

# Bethlehem Blaze

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He went out . . . to blaze abroad the matter. Mark 1:45

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## Lent and Holy Week Schedule, 2010

### Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00pm, following a light supper at 6:00pm  
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24

### Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, Holy Communion at 7:30, 8:30, & 11:00am  
Procession of the Palms at 8:30 & 11:00

### Tuesday in Holy Week

Tuesday, March 30, at 6:00pm  
Seder Service and Dinner (reservations required)

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1, at 7:00pm  
Holy Communion with Foot Washing

### Good Friday

Friday, April 2, at 7:00pm  
Service of the Word, with the reading of the Passion Narrative according to John

### Resurrection of Our Lord, Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 3, at 8:11pm (sunset)  
Ancient, dramatic service featuring readings, chants and songs, procession, bells, incense, and remembrance of our baptism.

### Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

Sunday, April 4, at 7:30, 8:30, & 11:00am  
Holy Communion



## Among Us

Ill, Injured, Recovering: Karen Gallagher's friend, Laurie Mannion . . . Jim Hetherington . . . Jon Lewis . . . Edna Liljeblad . . . Jean Marron . . . Jack Neff . . . Bill Novak . . . Ellen Roberts . . . Dee Simpson's mother, Mildred Alsbrook . . . Dee & Jim Simpson's friends, Paul Holsopple, Don Shoup, Jen Shoup & Ed Storey . . . Joan Sukow . . . Frances Zollinger . . . Dolly Jo Griffin . . . Bobby Jones . . . Jim Tegarden. We pray with these sisters and brothers in Christ for their comfort and healing. We pray also for the family of Bob Longardner as they mourn his death on February 21.

Military Service: US Marine Corps Corporal Jonathan Barnett is in Afghanistan. . . . US Marine Corps Corporal Al Ensley is in Afghanistan. . . . US Army First Lieutenant Mark Kroger is in Iraq. . . . We pray for the protection and safe return of these young men and for all who serve.

All Star: John Keck was named a 2009 Academic All Star in football by the Indiana Football Coaches Association. He was also selected as a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete for Central Indiana. Only 15 central Indiana high school seniors are honored each year for their excellence on the football field as well as in the classroom. John played center on the Fishers Tigers varsity football team.

Music: Madeline Smith earned 2 Golds (Group IV) at the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest on January 30. . . . Many thanks to John Seest for coordinating the music program as the precentor call committee conducts interviews. Thanks also to John Seest and Caryl Thompson for playing the organ at worship, and to Stacey Strausburg and Kent Steele for leading adult choir rehearsals and worship anthems. Thanks to Jon Crabiel (timpani), Will Cummings, Bob Wood, & Tim Wott (trumpets), and John Seest (trombone) for playing on Transfiguration Sunday.

In the Media: Monroe Little was interviewed on WTHR (Channel 13) recently regarding his involvement with the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis African-American History Challenge, a 20-week history and cultural education program.

## Cross from Haiti

An altar cross from Haiti is a gift from Office Manager Karen Rider. Karen obtained the cross when she was in Haiti last year on a mission trip. The nativity on the cross symbolically combines the birth and resurrection of Jesus. It is on the altar to remind us of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



Bethlehem has a Facebook page—search for “Bethlehem Lutheran Church Indianapolis” and become a fan! Thanks to Tom Fawbush for setting up the page.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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# Midweek Lenten Services

by Pastor Felde

Beginning February 24, Wednesday services at Bethlehem Lutheran Church will use the beautiful Holden Village setting of Evening Prayer as our liturgy. Brief homiletical reflections will explore the theme of what is usually called “temptation”—but we will use the NRSV’s word, “testing.”

Under the heading “We have a high priest who was in every respect **tested as we are** . . .” (Hebrews 4:15), we will examine a few “moments of testing” during Jesus’ week in Jerusalem, the week which culminated in his death and resurrection.



