



Summer 2025

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# The Bethlehem Star



## Church Membership

### Confirmation

On Thursday evening, May 15, 2025 the following young people were publicly examined in their knowledge and understanding of Christian doctrine and have been declared eligible to be accepted into communicant by Bethlehem Lutheran Church by Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 18, 2025: Vincent Fuhrmann, Kyndal Fuller and Emma Wirgau. Adults Confirmed on May 11, 2025 were Destiny Laley, Alie Newnum, Ronald Trammel and Mariah Trammel



**BAPTIZED** on Sunday, May 25, 2025 into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Hayden James Boehm, newborn son of Josh and Wendy Boehm born on May 13, 2025 Sponsors for Hayden are Darren and Sierra Patrick. Hayden joins big sisters, Violet and Rosalie. We welcome Hayden to the Kingdom of God and joint heir of all God's blessings.



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# Wedding Anniversary Blessings

June 1 Jason and Tisha Laley (29)  
 June 2 Butch and Joyce Bauermeister (63)  
 June 4 Cale and Jessica Schumm (9)  
 June 5 Jerry and Jennifer Meyer (32)  
 June 5 Mike and Kathy Nahrwold (44)  
 June 5 Brian and Camilla Shelton (26)  
 June 7 Gregg and Dalene Springer (34)  
 June 11 Richard and Carolyn Brinkley (53)  
 June 11 Nathan and Lacey Meyer (14)  
 June 14 Bruce and Kim Werling (45)  
 June 17 Bruce and Jennifer Meyer (36)  
 June 17 Ralph and Donna Schumm (65)  
 June 17 Gary and Deann Oliver (36)  
 June 20 Tim and Patty Baker (44)  
 June 20 Dan and Heidi Kleppinger (44)  
 June 23 Adam and Olivia Lambert (7)  
 June 28 Chad and Megan Dunham (10)  
 June 30 Mike and Emilie Meyer (41)



July 3 Mike and Linda Bultemeier (43)  
 July 8 Andrew and Shelby Todd (8)  
 July 10 Lloyd and Vickie Graft (32)  
 July 10 Greg and Rachel Roembke (21)  
 July 12 Ian and Jennifer Delaney (17)  
 July 12 Jason and Michelle Glisson (28)  
 July 12 Greg and Angie Mishler (28)  
 July 13 Milton and Patsy Gallmeyer (57)  
 July 13 Nathan and Ashley Green (20)  
 July 18 Martin and Judy Moehring (44)  
 July 18 Mike and Kay Schumm (44)  
 July 25 Lee and Danielle Werling (10)  
 July 29 Jeff and Jill Holtzclaw (19)  
 July 29 Jay and Barb Werling (25)

August 1 Don and Sandy Avey (33)  
 August 4 Brandon and Erin Schumm (13)  
 August 6 Trent and Amy Aschliman (31)  
 August 8 Josh and Wendy Boehm (10)  
 August 8 Scott and Jennifer Fuhrmann (16)  
 August 12 Denny and Maxine Nahrwold (58)  
 August 13 Collin and Lynae Laley (3)  
 August 18 Michael and Rise Taylor (36)  
 August 22 Nate and Amber Corwin (10)  
 August 22 Peter and Sandra Meyer (36)  
 August 24 Nathan and Melissa Householder (6)  
 August 25 Ross and Amy Adams (18)  
 August 26 Aaron and Emily Anthony (8)  
 August 26 Todd and Diane Ottinger (30)  
 August 29 Darren and Sierra Patrick (10)  
 August 30 Otto and Judy Clausen (56)



## Elder Routes

Bruce Werling	A-B
Glen Werling	C-F
Ted Schumm	G-K
Jerry Meyer	L-P
Steve Conrad	Q-S
Bruce Meyer	T-Z

