

# Bethlehem Blaze

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

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## My Dominican Experience

*Pastor Marcus Felde*

In August I took part in a special mission trip to the Dominican Republic. I was part of a work team organized by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans\* to build homes under the auspices of Habitat for Humanity. My partner on this trip was Scott Budlong, a Thrivent Financial representative who attends Bethlehem with his family.

Thrivent has recently made Habitat for Humanity's work an important part of its mission. It has established "Thrivent World Builds" to coordinate the charitable and volunteer work of Thrivent members with the well-known nonprofit Habitat for Humanity. This made it possible for me to participate. As a Thrivent member and pastor, I traveled to the Dominican Republic with a team of eight people from Thrivent

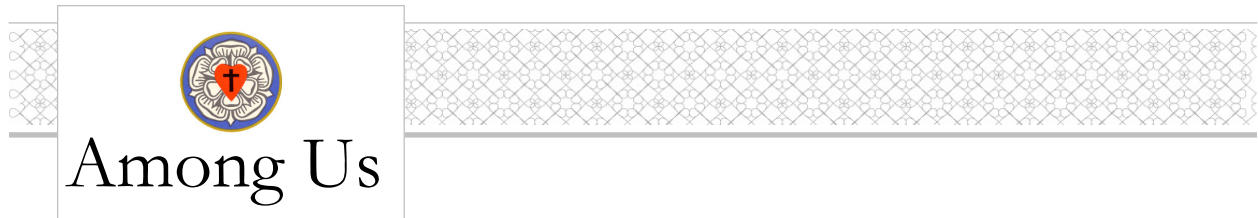


(six financial representatives and two others) and six ministers. Because Thrivent has diversified to serve not only Lutherans but also other denominations of Christians, three ministers were from our denomination, one was from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, one from the United Church of Christ, and one from the Presbyterian Church. Each of us was paired with the financial representative who invited us. The ministers came from Indiana (2), Wisconsin (2), Georgia, and Nebraska. Five of the ministers were pastors. One was a lay outreach minister.

Everything we did was organized and directed by the Dominican Republic chapter of Habitat and its employees. Our work was intended to stimulate interest and understanding and motivate churches to greater involvement in this particular channel of Thrivent's philanthropy ("fraternal activity"). Accordingly, Scott and I considered this event not only to be a work of service, but also as research into whether and how we might engage others in this arena.

Sometime soon we will plan an evening when we can share pictures and stories with anyone interested in what we saw, learned, and did. But let me tell you now just a bit about what we did.

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**Birth:** Caroline Mahan-Gregory was born on July 24 and welcomed by parents James Gregory and Rachel Mahan. We welcome Caroline into the Bethlehem family!

**Baptisms:** Reuben Alexander Schroeder Kurinsky, son of Brianne Schroeder & Pete Kurinsky, was baptized on July 30. Reuben's sponsors are Janet & Matthew Kurinsky and Barbara & Zachary Schroeder. . . . Annalise Marie Knutson, daughter of Melissa & Andy Knutson and sister of Caleb, was baptized on August 6 at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Vincennes IN. . . . Charles Arthur Hollingsworth, son of Josh & Juli Hollingsworth, brother of Lillian, and grandson of Ardy & Tim Hollingsworth, was baptized on August 20. Charlie's sponsors are Michael & Michele Batt. . . . We support and pray for Reuben, Annalise, and Charlie in their new lives in Christ.

**Ill, Injured, Recovering:** Owen Brown . . . Jim Doversberger . . . Christa Peters . . . Ann Schnuelle, who recently moved into long-term care at The Stratford in Carmel . . . Jim Simpson . . . Jim Swinford . . . Sharon Swinford . . . Dolores Tompkins . . . Anna White . . . the Alders' friend Wilma Berggren . . . Tonya Bergeson-Dana's brother-in-law Tom Conroy . . . Bill & Sarah Brown's friend Linda Dudine . . . Scott Budlong's mother Cheryl O'Brien . . . Brent Hege's brother Adam Hege . . . the Henke's sister-in-law Sharon Witte and friend Jere Krakow . . . Susan Hetherington's grandson Rick Hetherington . . . John Jordan's friend Pat Seeman . . . Aaron Kaiser's sister, brother-in-law, and nephew Heidi Kaiser, Larry Arguello, Adam Weaver . . . Bob & Juanita Keck's niece Amy Fogel and friend Bob Manz . . . Shari Morgan's father and Sarah Morgan's grandfather Graham Watts . . . Cheryl & John Pitts' daughter Heather Patrick . . . Lauren Remenih's friend Eddie Schmidt . . . Dee & Jim Simpson's friends Barbara Lozicki, A J & Regine Perez . . . Nancy Slover's cousin Sarah Sawaya . . . the Slovers' friend Elliot Ogle . . . Nancy Stephan's friend Terry Everette . . . Bev Todd's cousin Linda Ruisz . . . Nancy Turula's son Harry Turula, Jr and grandson Christopher Geesey . . . the Woods' friends Cyndi Carlisle, Stephanie Ellis, Karin Harrison, Trish Lambert, Jared Rodin, Kerri Rombach, Nick Yacoviello . . . Tim Wott's sister Holly Black. . . . We pray with these sisters and brothers in Christ for their comfort and healing.