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| Moment one: A task, a calling, something to do.          | Luke 21:37-38                |
| Moment two: A place, a table, a fellowship.              | Luke 22:7-15                 |
| Moment three: Time . . . to do what we have to do.       | Luke 22:17-18                |
| Moment four: Faithful friends, who will not let us down. | Luke 22:3-6, 47-48, 28, etc. |
| Moment five: Strength to do tough things.                | Luke 22:39-44                |

We all need these things, they are important to life, and yet “getting them right” tests our mettle. Well, didn’t it test Jesus, too? And what difference does that make for us?

Services begin at 7:00 and last about a half-hour.

**GIVE** | Food Pantry Emphasis in March:  
**TOMATO—BASED PRODUCTS**  
*(soups, sauces, diced/stewed/etc.)*

## Fellowship for Spring

by Karen McCune, Fellowship Ministry

Ah . . . to write those words in mid-February felt so good. Looking ahead, the following events are planned during the spring months.

- Dining Out – 2nd Thursdays at 6:30pm (March 11, April 8, May 13)
- Soup & Salad Dinners – Wednesdays at 6:00pm (February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24)
- Pitch-In Brunch (last one until fall) – Sunday, March 21
- Passover Seder – Tuesday at 6:00pm, March 30
- Easter Brunch (continental – not a pitch-in) – Sunday, April 4
- Muffins for Moms – Sunday, May 9

Save the Date – October 1-3, 2010

Congregational Fall Retreat at Lake Placid Conference Center in Hartford City  
([www.indianachristianretreats.org](http://www.indianachristianretreats.org)).

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# Dining Out at the Northside Social

(Tentatively – check Sunday bulletins for updates)

*by Your Hosts, Karen & Ken McCune, Fellowship Ministry*

The location for Dining Out on March 11 at 6:30pm is (tentatively) Northside Social, a new restaurant in Broad Ripple (with a parking lot!). Their location is the property formerly known as the Stone Mug Café.

Northside Social (per my banker) tries to offer selections of food and beverages from local (Indiana) sources—which means the menu may change by the time we dine. Entrees read like a modern twist on comfort foods and feature selections such as slow cooked beef brisket, grilled meatloaf, half-slow roasted chicken, and clay pot fish at an average price range of \$15-17. They also offer entrée salads and pastas (again \$14-18 on average) and Sammies (sandwiches with fries and homemade pickles) in the \$12-14 range. Desserts include banana cream pie, bread pudding, brandied apples, and chocolate fondue. Hmmm – salad may have to be the main meal.

Their website is still under construction at this writing but try [www.northsidesocial.com](http://www.northsidesocial.com). If you go to their Facebook page and click “Boxes” it will display the menu. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for confirmation and sign-ups.

## Fellowship Help Needed

*by Karen McCune, Fellowship Ministry*

The fellowship events of the Passover Seder and Easter Brunch need helpers. Please take a look below and see if you could assist with any of these tasks during this holy season of celebrations. If you can, or if you need more details, give me a call at 254-1057, or [kammcune@comcast.net](mailto:kammcune@comcast.net)

### **Seder (Tuesday, March 30):**

Young Readers – there are 4 speaking parts for youth, ranging from one line to a paragraph. The lines are fairly simple (no strange words) and are suitable for grade 4 and above (I think – it’s been a while since I was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade).

Young(er) Runners – because we serve the food family style, legs are needed to carry dishes of food from the kitchen to the tables for the celebration meal, and back to the kitchen after we eat our meal.

Adult cleanup – 4-6 adults are needed after the dinner to help rinse the dishes, load the sanitizer, and restock the cupboards. The water gets really hot and the racks are heavy so this really needs to be adults (hint – men!), in the past we have been able to finish in slightly less than an hour getting you out by 8:30pm.

### **Easter Brunch (Sunday, April 4):**

Fruit Cutting on Saturday the 3rd: early afternoon (I promise fewer strawberries this year)

Egg Dying on Saturday the 3rd; late morning or early afternoon

Table Decorating on Saturday the 3rd; late afternoon (hall has to be cleaned after NA meeting)

Pastry Cutting and Food Setup: Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> during 8:30 service

Cleanup: Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> following brunch before 11:00 service (this is a light cleanup)



Fellowship

## Passover – Our Lord’s Last Supper

by Karen McCune, Fellowship Ministry

A Passover Seder, or *Pesach*, will be held at Bethlehem on Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00pm. Seder is the festival service of Passover; rooted in the Jewish faith, it is the celebration of God’s covenant to his people through the remembrance and telling of the story of the Exodus of God’s people from bondage in Egypt, and its meaning in modern life.