June	July	August
1) Jerod Evans	4) Diane Ottinger	1) Ed Black
2) Jared Meyer	5) Phoenix Whitsitt	2) Charles Tolson
3) Julia Braselton	6) Corrie Glisson	3) Stan Meyer
4) John Roembke	Don Lutz	Mark Patrick
5) Brooke Werling	8) Gavin Laley	4) Terry Saalfrank
6) Gregg Springer	9) Savannah Fuller	Leila Stuchell
Drew Werling	Sydney Maggart	5) Jean Anderson
8) Greg Roembke	10) Joshua Glisson	6) Marilyn Meyer
Samantha Tolson	Reese Springer	8) Jennifer Bultemeier
9) Arthur Behning	Grace Stoppenhagen	Jay Louison
Landon Geiger	11) Aspen Fisher	Macie Saalfrank
10) Raven Baker	Hunter Householder	10) Nicholas Lesh
Danielle Rekeweg	Marlene Lesh	Susan Stoppenhagen
11) Nolan Anthony	13) Caleb Biggs	11) Gavin Adams
Clara Conrad	14) Isaac Harkless	12) Norman Bauermeister
12) Laura Werling	16) Lloyd Meyer	Norwin Bauermeister
13) Heidi Kleppinger	Michael Taylor	13) Tina Geiger
14) Logan Eisaman	18) Scott Bauermeister	Leeland Huss
Amanda Meyer	Ronda Flesch	Colton Taylor
Austin Steele	Jerry Springer	15) Lloyd Graft
15) Joel Sauer	Cecily Werling	Jordan Whitsitt
16) Danielle Campbell	19) Kyndal Fuller	16) Aaron Clark
Ian Stoppenhagen	Melissa Householder	Samuel Wirgau
18) Nicholas Dodgers	20) Rob Gresley	17) Jennifer Fuhrmann
19) Kaydence Krumma	Nathan Meyer	18) Jacob Meyer
22) Bryce Bowman	21) Sophia Campbell	21) Matthew Graft
Matthew Krumma	Joyce Glisson	Molly Mishler
23) Ryan Baker	23) Sam Sommer	22) LouAnn Winans
Joyce Fuhrmann	24) Michelle Bowman	23) Gay Stoppenhagen
24) Ashley Green	25) Eva Dunham	24) Owen Glisson
25) Isaac Wanner	Larry Eichler	27) Scott Fuhrmann
26) Kaelin Brock	27) Angie Mishler	Alivia Green
Lynae Laley	29) Nathan Householder	28) Logan Geiger
27) Travis Avey	31) Katie Werling	Peyton Laley
28) Josh Flesch		Janice Scheumann
Emilie Meyer		Augustin Wirgau
29) Rosalie Boehm		29) Rachel Bauermeister
29) Rachel Roembke		Emma Schueler
Sierra Patrick		31) Gary Oliver
		Andrew Stoppenhagen





Why Did He Leave? June 1, 2025 – The Ascension of Our Lord Rev. Paul Shoemaker Many of us, people have wondered, “Why did Jesus leave

the earth?” Would it not have been better for Him to remain? Jesus’ work on earth was done. It was time to return to heaven. Join us on Worship Anew as we discuss the reasons why Jesus ascended to heaven. Sermon Text: Luke 24:44-53 Readings: Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

Reason to Celebrate! June 8, 2025 – The Day of Pentecost Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast Jr. (Guest Pastor) We celebrate every Sunday in the Church. And on Pentecost we see Jesus keep His promise to send His Holy Spirit. That is reason to celebrate! Sermon Text: John 14:23 Readings: Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

Surprised by the Trinity June 15, 2025 – Holy Trinity Sunday Rev. Scott Zeckzer Do you like surprises? Our God is a God of surprises. Tune in to Worship Anew and hear the surprises God has for you. Sermon Text: John 8:58 Readings: Psalm 8; Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 8:48-59

Adopted by God June 22, 2025 – Second Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III Despite the fact that by nature we were enemies of God, He in His love and grace made us his children. We have been adopted by God. That means for us tremendous blessings in this life and in future glories. Sermon Text: Galatians 4:4-5 Readings: Psalm 3:1-8; Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 8:26-39

The Heavenward Walk June 29, 2025 – Third Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer Where are you going and how will you get there? Today Jesus begins the journey that will take Him to the cross, the empty tomb, and the right hand of His Father. He called people then and calls us today, to follow Him on The Heavenward Walk. Sermon Text: Luke 9:51, 57-62 Readings: Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51, 57-62

Hear Me July 6, 2025 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Shayne Jonker It’s all about the sending. The Father sends Jesus. Likewise, Jesus sends disciples as His apostles. And this sending of the seventy-two is one of the foundation stones of the Office of the Holy Ministry. His words are their words. “The one who hears you, hears me” (Luke 10:16 ESV). You have Jesus’ Word on it, and His Word is sure. Sermon Text: Luke 10:16 Readings: Psalm 66:1-9; Isaiah 66:10-14; Luke 10:1-20

What Do You See? July 13, 2025 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. William Mueller The Parable of the Good Samaritan is a well-known and much-loved parable of Jesus. But are we missing something important if we only see a message of “love your neighbor” in it? Could this parable be a sort of theological Rorschach test? Take a deeper dive into this parable to see some truly amazing grace! Sermon Text: Luke 10:25-37 Readings: Psalm 41; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-37

Making Good Choices July 20, 2025 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Paul Shoemaker Every parent admonishes their child to “make good choices.” God also wants us, His children, to make good choices. Join us on Worship Anew as we answer the question, “What is a good choice in the eyes of God?” Sermon Text: Luke 10:38-42 Readings: Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 18:1-10a; Luke 10:38-42