**Condolences:** To Steve & Kathy Skillman & family and Scott & Micha Skillman on the recent death of Ruth Skillman. Ruth and her late husband Jack had been active and faithful members of Bethlehem since they joined in 1962. . . . To Brent Hege on the recent death of his step-mother Carol Hege. . . . We share with these families and friends our sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

**Thanks:** To Pr Al Rider and Fr Charles Allen (chaplain at GraceUnlimited campus ministry) for filling in during Pr Felde's absence. . . . To Bob & Benjamin Wood for their gift of trumpet music at worship. . . . To the Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society for their gift of music at our Broad Ripple Park worship service. . . . To Heidi Radtke for her gift of saxophone music at worship.

## Sunday School Helpers Still Needed

*Deaconess Jody Winter*

If you're willing to help with our Sunday School program, we could use extra adults. It is nice to have teams of two teachers per class so that schedules can alternate. All materials are accessible online and very easy to use. Other roles are available as well.

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- We took part in four different projects as volunteer labor:
  - ◆ We mortared the joints in a prefab concrete house, then painted it inside and out. (Prefab houses are made with a special process that uses aluminum channels to hold together slabs of concrete that form the walls, all of it on a concrete base. The proprietary process was designed in Colombia and is owned by the Catholic Church, the major partner of Habitat in the Dominican Republic.)
  - ◆ We mixed concrete and poured floors to upgrade an old house and make it more habitable. This involved shoveling a lot of sand and gravel into a cement mixer, and carrying the concrete in wheelbarrows.
  - ◆ We spent one day pouring the concrete slabs from which houses are built. (The factory is always busy making the parts—we were the staff for a day, and produced about 70 slabs.)
  - ◆ We spent our final day of labor digging a trench to lay the foundation for a more conventional and somewhat more expensive cinder block home.
- We also gained an education about the situation, and about the work of Habitat in the Dominican Republic. Everything we did was educational, but sometimes all we did was listen and observe. For example, we went on a field trip to visit two families who had been living in new Habitat-built homes for only a few months. What a joy to witness their happiness in their vastly improved circumstances, especially because in each case we were able to compare their present house with the one they used to live in.
- We enjoyed some cultural activities as well, both during the week and at either end of the week. We toured the ancient part of a 500-year-old city, saw the oldest university in the Americas, stayed in a hotel across the street from Christopher Columbus' old home, ate Dominican food, and watched experts dance the *merengue*, etc. Learning about the culture also meant learning a little about what it means to be poor in that country, what the obstacles are to improving the life of the country's poor, how people drive (!), and how hard they have to work. A favorite part for all of us was interacting with members of the community where we worked.



I know Scott agrees with me that this was an awesome experience. We were kept busy and tired, but we also enjoyed constant new impressions and associated with great team members. In the end, we are satisfied that our hard work bore fruit by helping several families. I am very grateful to Thrivent for its generous support of my participation. I hope you will come when we share pictures and stories.

\* For those who do not know about Thrivent Financial for Lutherans: this company is a “fraternal benefit society.” It is the result of the merger of two predecessors, Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood. They sell life and other forms of insurance and offer a wide range of other financial advice and services. The company is entirely owned by its (Lutheran or other Christian) members, and its profits benefit others in a way similar to other nonprofits. For example, if a member takes part in a “Thrivent World Builds” trip, Thrivent contributes \$500 toward their costs. Thrivent is a Fortune 500 company. For more information, see [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or contact Scott Budlong locally.