*Seder* simply means “order” or “sequence” and the Passover Seder is written in the book called Haggadah, which tells the story of the Exodus and explains the symbols of the holiday. Observing a *Pesach Seder* as Christians honors the roots of our faith as passed down from Abraham, Jacob, and Isaac through the prophets to Jesus and his disciples. Please join us as we observe the service and meal that formed the basis of the Eucharist, our Lord’s Supper.

Although the traditional Seder mixes the dinner with the liturgy, at Bethlehem we take a slightly different path. The evening begins with the formal liturgical ceremony in Fellowship Hall where song, story, and drink (wine or grape juice) combine to honor the tradition, faith, and God’s covenant. Foods and wine are consumed as symbols to remind us of the journey from bondage: *Karpus* - parsley dipped in salt water, *Maror* - a bitter herb (horseradish), *Charoset* – apples, nuts, and cinnamon, *Matzoh* – the unleavened bread, *Korekh* – a Maror and Matzoh sandwich, and wine (or juice) as a symbol of sanctification.

We end the evening with a festival meal—the *Shulchan Orekh*. Dinner is a sit-down meal served family style at the tables, using the church dishes and glassware. The entire evening (service and dinner) take about an hour and a half ending around 7:30pm. This year we are serving a traditional lamb dinner. Reservations are needed by Friday, March 26—please check the bulletin boards in the hallways for signup sheets. The cost for adult meals is \$16, children 4-12 is \$8, with no cost for children under 4.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

What:  
Passover Seder

When:  
Tuesday, March 30th  
6 p.m.

Where:  
Bethlehem Lutheran

RSVP:  
Sign up at the hallway  
bulletin boards by Friday,  
March 26

*Adult Meals: \$16*  
*Children 4-12: \$8*  
*Children under 4: no cost*



# Assisting Ministers

Month of March

Cantors: **Kent Steele, Andy Swenson**  
Communion Preparers: **Sheila Little, Julie Wood**  
Offering Counters: **Cissie Hennig, Kent Steele**

March 7

8:30 Welcomers: **Smith Family**  
Acolyte: **Madeline Smith**  
Lector: **Kaaren Rodman**  
Children's Sermon: **Eadie Barrie**  
Ushers: **John Champley, John Jordan**  
Jr Usher: **Mikayla Gallagher**  
11:00 Welcomer: **Ruth Skillman**  
Acolyte: **Scout Landin**  
Lector: **Anna White**  
Children's Sermon: **Wendy Myres**  
Ushers: **Rob Pritchard, Erik Tysklind**  
Altar Flowers: **Stautz Family**  
Altar Flowers Delivered: **Jack & Ruth Skillman**

March 14

8:30 Welcomer: **Nancy Stephan**  
Acolyte: **Sam Hensley**  
Lectors: **Vadas Family**  
Children's Sermon: **Janice Vadas**  
Ushers: **Brian & Wanda Swenson**  
11:00 Welcomer: **Betsy Davis**  
Acolyte: **Joe Bem**  
Lectors: **Alder Family**  
Children's Sermon: **Erik Tysklind**  
Ushers: **Michael DeMotte, Bob Wood**  
Jr Usher: **Quinten DeMotte**  
Altar Flowers: **Todd Family, Nancy Turula**  
Altar Flowers Delivered: **Norma & Carl Crabiel**

March 21

8:30 Welcomers: **Bob & Juanita Keck**  
Acolyte: **Will Deane**  
Lectors: **Vanderstel Family**  
Children's Sermon: **Juanita Keck**  
Ushers: **Jeff Mooers, Dolfin Roper**  
Jr Usher: **Carter Mooers**  
11:00 Welcomer: **Ingeborg Haesloop**  
Acolyte: **Philip Landin**  
Lector: **Ray Bragiel**  
Children's Sermon: **Becky Kendall**  
Ushers: **Bob O'Brien, Mary Stergar**  
Altar Flowers: **David & Mary Ann Michau**  
Altar Flowers Delivered: **Help Wanted!**

