



Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for August 1, 2024  
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm  
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**This Sunday:** Our annual **Church in the Park & Picnic** is this **Sunday, August 4th**. Church will begin at **10:30 am** in the large pavilion at **Broad Ripple Park**, 1426 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220. There will be a pitch-in picnic to follow. BLC will provide the drinks, meat and buns. Since it is Service Project Sunday, we are holding a Hot Dog Drive to benefit the food pantries. Please bring packages of hot dogs to donate.

**There will no 7:30 am service this Sunday. Also there will not be a live stream of service on Sunday.**



**Bethlehem youth and kids** led a beautiful service last Sunday, serving in all roles from Pastor to usher to AV! Big thanks to Susan for

allowing the kids space to create all the music, Pastor Ken for working with our youth to lead worship, and Kyle Bredehoeft for making the delicious beignets. Families, please note that kids are always welcome to serve during worship! Youth Sunday is designed to show them the many opportunities available to them.



Bethlehem is having a **SERVICE PROJECT aiding Second Helpings** on Saturday, August 17, from 8:30am until noon. We need 15 volunteers aged 6 through adult. The work will involve cleaning out the agency's delivery vans, inside and out. We may help clean other equipment or areas of the facility. Light work that can be accomplished and enjoyed by children, parents, and adults. Participants should wear closed toe shoes. No flip flops or sandals. Shorts are ok, but no tank tops, long or short sleeves please.

Second Helpings is a major player in Nutrition Assistance in the Central Indiana area. Founded a little more than 25 years ago, it helps the area's nutritionally disadvantaged through three areas of involvement:

- Food rescue on a massive scale.
- Hunger Relief Kitchen. Daily, using the donated food, Second Helpings prepares approximately 5,000 meals that are delivered to more than 100 agencies in the Indianapolis area.
- Culinary Training. Second Helpings continually offers culinary training classes for unemployed and underemployed persons seeking a career in the food service industry. Since it's inception, more than 1,000 persons have been trained.

Come and spend an enjoyable morning serving a very worthwhile

organization. Signup sheet in back hall. Contact John Todd by phone (text/voice) 317-414-2607, or email [JPTodd@gmail.com](mailto:JPTodd@gmail.com), if you have questions. Thank you.



**More volunteers are needed:**

\*Communion Assistants are needed to distribute communion during the 10:30 service. If you can help, please let the [office@indylutheran.com](mailto:office@indylutheran.com) know.





Kyle - Master Beignet Maker!



The IYG Pantry is running dangerously low on food for the LGBTQ+ youth that we serve. Are you able to help??

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.



## What would you tell others considering becoming a Stephen Minister?

"Come, listen, learn, be open to growing and giving in ways you'll never regret."

For more information about Stephen Ministry at BLC contact [Pastor Ken Ranos](#), [Abbi Todd](#), 253.905.3148, or [Shari Watts](#), 317.753.7323 for a confidential conversation.



## Liturgical Shields

In 1945, Pastor Don Elder created two shields decorated with liturgical symbols--one for the Epiphany of Our Lord, and one for Reformation Sunday. He organized an Ecclesiastical Arts Group in 1949 and proposed decorating the entire ceiling of the sanctuary with similar shields to represent every Sunday, Principal Festival, and Lesser Festival celebrated in the church year at that time. Pastor Elder designed two series of shields (essentially the church year twice), 130 shields in total, and the EAG painted them, completing the project in 1952.

The shields don't always correspond to particular lectionary readings of the day, but they do draw on the themes for the seasons and incorporate symbols related to them. Each series runs from the top row to the bottom, from the front of the nave to the back.

These shields correspond to the Sundays and festival days of August this year in the South series:

4 August 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 18) — "Confirmation", green

The solemn rite of Confirmation, now called Affirmation of Baptism, a condition of voting membership in the church and once a condition of the reception of the Holy Communion, is represented by a minister clad in ancient vestments laying their right hand on the head of a kneeling youth.

11 August 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 19) — "Marriage", green  
Two clasped hands symbolize the sacred rite of marriage. The monogram "IHS" above represents Christ's presence in matrimony.

18 August 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 20) — "Ordination", green  
The stole symbolizes the rite of ordination. A long narrow piece of cloth worn over around the neck for pastors and bishops, and over the left shoulder for deacons, it represents the yoke of Christ.

25 August 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 21) — "The Mystic Star", green  
A star of seven points with a letter within each symbolizes the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Blessing, Glory, Wisdom, Thanksgiving, Honor, Power, and Might.

Festivals for which there are no shields:

15 August 2024: Mary, Mother of Our Lord

24 August 2024: Bartholomew, Apostle

--- Excerpts expand on the work of Sheryl D. Vanderstel, historian, in "Christianity and Community: A History of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1923-1990".

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## 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!

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BLC Members: Roger Gregory, Bob Keck, Ken McCune, John Pitts, Todd Rainer, Nova Urban

Family of members: Chris Burke, Dean, Liz Cantey, Steve Clark, Melanie Cochran, Rick Graverson, Betty Griffis, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, Deby Koss, Jim Kovach, Heather Patrick, Player family, Sharise Powell, Jeremiah Ray, Marilyn Scaer, Rich Scaer, David Schmidt,

Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie

Friends of members: Kristin Colber-Baker, Jeannie & Marvin Galbreath, Stacey Keaffaber, Rosie Kepple, Judy Kreger, Lori, George L., Deda M., Lynn Medley, Joseph Morone, Brooke Feister O'Brien, Miss Perez, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne & Michelle Russell, Judy Williams, Wendy

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

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### **Upcoming Birthdays**

8/1 Chervyl Leshner  
8/2 David Haggstrom, Dolfin Roper, Lillie Roper  
8/4 Pat France, Brent Hege  
8/7 Julia Schickel

### **Upcoming Anniversaries**

8/1 Norma & Carl Crabiel  
8/6 Abbi Todd & David Guth  
8/6 Karen & Ken McCune

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## **What's happening this week?**

**TODAY**, August 1, 2024

### **FRIDAY**

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

### **SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**, August 4, 2024

10:30 am Church in the Park (Broad Ripple Park)

11:15 am Church Picnic

### **MONDAY**

### **TUESDAY**

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg (BLC)

### **WEDNESDAY**

8:30 am Wednesday Walk (Crown Hill)

12:00 pm e-Blaze submission deadline

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Wednesday Books

**NEXT THURSDAY**, August 8, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

## Church Calendar

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### **Serving This Sunday (August 4th)**

Lector - Jennifer Scharbrough  
Children's Sermon - Pastor Ken  
Usher - Marty Benson  
Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

### **Serving Next Sunday (August 11th)**

Acolyte - Phoebe Tatum  
Lector - Brent Hege  
Children's Sermon - Gibson & Erik  
Tysklind  
Communion Assistant - *needed*  
Communion Prep - Ellen Rispoli &  
Peter Russel  
Usher - Ken Moeller & Rick  
Roberts  
Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

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

### **Worship With Us**

No Live-Stream For Sunday Worship

Wednesday Evening Prayer in-person at 6:30 pm

Click [here](#) for 6:30 pm Live-Stream

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

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





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