## September Wedding Anniversaries

1 Alan & Betty Stanford	6 Jennifer & Travis Wilson	11 Jane & Jerry Decius	25 Eric & Sarah Felde
2 Jane & Jeffrey Stautz	7 Erik & Kristi Nor	15 Marta & Tim Paul	26 Al & Karen Rider
4 David & Marianne Meyer	8 Debbie & Joe Stafford	24 Cheryl & John Pitts	

## September Birthdays

1 Beth Breymer	10 Richard A'Hern	17 Quinten DeMotte	26 Randy Biederstedt
2 Ali DeMotte	10 Lucy Felde	17 Kent Steele	27 Karen Rider
2 Angela Skaff	12 Phil Henke	19 Carter Mooers	29 Bud Jersild
2 Lexie Westphal	12 Curtis Heydt	19 Rick Roberts	29 Michael Rodman
5 Eadie Barrie	12 Easton Vanecko	23 Antonio Ladrón de Guevara III	
5 Kaaren Rodman	13 Zach McClure	24 Barb Alder	
6 Sandy Middleton	15 Ezra Bredehoeft	25 Karen Brogan	
6 Asher Wahl	16 Amy Koeneman		



## Stewardship

*Ken McCune*

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son . . . ”*  
*John 3:16*

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you generous with your time, money, and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? Pray for a grateful and generous heart.



## **Are You Able to Lend a Hand?**

*Deaconess Jody Winter*

Jim Doversberger is finding himself in need of more support, so we've started a Meal Train Plus for him. Limited right now to meal delivery on Mondays, it may expand as needed to include visits, yard work, etc. If you can reach out to Jim in this way, take a look at <https://mealtrain.com/4d1g78>. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

## **Free for Lunch? Join us Tuesday, September 26**

We'll meet from 11:30am-1:00pm at Three Wise Men on Broad Ripple Ave. Sign up on the Fellowship board so we can have table space ready and waiting for us!

## **Diakonia – Adult Enrichment via e-Learning**

*Karen McCune, Education Ministry*

Diakonia is an ELCA course of study covering twelve topics, including Old Testament, New Testament, Lutheran Confessions, Christian Doctrine, and more. In an effort to make this enrichment series available to more people, the Indianapolis chapter is reorganizing the curriculum for more flexibility by including independent e-learning and remote learning (i.e., traditional classes but taught via computer at home).

We need some people willing to participate in the pilot for our first remote learning course. Pastor Daniel Forehand (Grace Lutheran, Elkhart) will teach on the Old Testament using Zoom. Zoom is a neat tool that allows for lecture and class interaction from home computers. The commitment is for five weeks each Thursday evening, beginning September 14. Each session runs three hours. At the end you will be asked for feedback on the curriculum, instructor, remote experience, course times, and length. To participate, please contact either me (317/254-1057) or the Indianapolis coordinator, Kim LaSalle-Hiatt (317/361-0718).



## Assisting Ministers

Cantors: Kent Steele, Andy Swenson  
Communion Preparers: Nancy Capron, Shirley Daniell  
Offering Counters: Bill Slover, Nancy Stephan

### September 3

8:30 Welcomer: Abbi Todd  
Acolyte: Bethany Champley  
Lector: Lori VanEvery  
Children's Sermon: Pastor Marcus Felde  
Ushers:  
Enrichment: Harber Family  
11:00 Welcomers: Jane & Jerry Decius  
Acolyte: Beatrice Ladrón de Guevara  
Lector: Chris Olry  
Children's Sermon: Pastor Marcus Felde  
Ushers:  
Enrichment: Deaconess Jody Winter  
Altar Flowers: Rotchadl-Somberg Wedding  
Altar Flowers Delivered: Will You Help?

### September 10

8:30 Welcomer: Jane Bailey  
Acolyte: Andrew Haggstrom  
Lector: Marty Benson  
Children's Sermon: Deaconess Jody Winter  
Ushers:  
Enrichment: Delaney Winter, Bethany Champley  
11:00 Welcomers: Linda & Phil Henke  
Acolyte: Sarah Slover  
Lector: John Pitts  
Children's Sermon: Deaconess Jody Winter  
Ushers:  
Enrichment: MaryBeth Wott  
Altar Flowers: Jane & Jerry Decius  
Altar Flowers Delivered: Norma & Carl Crabiel

### September 17

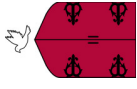
8:30 Welcomer: John Jordan  
Acolyte: Maddie Fanger  
Lector: John Champley  
Children's Sermon: Juanita Keck  
Ushers:  
Enrichment: Sarah Quandt  
11:00 Welcomers: John Hertig & Angela Skaff  
Acolyte: Conor Bergeson-Dana  
Lector: Gloria Price  
Children's Sermon: Al Rider  
Ushers:  
Enrichment: Deaconess Jody Winter

### September 24

8:30 Welcomers: Winter Family  
Acolyte: Erik Haggstrom  
Lector: David Haggstrom  
Children's Sermon: Karen Feder  
Ushers:  
Enrichment: Karen Feder  
11:00 Welcomers: Beth & Erik Tysklind  
Acolyte: Maggie Hopson  
Lector: Rob Pritchard  
Children's Sermon: Jennifer Scharbrough  
Ushers:  
Enrichment: Beth Tysklind  
Altar Flowers: Barb & Kent Alder  
Altar Flowers Delivered: Julie Smith