March 28 – Palm Sunday

8:30 Welcomers: **Brian & Wanda Swenson**  
Acolyte: **Trevor Vadas**  
Lector: **Eadie Barrie**  
Children's Sermon: **Pastor Felde**  
Ushers: **Bill Brown, Jim Capron**  
11:00 Welcomer: **Betty Unkel**  
Acolyte: **Sam Alder**  
Lector: **Catherine Folger**  
Children's Sermon: **Pastor Felde**  
Ushers: **Margit & Tom Fawbush**  
Altar Flowers: **Pat & Rick France**  
Altar Flowers Delivered: **Julie Smith**

# March 2010



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30a Blaze Staple & Label Team 7:00p Lutheran Rudiments Class  <b>Food Pantry Emphasis:</b> Tomato-based Products	<b>2</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study 7:00a Toastmasters	<b>3</b> 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Soup & Salad 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	<b>4</b> 9:30a Quilters	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00a EcoMinistry Window Upgrades 9:00a NA	
<b>7</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> 7:30a Holy Communion (spoken) 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education, Adult Choir 10:45 Children's Music 11:00a Holy Communion 2:00p Indianapolis Conference Spring Assembly	<b>8</b> 7:00p Lutheran Rudiments Class	<b>9</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study 7:00a Toastmasters 2:30p MKNA Legislative Committee	<b>10</b> 6:00p Soup & Salad 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	<b>11</b> 9:30a Quilters 6:30p Dining Out at Northside Social	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00a NA 9:30a Pre-Communion Class at Pleasant View LC
<b>14</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 2:00a Daylight Saving Time Begins 7:30a Holy Communion (spoken) 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education, Adult Choir 10:45 Children's Music 11:00a Holy Communion (New Members) 12:00 New Member Reception	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study 7:00a Toastmasters	<b>17</b> 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Soup & Salad 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	<b>18</b> 9:30a Quilters	<b>19</b> <b>Joseph, Guardian of Jesus</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00a NA 1:32p Spring Begins 4:00p Jr & Sr High Midnight Madness
<b>21</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>First Communion</b> 7:30a Holy Communion (spoken) 8:30a Holy Communion 9:30a YnC Steering Team 9:30a Pitch-In Brunch 9:45a Education, Adult Choir 10:45 Children's Music 11:00a Holy Communion 12:00n Blaze Deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study 7:00a Toastmasters	<b>24</b> 6:00p Soup & Salad 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	<b>25</b> <b>Annunciation of Our Lord</b> 9:30a Quilters	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00a NA
<b>28</b> <b>Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday</b> <b>Plastic &amp; Cardboard Recycling</b> 7:30a Holy Communion (spoken) 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education, Adult Choir 10:45 Children's Music 11:00a Holy Communion	<b>29</b> <b>Monday in Holy Week</b> 9:30a Blaze Staple & Label Team	<b>30</b> <b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study 7:00a Toastmasters 6:00p Seder Service & Dinner	<b>31</b> <b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>			

## March Birthdays

- 1 Melissa Gallant
- 2 Eric LeDoux
- 2 John Todd
- 4 Jennifer Scroggins
- 5 Christian Tysklind
- 6 Regina Clodfelter
- 6 Griffin Mooers
- 6 Amy Stautz
- 6 R H Wenzel
- 7 Roger Gregory
- 8 Mark Motluck
- 8 Valerie Petrisin
- 9 Henry Schickel
- 10 Sophia Levine
- 11 Laura Bem
- 11 David Rees
- 12 Bill Locker
- 13 Katie Keck
- 13 David Michau
- 14 Allie Patton
- 15 Margit Fawbush
- 16 Jerry Thompson
- 17 John Commorato
- 18 Katherine Horn
- 19 Lisa Christian
- 19 Brian Swenson
- 21 Erik Tysklind
- 22 Brenda Grable
- 22 Josie Little
- 23 Joanne Wenzel
- 24 Jacob Koeneman
- 25 Trecea Gardner
- 25 Jeff Hensley
- 27 Alan Stautz
- 29 Joel Conner
- 30 Beth Tysklind
- 30 Rick Wenzel
- 31 Emily Todd

