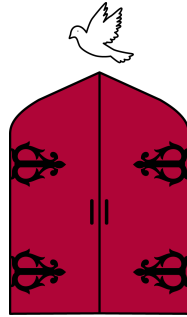


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for April 24, 2025

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm

317-283-6559

This Sunday is Easter Family Fun and Adult Learning Session at 9:00 am. The Budget Forum will meet at 10:00 am.

This Sunday is **Easter Family Fun** during the Faith Formation hour. Please join us at 9am for an Easter craft, cooking in the kitchen, and an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn. Kids of all ages, along with their parents, are invited to participate. He is Risen! Alleluia! Please reach out to Candice with any questions.

Pastor Karl Biermann, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation will join us for our final **Life Learning session** of Spring 2025 on Sunday, April 27th.

Pastor Karl Biermann will address the topic: Legacy Giving: Making the Joy of Generosity Last! Join him to:

- + Touch upon the lasting joy of giving and some of its scriptural foundations.
- + Learn about the no-cost services available to you to fulfill your charitable legacy goals and make a lasting impact!
- + Respond to the charitable callings that God might be stirring in you, while navigating tax and retirement considerations, as well as providing for loved ones.
- + Hear generosity stories featuring church friends just like you!

Biographical info:

A 2004 Trinity Lutheran Seminary graduate, Pastor Karl Biermann served as a parish pastor for 10 years in his native Texas before answering the call in 2014 to serve as assistant to the bishop in the Northeastern Ohio Synod (Cleveland/Akron/Youngstown).

Pr. Biermann and his wife of 26 years, Lana, enjoyed living in Ohio during his seminary studies in Columbus, pastoral internship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Upper Arlington (Columbus), and campus ministry experience at Capital University.

Pr. Biermann and Lana have a 20-year-old college student daughter and 18-year-old high school senior son. Beloved home base is Centerville, Ohio near Dayton, so that Pastor Biermann might be more centrally located for his ministry as the ELCA Foundation's Regional Gift Planner for Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Lower Michigan.

The **Budget Forum** will meet on April 27th at 10 am in the Library. This is an opportunity to see and discuss the proposed budget prior to the Annual Meeting/voting.

2024-2025 Annual Report of the Congregation can be viewed [here](#).

Our **Annual Meeting** will be on May 4th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be electing a new council member, synod representatives, and next year's nominating committee as well as voting on a new budget. Please plan on attending as we need 50 voting members to constitute a quorum.

From Bethlehem's Constitution and Bylaws: C8.02.c. "Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months."



**EXODUS
REFUGEE**
The life ahead.

Our **next Service Sunday** will be May 4 which is also the date of the Annual Meeting. So in place of a work project day, during the month of May 2025, Bethlehem has chosen to support **Exodus Refugee**. Exodus has a long history of welcoming refugees and asylees from many countries, cultures, languages, faiths, and political opinions. They began in 1981 with the mission to serve the legal needs of immigrants and Cuban refugees, who had arrived as part of the Mariel boatlift in 1980. Since that time, Exodus has helped thousands of refugees establish their lives in Indiana. Recent changes in government support make our support more important than ever. You can find out about this wonderful organization on the web at <https://www.exodusrefugee.org>.

Based on a recent conversation with their staff, they are currently in need of the following items specifically:

- Baby wipes
- Soap bar
- School supplies (pencils, backpacks, notebooks, line paper, markers, highlighters, pencil pouches, crayons, markers, pens, mechanical pencils, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies (all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, plungers, toilet bowl brushes, paper towel rolls)
- Laundry detergent
- Men and women's deodorant
- Soap bars
- There is also an [Amazon Wish List](#) . If you make donations through this link please let me know.

Bins will be available in the back hallway for the entire month of May. If you have questions please contact John Todd, jptodd@gmail.com or cell/text 317/414-2607. Let's help ensure that recent refugee families continue to find

the US and Central Indiana a welcoming place. Thank you for your generous support.

Meals for the Daniell family. As many may know, Dave had a accident in February. The family continues to stay with him at the hospital everyday. The Daniell's wonderful neighborhood started an informal "meal train" to feed the family. Laurie Seeber (coordinator) reached out to ask if we might want to help with food. If someone would like to take a meal to Dave and Shirley, here is Laurie's contact information: cell phone: 317-698-2226 (call or text either one); lseeber@aol.com.