### Congregation Council

Marty Benson  
Pastor Marcus Felde  
Monroe Little  
Marianne Meyer, secretary  
Chris Olry  
Karen Roberts  
Julie Smith, treasurer  
Lori VanEvery, president



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

## September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30a Men's Bible Study	2
<b>3 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 7:30a Simple Communion 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education, Confirmation, Choir 11:00a Holy Communion	<b>4 Labor Day</b> 11:30a Youth Lunch & Games	<b>5</b> 6:30p Stephen Ministry SPV 6:30p Stephen Ministry Initial Training	<b>6</b> 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Choir	<b>7</b> 9:30a Quilters 6:00p Worship Ministry	<b>8</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study 8:00p Youth Lock-In	<b>9</b> 2:00p Crafty Ladies
<b>10 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 7:30a Simple Communion 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education, Confirmation, Choir 11:00a Holy Communion	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30p Stephen Ministry Initial Training	<b>13</b> 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Choir	<b>14 Holy Cross Day</b> 6:30p Dining Out at Siam Square	<b>15</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study	<b>16</b> 12:00n Community Cookout at First Trinity LC
<b>17 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 7:30a Simple Communion 8:30a Holy Communion 9:30a Pitch-In Brunch 9:45a Education, Confirmation, Choir 11:00a Holy Communion 12:00n <i>Blaze</i> Deadline	<b>18</b> 7:00p Congregation Council	<b>19</b> 6:30p Stephen Ministry SPV 6:30p Stephen Ministry Initial Training	<b>20</b> 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Congregation Council with Bishop Gafkjen 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Choir 7:00p <i>Where God Meets Man</i>	<b>21 Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> 9:30a Quilters 7:00p Faith & Film	<b>22 Autumnal Equinox</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study 4:00p Confirmation Retreat at Lutheran Hills	<b>23</b> Confirmation Retreat at Lutheran Hills
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Fellowship

*Karen McCune*

### **Brunch Is Back—Third Sundays, Beginning September 17**

Brunch returns on September 17. This is a pitch-in—hot foods, casseroles, salads—we eat it all. As in the past, the food table will be positioned in the center of the room with four lines, two beginning at each end. Diners begin at one end and end in the center with the baked goods. We balance the variety on both ends the best we can, but feel free to go back to the opposite side after everyone has been through once. As in the past, please label the ingredients in your dish. Several members have food allergies and sensitivities, and the information really helps them. In particular, lactose, nuts, shellfish, chocolate, peanuts, nitrates, and gluten are problems for several of our members. The ovens will be ready around 8:00am for dishes needing them.

### **Brunch Helpers Needed**

Brunches have grown, so helpers are needed. We will have pitch-ins on the third Sunday of September, October, November, January, March, and May. There is also a continental breakfast on Easter (April). Each brunch needs a crew to set up the room. It takes about 45 minutes with four people. We have been doing this on the Saturday before the brunch, around 4:00pm, but that is negotiable. On Sunday we need one or two people about 9:00am to help pour drinks and set out the food. We need two or three people after we eat to help cover leftovers, load dishwashers, wash church dishes, and wipe down the kitchen. Sharing means a light burden for all. Please look at your calendars, and see if you could help one month. Thanks.

## **Dining Out at Siam Square in Fountain Square**

**936 Virginia Avenue**

**Thursday, September 14, 6:30pm**

Join hosts David & Shirley Daniell and enjoy Thai cuisine at Siam Square in Fountain Square on Thursday evening, September 14, at 6:30pm. Located a few blocks north of the fountain monument on the east side of Virginia Avenue, the restaurant has a parking lot on the north side of the building, and parking is also permitted on Virginia Avenue.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the hall by Tuesday, September 12. Call the Daniells if you have questions (317/283-4351).

## **New Info on the Annual Congregational Retreat**

*Deaconess Jody Winter*

Thanks to the generosity of someone who truly values this experience, we've made it possible for all kids (under 18 years old) to come for free to this retreat! So it will only cost each family for the adults that attend, making the weekend much more affordable for more participants!

We're working hard to make sure this time together in beautiful Brown County offers something for everyone! Mark your calendars now for the weekend of November 3-5. Come for a while, or come for the weekend. Sign ups and more details are on the Youth/Family bulletin board. Registrations are being accepted!