## March Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Rita & Sam Campbell
- 11 Bev & John Todd
- 16 Greta & Jim Gibson
- 30 Ray Horn & Wendy Myres

## Adding Plexiglas

*by Bill Cummings,  
EcoMinistry Team*



Since November, the Sunday School rooms have been enjoying the comfort of double pane windows, thanks to Plexiglas inserts. It's time to upgrade the rest of the windows in the parish building, and March 6 is the date. It's a big job, and more hands will make for lighter work. Even if you "don't do windows," we can make use of your talents.

Adults and children alike are welcome. Come for any portion of this 8:00 – noon workday you can fit in your calendar. You may want to wear lightweight gloves. Thank you for your help. The work we do this day will slow down the electric meter for years to come.

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## Group WorkCamps Update

*by Carl Crabiel & John Todd, Service Ministry*

On the morning of January 30, 15 volunteers met with elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners in the near-southeast side of Indianapolis. We assessed their needs and wrote those needs up so that materials can be purchased and church youth groups can come here this summer and make appropriate repairs.

Once again, the bulk of the volunteers that day (8 of 15) came from Bethlehem. Many thanks to Dave & Shirley Daniell, Juanita Keck, Ken McCune, Rick Roberts, and Andy Todd (this was the second round for both Ken and Andy) for all your help.

There will be other opportunities for service with this project, so be on the lookout for more information.

# Mid-North Food Pantry Report

by Karen McCune & Kaaren Rodman, Service Ministry

A heartfelt thanks to the members of Bethlehem who support Mid-North Food Pantry (MNFP). Statistics can be boring but I would like to share some in an attempt to show how your food ministries have been used to help those in our community.

In 2009 MNFP served 5,100 families or 20,344 individuals—this with being closed for 2 weeks during our moving activities. We use the Gleaners and TEFAP (federal) guidelines for our service accounting; this means that many of those families visited us on a monthly basis for assistance.

Home delivery is offered to our homebound and elderly neighbors. 2009 was a growth year for us (as for most pantries)—in part due to the economy, but we believe also because we are more visible in our new location. Since our relocation our monthly averages have grown from 445 to 500 families so we are projecting service for over 6,000 families or 24,000 individuals for 2010.

You have been a great help, giving of your time as volunteers, supporting our fundraiser “Step Up to the Plate,” and providing a regular donation of food. On behalf of our neighbors who seek assistance and the Board of Directors for MNFP—thank you.

For 2010 we need to finish our new home and grow our board as some members, including Kaaren Rodman, have served for over 8 years. In the past year we moved and then were consumed by our fundraiser, so it is time to address operations. This year we need to raise funds and install the walk-in freezer/cooler donated to us by Eli Lilly and Company. Turns out installation isn't so straight forward, so in March we will move the old freezers from Our Redeemer to 3333 N Meridian for temporary use (and yes that is a warning of a future plea to the “I'm going to sell my truck” crowd).

In the meantime we will store the freezer unit in the backrooms and work toward raising funds for both its installation and some minor renovation—widening a doorway and adding a service window in reception. We are partnering with the Indianapolis Hunger Initiative to increase our volunteer base so that we can offer additional hours to the public and to assist us in becoming Pantry Partners with them and Gleaners. Our goal is to add a Saturday morning and one late afternoon per week to increase distribution hours from 12 to 18 per week. As usual it will be a busy year for us—culminating again with “Step Up to the Plate.”

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Food Pantry Emphasis in March:  
TOMATO—BASED PRODUCTS  
*(soups, sauces, diced/stewed/etc.)*

# Kirov Connection

by Ben & Sarah Clark, Service Ministry

An update from our friends at Sovietsk  
visit our blog: [www.sovietsksupporters.blogspot.com](http://www.sovietsksupporters.blogspot.com)

## Kid's Space

Dear Friends,

We are ok now, though not very long ago we all had flu. Because of this our orphanage was put in quarantine. We were closed for a week and even graduates were not allowed to visit us. Then our school was closed because of influenza so we have just started school. Soon we'll have winter holidays. We are preparing for the New Year. Anya, our translator, said that New Year is popular in America, though you like Christmas more. She also said that you celebrate it earlier on 25<sup>th</sup> of December. We made some beautiful cards, some girls wanted to send their cards to you. We hope they will come to you some day. We want to congratulate you on past Thanksgiving Day and on Christmas.