Some details: a meal to serve 4 with some leftovers, leave meal in a cooler by the Daniells back door no later than 7 PM. Contact [Nancy](#) if you need their address.

Young Adult in Global Mission: [Madeline](#)

Madeline's Newest update (3/31/2025): can be read [here](#).



The **IYG Pantry** is running dangerously low on food for the LGBTQ+ youth that we serve. Can you support Indy's LGBTQ+ Youth by ordering much-needed items from our Amazon Wishlist. Click the [here](#) to order for a list of their most-needed items. If you would like to drop donations, you may do so M=F 10am-3pm at 3733 North Meridian St., 46208 or in the bins at BLC outside the church office.



If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry training and caregiving, please contact [Pastor Ken Ranos](#), [Abbi Todd](#), 253.905.3148, or [Shari Watts](#), 317.753.7323 for a confidential conversation.



Can you find this week's shields?

25 April 2025: Mark, Evangelist — "St. Mark the Evangelist", red
St. Mark the Evangelist's symbol is a winged lion, which also represents John the Baptist's preaching in the wilderness which mark likened to a lion's roar. (This shield is on the south ceiling.)

27 April 2025: Second Sunday of Easter — "The Resurrection", white
The legend of the phoenix, burning to death and rising young and rejuvenated from the ashes, is the basis for this Easter symbol.

Ask The Pastor

Got questions about religion, Christianity, faith, church history, theology, worship, etc.? Send your questions to [Pastor Ken](#) and you'll find your answer featured in the weekly e-Blaze newsletter!



BLC Members: David Daniell, Chervyl Lesher, Traci Rodgers, Carol Sternecker

Family of members: Carol Boyd, Chris Burke, Steve Clark, Melanie Cochran, Rich Grady, Rick Graverson, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, Debi Koss, Jim Kovach, Elizabeth Kreppein, Heather Patrick, Jeremiah Ray, David Schmidt, Mark Seest, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie, Mike

Friends of members: Father Michael Barton, Rita, Kristin Colber-Baker, Craig, Rosie Kepple, Deda M., Margo, Monica, Joseph Morone, Miss Perez, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne Russell, Griffin, Judy Williams

We offer our condolences to Lori VanEvery on the passing of her aunt, Beth Arnold.

[Let us know](#) if you'd like to add/remove someone.

Upcoming Birthdays
4/26 Susan Bem, Erik Haggstrom,

**Upcoming
Anniversaries**

George McCord Keck, Carly
Quandt, Tyler Wott
4/27 Rusty Geiser
5/1 Trey Feder, Madeline Smith

5/1 Kristin & John Lewis

What's happening this week?

TODAY, April 24, 2025

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, April 27, 2025

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Easter Family Fun; Adult Learning Session

10:00 am Budget Forum

10:30 am Resurrection of Our Lord (Live & Streamed-YouTube)

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Wednesday Walk (Crown Hill)

12:00 pm e-Blaze submission deadline

6:30 pm Wednesday Evening Prayer (Live & Streamed - YouTube)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

NEXT THURSDAY, May 1, 2025

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Apr. 27th)

Acolyte - Lucia Ladrón de Guevara

Lector - Gloria Price

Children's Sermon - Ellen Rispoli

Communion Asst. - Traci Rodgers

Communion Prep - Beverly

Emmons

A/V - Nancy Slover

Serving Next Sunday (May 4th)

Acolyte -

Lector - Carl Crabiel

Children's Sermon - Natalie Goss

Communion Asst. - Traci Rodgers

Communion Prep - *needed*

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Rick Roberts

Counters - K. Alder & B. Slover

Usher - Marty Benson
Counters - B. Alder & G. Price

Worship With Us

Sunday in-person Worship at 10:30 am
Click [here](#) for 10:30 am Live-Stream

Wednesday Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm
Click [here](#) for 6:30 pm Live-Stream

[Click here](#) to access BLC's YouTube channel

If you can help with any of these upcoming services please contact the [office](#)!

Got something to add to the e-Blaze? The deadline to [submit articles](#)
is every Wednesday at noon!

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