## Service

Marianne Meyer

### Community Cookout at First Trinity

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16, to host a cookout at First Trinity Lutheran Church from noon - 2:00pm. First Trinity is near the corner of 42nd and Emerson. We will need volunteers to help set up, grill, and serve the meal.

Members are encouraged to come and eat lunch! Sign up sheets are on the Service Board for food donations. This cookout will be in conjunction with an event that First Trinity hosts. Any questions, contact Marianne Meyer.

#### Food Pantry Emphasis for September

**Pasta & Grains:** Boxed macaroni & cheese, macaroni, noodles, rice, spaghetti, cereals, hamburger and tuna helper, corn muffin mix.

### Roberts Park

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, November 26, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Bethlehem will serve a meal to the homeless in our community. Anyone, ages 11 and up, is welcome to participate. A sign-up sheet will be posted the first Sunday of November. Twenty volunteers are needed.

### Quilters Are Back!

*Norma Crabiel, Service Ministry*

The Quilters will resume their fall schedule of meeting every first and third Thursday at 9:30am, beginning September 7. We would love to have you join us! Sewing is not a requirement—come and tie knots and join in the fellowship.

*Thank you for your concern, prayers, and encouragement during my recent eye surgery. I have received good news from the surgeon and am on the way to a good recovery. Thanks be to God!*

*-Cheryll Lesber*

### General Operating Financial Results for FY 2016-2017

*Bill Slover, Finance/Endowment Ministry*

Net income for Bethlehem’s general operating fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, was \$1,109. Actual receipts for the period were \$355,367 as compared to budgeted receipts of \$353,588. Actual expenses for the fiscal year were \$354,258 as compared to budgeted expenses of \$353,588. Thank you for your financial support of the ministries here at Bethlehem.





Youth

Deaconess Jody Winter

**Labor Day Lunch and Games!**

Join us on Monday, September 4, from 11:30am-4:00pm for a pitch-in lunch and all the puzzles, cards, and board games you can handle! Bring some food to share and your competitive (or cooperative) spirit for a relaxing day together.

**First Lock-In of the School Year!**

Come on over to the church at 8:00pm on Friday, September 8, for a fun and focused overnight together. We'll talk a lot about plans for the school year, plus play some games, do a few activities focusing on "kindness," eat, giggle, and sleep! All 6th-12th graders are welcome . . . and any brave adults who'd like to lend a hand!

**2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Registrations Due September 10!**

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Houston, June 27-July 1, 2018. This is open to students entering 8th-12th grade this fall. \$150 deposits are required *absolutely no later than September 10*. Talk to your parents and your buddies now if you think you want to join about 35,000 other ELCA Lutheran youth from all over for this super fun event of worship, great music, service projects, and more . . . all especially chosen for teens to enjoy and appreciate. It's a great opportunity to be part of something really big.

**Community Cookout at First Trinity - September 16**

We'll be heading to the east side of Indy again on this day to enjoy a cookout and fun games, etc. with the community in the 42nd/Emerson neighborhoods. Come for the food and fun. Youth help is very valuable in participating in outdoor games and activities. Come and enjoy a fun day of service that is truly just fun!

**Confirmation Retreat at Lutheran Hills**

All 6th-8th graders are encouraged to participate in this busy retreat in beautiful Brown County. We'll leave as soon as we can on Friday, September 22, (after school) and return to Bethlehem by noon on Sunday, the 24th. If you haven't registered, talk to Jody ASAP. Space is limited!

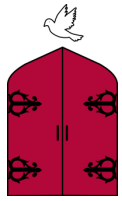
***Where God Meets Man***

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm, Beginning September 20**

*Karen McCune, Education Ministry*

The Wednesday night discussion group invites you to a six-week exploration of Gerhard Forde's *Where God Meets Man*, a 128-page book. Forde interprets Luther's writings to examine the God-man relationship, the cross, the sacraments, this world and the next, and the role of the church. There are no right or wrong answers in this group. This is a discussion group for reading and exploring the author's ideas. We hope everyone will learn something along the way.

Books are about \$12 on Amazon. We are happy to order for you—just let the office know. Leaders rotate each series. This series will be led by me with Katie Harber as backup. We meet in the lounge, same time as the adult choir. Child care is provided in the nursery. Sign up on the bulletin board for planning or book ordering.



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## **Bethlehem's Reason for Being**

Bethlehem exists to provide a Word and Sacrament ministry to the Indianapolis community.

Bethlehem exists to promote healing.

Bethlehem exists to promote faith development.

Bethlehem exists to serve as a transforming arena.

Bethlehem exists to change the world as its members respond to the Spirit's call.

Bethlehem exists to conduct an effective rather than a successful ministry.