Lord, Teach us to Pray July 27, 2025 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Scott Zeckzer God calls us to get to know Him. He has a big surprise of what He wants us to call Him. He also has a big surprise of what He wants us to talk about with Him. Sermon Text: Luke 11:1 Readings: Psalm 138; Genesis 18:17-33; Luke 11:1-13

**The Endowment Committee thanks the Lord and the congregation  
for the generous gifts to the Endowment Fund.**

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of April 30, 2025:

\$351,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009  
208,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched  
315,627.98 - Amount generated since 2009  
-149,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009  
\$725,938.80 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of April 30, 2025

Dr. David Nahrwold Fund  
\$ 90,078.93 - Amount sent in since November 2024  
510.34 - Amount generated since November 2024  
\$ 90,589.27 - Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of April 30, 2025

The \$15,000 matching check was deposited May 20th. Thank you to all of our donors



The congregation is invited to attend the Ordination of Reverend Isaac Matthew Spangler on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 2:00 in the afternoon, Zion Lutheran Church 1018 Cicero Road Edgerton, Ohio. Reception to follow in the parish hall.



**Right to Life Father's Day Night at the Tincaps**

Celebrate Father's Day at the Tincaps on **June 10th!** A portion of all ticket proceeds will benefit Right to Life of Northeast Indiana. Purchase tickets at [ichooselife.org/tincaps](https://ichooselife.org/tincaps).

**Day of Dobbs Celebration** Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana for an open house and cookout on **June 21st** from 11am-3pm at 3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, to commemorate the Dobbs Supreme Court decision anniversary! This is a fun, family-friendly educational event celebrating the gift of life and the return of abortion laws to the states.

**Fall Banquet**

You're invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for their Fall Banquet with **keynote speaker Kirk Cameron!** Come celebrate our 51st year as an organization.

Sponsorships and tables are available for purchase. This event is expected to be a record-breaking size. Tables purchased sooner will be closer to the stage.

Visit [ichooselife.org/banquet](https://ichooselife.org/banquet) or call our office at 260.471.1849 for more information.



Kick Off Fall at  
**Craft for a Cause**  
**Saturday, September 20, 2025**  
**7am - 7pm**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, IN

Ladies, pack up your crafting supplies and join us for 12 hours of fellowship, food and uninterrupted crafting fun!!!

**Registration Includes**

1/2 of an 8' Table Workspace  
 with Electricity Provided  
 Progressive Bingo for Prizes

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
 Snack & Beverage Station  
 Goodie Bags

*Not Crafty? NO WORRIES!*  
*Bring a hobby, coloring books, a book or whatever you want and come fellowship with us!*

**SPACE IS LIMITED AND FILLS UP FAST!!!**  
 \$45 per person  
**GROUP OF 4 DISCOUNT \$40 per person**  
 SAVE \$5/person when 4 people sign up together!

**Registration Deadline:** September 13 or until spaces are full  
*Proceeds benefit the Women of Bethlehem Ministry*




Please direct inquiries to Deann Oliver at [deannrene@outlook.com](mailto:deannrene@outlook.com) or 616-894-0144.

Mail this form and check **payable to Women of Bethlehem** to  
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Craft for a Cause, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, IN 46777.

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# LUTHERAN NIGHT

2025 OUTING WITH THE FORT WAYNE TINCAPS

**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 24**

**GAME TIME:  
7:05PM**

SCAN TO ORDER TICKETS



## DONATION

\$1.00 from each ticket will be shared with Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, Indiana, specifically to their Campership Fund, which assists campers who wish to attend a camp program when finances are tight.

## SPECIAL DRAWING FOR TICKET ORDERS

*(For orders received prior to Friday, May 16)*

Prizes Include: \$50 gift certificate to The Orchard Team Store, an autographed team bat, a chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch & more.

## POSTGAME FIREWORKS

Enjoy a spectacular fireworks display, shot directly from the field!

## FAMILY FEAST NIGHT (PRESENTED BY US FOODS)

Every Tuesday night, fans can enjoy discounts on select concession items including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, pizza slices and more!

Order tickets online at:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutherannight62425>

Only ticket orders received prior to Tuesday, June 10th will receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.

### LUTHERAN NIGHT • TICKET ORDER FORM • TUESDAY, JUNE 24

School/Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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METHOD OF PAYMENT:  Check (Payable to Fort Wayne TinCaps)

VISA  Mastercard  Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

3 Digit # on Back (For Security Reasons): \_\_\_\_\_

TICKETS	#	PRICE	TOTAL
Lutheran Night Tickets		\$12	
Shipping & Handling (if mailing tickets)	1	\$1	
Add. Donations (optional)			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Please select how you would like to receive your tickets:

Mail  Email

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