We wish you health and all the best.

Nastya G, Angela P, Anton K, Larisa K

## Director's Notes

Dear Friends,

Thank you for not forgetting us. Thank you for your care, support and for your prayers. This last November—not so long ago—we had a great holiday. It was 5 years since we had moved to our building in Grehovo. It was a great celebration. Some guests from Kirov and other cities came to see us. Our children were marvelous! We were proud of their good behavior, their performances and activity.

The projector that we've bought with your help is wonderful. We use it during the performances and also we show different films on the wide screen. Thank you so much for this! We also continue organizing different extra curriculum activities (guitar club, soccer and football training), tutorial lessons and work with speech therapist and psychologist for the children. Last month we've organized theatre club and it has already given an interesting performance during the jubilee of the orphanage. Still we are in need of some equipment for this club (curtain, folding screen, costumes, and so on), so if you could assist us in any way, the children would be very grateful.

New Year is coming and if you would like to send presents to the children, the best things would be mittens, warm socks, scarves, and caps. At some point, we also would like to link up with the Internet but for this we need to fix our computers because our current computers are old. And we also plan to buy a good printer because the children need to print a lot of colorful photos for reports and so on, and of course, it's very expensive.

I also would like to congratulate you on all of the holidays on the behalf of the staff and the children!

Sincerely yours,  
Anisiya V



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## A Note From Lutheran Child & Family Services

Dear Friends in Christ:

“ Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say, ‘Here I am’”. Isaiah 58:9

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$848.91 to The Sharing Place. Your support is vital if we are to continue answering the steadily increasing calls for assistance in our community.

Last year, The Sharing Place provided free food and clothing to almost 15,000 people. We were able to do this with the help of generous volunteers who donated more than 23,000 hours of their time and talent to make sure all those in need received food and/or clothing. Their tasks included sorting the clothing and food donations, organizing the pantry, assisting clients, working in the thrift store, and assembling bags of food. Obviously, their help is crucial to the success of this outreach ministry!

We are sincerely grateful for the blessings your congregation has bestowed upon The Sharing Place and those we serve. We thank God for your partnership!

In His Service,  
*Sven Schumacher*, Chief Executive Officer

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*“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. “*

*-Edward Everett Hale*

# diakonia

The Indianapolis Conference of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod is proud to announce that it will host the diakonia program later this year.

Diakonia is a lay education program that provides for personal spiritual training and growth. Classes will be held in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday mornings beginning September 2010.

For more information, please talk to Pastor Felde or contact Rebecca Dahlstrom at 708/660-0252 or [centurywanderer1@hotmail.com](mailto:centurywanderer1@hotmail.com). More information is also available at [www.thediakoniaprogram.org](http://www.thediakoniaprogram.org).

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Ruth, Jack, & Steve Skillman at the Annual Meeting

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# Blaze Editorial Staff Change

After nearly 15 years (her first issue was August 1995), Amy Kirchner has stepped down as layout editor of the *Bethlehem Blaze*. Everything that looked good about the *Blaze* in the last 15 years was because of Amy's graphic designer's eye and her dedication to providing a first-rate monthly newsletter. Thank you, Amy, for all your efforts over the years.

But not to worry. Jen Pittman-Ensley has volunteered to step into the layout editor's role. Jen and her husband Al became members of Bethlehem Lutheran last spring. Jen moved to Indianapolis after graduating from Franklin College, and she has worked in the area for the past 10 years in public relations and public policy for government agencies and nonprofits. Currently, she is part of Mayor Greg Ballard's communications office, where she works closely with sustainability, education, and community financial fitness initiatives. Jen and Al live downtown with their 5-year-old daughter Maddie, who is eager and excited to start kindergarten in the fall. As soon as warmer weather arrives, all three of them plan to spend much of their free time either at Big Long Lake in northern Indiana or enjoying one of their favorite pastimes – running and continually training up to longer distances or other new challenges.

