallmeier, Don Hall, Heather Kauffman, Brian Konger, Shari Konger, Roger Kuehnert, Scharlene Lane, Ned Lichtsin, 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** Entire Ministry of SBL – Senior Pastor Bill Mueller

**Prayer of Blessing**

- Parents & Expectant Parents
- Stephen Ministry
- Our Government
- Our Public Servants

**\*Prayer Families**

Conner Batchelder  
Beckie Brinker  
Dean Brown  
Don & Susan Esterline  
Cole & Jordan Shepherd  
Chris & Paula Thomas Family  
Eric &, Tammy Trauner Family  
Gary & Angela Welker Family

