

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworkers	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Lloyd Meyer
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Crucifer	Luke Harkless
Acolyte	MacKenzie Price and Rachel Werling
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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	6:00 p.m.	PTL Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:15 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechesis
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
		Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	1:00 p.m.	Blanket Sewing
FRIDAY	6:30 p.m.	School Spring Musical
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Bethlehem Womens Group Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or by calling the church office.
Live stream <https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian>

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you please complete a green visitor’s card from the pew and place in the offering plate. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again.

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. **Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.**

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing:
Bill Gephart (Clara Conrad’s brother inlaw)
Makayla Berkey (3rd grade student diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma)
Norwin Bauermeister, Lee Braselton
Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson
Joellen Meyer, David Nahrnwald
We pray for our members shut-in:
Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)
Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)
Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

We pray for our schools
We pray for our Church and all her workers
We pray for all military personnel

FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Mick Werling’s birthday on May 2nd from wife, Gail Werling.
SPECIAL SERVICES please join us for an Examination Service on Wednesday, May 17th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ascension Divine Service on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Divine Service on Sunday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Processional Hymn	#556 vs. 1-5
Liturgy:	Page 151
The Introit	- See insert
The First Reading:	<i>Isaiah 12:1-6</i>
The Epistle Reading:	<i>James 1:16-21</i>
Alleluia Hymn	#459
The Holy Gospel	<i>John 16:5-15</i>
The Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	#556 vs 6-10
The Sermon	
The Prayers	
The Offering	
Service of the Sacrament:	Page 160
Distribution Hymns	#628 #629, #478, #819, #769, #796
Nunc Dimittis	
Benediction	
Closing Hymn	#816

THANK YOU— Dear members of Bethlehem, our endless thanks for all the cards, prayers, and assistance in these trying times. Thank you and God bless, Norwin and Martha Bauermeister.

TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY will be held TODAY with special appreciation to Mr. Meyer for 25th years of teaching and to Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Buchinger for coming out of retirement to help fill in this year. Everyone is invited to a brunch/reception following the church service in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM please plan to attend a meeting TODAY after Sunday School to talk about the last couple of months and discuss texting options, summer trip, and other ideas going forward.

MOTHERS DAY May 14th - Right to Life of Northeast Indiana is providing carnations after church for a donation. This project celebrates the important role of mothers and supports the lifesaving work of Right to Life. We appreciate your support and commitment to LIFE.

A DOOR OFFERING will be taken on Sunday, May 21st for Sem. Isaac Spangler to thank him for his service to Bethlehem and to wish him and his family well on Vicarge.

During the month of May, the Women of Bethlehem LWML will be collecting Gifts from the Heart for Phil's Friends, Orphan Grain Train, Most Ministries, and gift cards for A Place of Refuge. Please see today's insert for a list of needed items. Gift cards can be placed in the LWML mailbox located in Heidi's church office. Thank you!

LWML gives you the privilege to share God's blessings with others through Gifts from the Heart by donating the following items for the upcoming Milwaukee convention: puzzle books, journals, regular playing cards, fuzzy socks, hats (knit, crochet, or baseball), recycled "new and like-new" eyeglasses and gift cards in any denomination from Walmart, Target, or Kohl's. The amount of each gift card must be written on each card in a permanent marker.

ARMED FORCES SUNDAY – May 21st— In honor of our service men and women, we will display past and current military members from Bethlehem who have served, on our military bulletin board. If you could please provide the first name, middle initial, last name, rank, and years of service to Melissa Tolson or Deaconess Wendy Boehm asap. Thank you

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND this years Bethlehem Spring Musical "Are We There Yet!" Miriam tells the story of the Exodus, how her brother Moses was called by God to lead his people out of slavery and to the promised land. Join our students for this musical odyssey on Friday, May 12th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

BETHLEHEM VBS 2023 is scheduled for June 26-29 from 9am – noon here at Bethlehem. For those interested in registering their child or volunteering for this event, please see the registration forms on the table located in the hallway or go to bethlehemossian.org/vbs.

SPRING CLEANING-The Bethlehem Youth Group is volunteering to help our members with any outdoor spring cleaning. If you or someone you know needs help with any outdoor projects, please let the youth know by signing up on the bulletin board. Additional helping hands may be needed for some of these projects so if you'd like to volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet also posted. Contact Deaconess Boehm if you have any questions.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS TO SERVE 2023-2024:

Secretary: Stan Meyer

Treasurer: Brian Scheumann

Elders: Jerry Meyer, Glen Werling, Steve Conrad

Trustee: Todd Ottinger, Cale Schumm, Darrin Werling

Finance Board: Jay Louison, Jason Laley, Mike Bultemeier

Christian Education: Brian Bultemeier, Jeff Holtzclaw, Darren Patrick

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Divine Service One

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