## Agnus Day

But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10: 8-13)



[Agnus Day appears with the permission of [www.agnusday.org](http://www.agnusday.org)]

## Correction:

An article in February's *Blaze* may have left the impression that Michael Davis is Bethlehem's new choir director. Dr Davis is actually serving as interim director until the precentor call committee completes its work.

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# Youth and Children's Ministries

*by Sharon Yacoviello, YnC Coordinator*

## 100% Attendance – January

Sam Alder  
Philip Landin  
Scout Landin  
Carly Salkovsky  
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William Slover  
Erin Smith  
Jonathan Smith  
Madeline Smith  
Alan Stautz  
Benjamin Wood  
Claire Wood  
Tyler Wott



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## Souper Bowl

Jonna Stephan led this fantastic fundraiser to feed the hungry people at Mid-North and the Sharing Place! Our youth stationed themselves around the church and you generously donated at total of . . . drum roll please . . . \$201.23! Thank you for your generosity and thank you to Jonna and the youth who participated.

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## Heifer Project

This year's Heifer project kicked off on Ash Wednesday. Once again, we will do a "Read to Feed" program. Last year, we raised \$442.00 through this fundraiser—our highest amount yet. Patrons pledge per book, chapter, or page that the child reads during the weeks of Lent. Once the child has finished reading, he/she tallies up the amount read and collects the pledge amount. Donations are due back to Sunday School on April 11. We will also have banks out on the tables during Lenten meals. Last year's table collections were very successful. If you don't wish to pledge, you can still throw your loose change into the collection cans on each table on Wednesday nights. If your child wants to participate and you need materials, please contact me.

Note: We would like to offer the option for children to be read to after the meal on Wednesday nights. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact me.



## Easter Baskets

KidPatch will fill Easter Baskets for the children at Lutherwood. YnC will host the Lenten meal on March 24. After supper, we will fill the Easter Baskets. All children ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families are invited to help. If you would like to donate items for the baskets, please know that Lutherwood has very specific requests due to health and safety reasons. We usually fill about 60 baskets. Below are some suggested donations:

- Small coloring books
- Fruity candies (all candies should be wrapped)
- White chocolate
- Cookies
- Rubber toys (no plastic!)

If you have donations, please leave them in the white box on the table outside the office.

## Midnight Madness Again!

Midnight Madness strikes again! Jr and Sr High youth: Mark your calendars for another fun night on March 20! From 4:00 until 10:30pm, you will have opportunities for many activities from service to fellowship! We will clean some things out at church, eat a pizza supper, bowl, sing, and play games. Friends are welcome and we are expecting some of our friends from Pleasant View to join us as well. Registration forms are available at church and on the website.

Please note the following YnC calendar dates:

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March 20: Midnight Madness (Junior and Senior High Students)

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March 21: First Communion

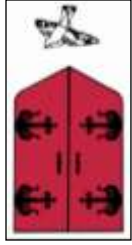
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March 21: Steering Team Meeting 9:30am

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April 4: No Sunday School.  
Children will participate in Easter Egg Hunt

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## Community Bulletin Board

**The Valparaiso University Chorale** will perform at St Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W 86th St, on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00pm. Free.

**Food and Wine Fest.** Enjoy the cuisine of top-notch area restaurants and sample fine wines in support of Lutheran Disability Ministries. Live and silent auctions. The Mansion at Oakhill, 5801 E 116th St, on Sunday, March 7, at 5:00pm. \$50 each. Benefit of LDM HandyCamp, Son-Rise Retreats, and renovation of the campsite. 738-2209 or achartman@usa.net.

**German Language Good Friday Service.** April 2 at 10:00am. This communion service is offered entirely in German at Zion Evangelical UCC, 416 E North St. 639-5411. The bulletin will provide both German & English translations of the service.

**Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions.** This workshop is offered to patients of chronic conditions, along with their caregivers and relatives. 6 consecutive Tuesdays, April 20 – May 25, 1:00 – 3:30pm. Registration is required. Heritage Place, 4550 N Illinois St, 283-6662. \$10 fee.