



Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for August 15, 2024  
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm  
317-283-6559

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**This Sunday:** Please join the Stephen Ministry this Sunday as they host Lemonade on the Lawn following the 9:30 worship service.

If you are able to host Lemonade on the Lawn next weekend, please contact [Jennifer Scharbrough](#) or the [church office](#).

**Seeking Faith Formation Teachers:** As summer comes to a close (boo!) and we return to our "normal schedule", there are many exciting programs coming back at Bethlehem. **Faith Formation classes resume on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** There's a class for everyone! Julie Smith will lead our youngest kiddos. Katie Bredehoeft is the teacher for Grades 1-3. Jennifer Scarborough heads up the Grades 4-5 kids. Pastor Ken will lead Middle School/Confirmation classes. And I will meet with our High Schoolers. We could always use more help! If you are interested in co-teaching, being a substitute teacher, or doing a "one time only" appearance as a Guest Speaker in the Teen Class, please reach out and let me know! We'd love to have you.



## Young Adults in Global Mission -

For the next 10 months, Madeline Smith will be serving with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program in Mexico. To find out more about and support Madeline and the ELCA's YAGM program, follow the link below [Young Adults in Global Mission: Madeline Smith - YAGM](#). In addition, stay tuned to the Blaze for the bimonthly updates she will be sharing regarding her journey.

### Support her for one day, week or month!

As part of accepting this call, Madeline is asked to raise *at least* \$6,000 of the total \$18,000 cost. It is traditional that churches spiritually and financially support missionaries and seminarians, especially those raised in the own congregation. Any donation is appreciated to support Madeline's year of service! \$20 covers a one day of her trip, \$140 a week or even \$600 a whole month.

The above link will take you to a donation site for YAGM or you can donate by check in the offering plate (Madeline's Mission) or [Vanco](#) (hyperlink or QR code). Madeline is so grateful for your support in any amount. Thank you!



### About Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program provides young adults, ages 21-35, the opportunity to grow in their faith and work in partnership with our global companions. Young adults in the program serve in churches, schools and social service ministries. Currently the program is engaged in work in Argentina and Uruguay, Cambodia, Central Europe (Hungry and Serbia), Mexico, Senegal, and the United Kingdom.

The total cost for one young adult in the program is \$18,000. Each young adult is tasked with raising a minimum of \$6,000 to help support their year of service. The ELCA commits to raising the additional \$12,000 per volunteer through generous congregations and individual donors. If more than \$6,000 in gifts is received, the additional funds will help support other

young adult volunteers and the future of the Young Adults in Global Mission program.



**BLC is heading to Victory Field!** Join us for a fun night of baseball and fellowship on Saturday, September 14th at 6:30pm. We're trying out Lawn Seats this time to give the kids more room to run and play, but we want members of all ages to enjoy the game so if you would prefer Box Seats, please reach out to [Candice](#). There is a sign-up on the bulletin board at church. Tickets are \$9 each in the lawn (or \$15 in the stands) and checks should be made out to Bethlehem with "Baseball" in the memo. Please sign-up no later than Sunday, September 8th.

**Meals for the Kecks:** Bob and Juanita could use some help with meals being delivered. We have started a [meal train](#). If you have time, Juanita loves a good phone or in-person visit too!

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.



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.



My neighborhood learned something strange when Covid struck in 2020.

Sure, we always waved, we knew names, and we thought we knew each other – but we honestly didn't. I doubt that we would have called each other "Friend". I thought back on that when I recently went to a very nice Eclipse Party, with a wonderful group down the street. I suddenly realized - things certainly have changed for the better!

Research tells us that having different "groups" of friends is healthy. It makes you more interesting. It also increases the satisfaction and comfort you feel with your life, since different groups of friends can (and do) offer you different types of support.

You may already have your "work friends", your family friends, your "church" friends, and maybe some of your neighbors. But are you willing to expand your circle? Science says that adding more personal "connections" makes a happier you!

This is your invitation to add a new group, pick up some remarkable skills, and change your own life. The Stephen Ministry Program is starting a new class this fall. This training is offered as a weekly class over about 16 weeks, and your classmates will be from Cross & Crown Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. You'll learn about the importance of confidentiality, how much empathy changes people, and most importantly, the healing and sustaining power of truly connecting with someone.

If this interests you, finding a Stephen Minister to chat with is as easy as finding our pictures and names on the hallway bulletin board.

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:

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, *Lillie Roper*, 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, 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**

8/17 Julie Wood  
8/18 Julie Smith, Anne Westphal  
8/19 Eddie Schickel, Alex Winter  
8/20 MaryBeth Wott  
8/21 Lauren Remenih

### **Upcoming Anniversaries**

8/17 Karen & Rob Pritchard  
8/20 Melissa & Andy Knutson  
8/22 Ardy & Tim Hollingsworth

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

**TODAY**, August 15, 2024

### **FRIDAY**

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

### **SATURDAY**

9:30 am Second Helpings Service Project

**SUNDAY**, August 18, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:30 am Holy Communion (Live & Streamed-YouTube)

10:45 am Lemonade on the Lawn

### **MONDAY**

### **TUESDAY**

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (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 22, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

### [Church Calendar](#)

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#### **Serving This Sunday (August 18th)**

Acolyte - Connor Queck

Lector - Stephanie Levine

Children's Sermon - Susie Swenson

Communion Assistant - *needed*

Communion Prep - Ellen Rispoli &  
Peter Russel

Usher - Erik Tysklind & Marty  
Benson

Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

#### **Serving Next Sunday (August 25th)**

Acolyte - Zeke Bredehoeft

Lector - Gloria Price

Children's Sermon - Natalie Goss

Communion Assistant - *needed*

Communion Prep - Ellen Rispoli &  
Peter Russel

Usher - Marty Benson

Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

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

#### **Worship With Us**

Sunday in-person Worship at 9:30 am

Click [here](#) for 9:30 am Live-Stream

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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