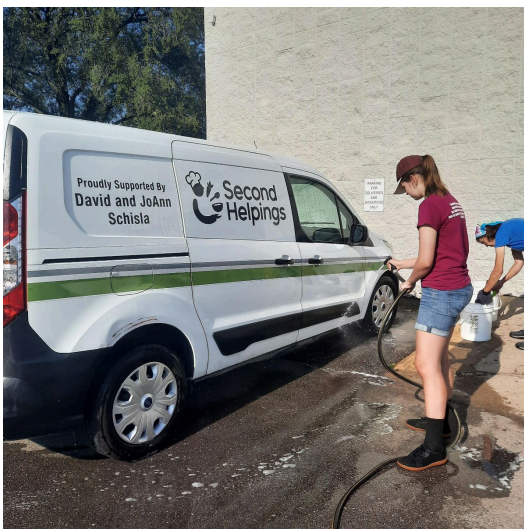


Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for August 22, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
317-283-6559

This Sunday: Bob Keck passed away last Friday ([obituary](#)). There will be a celebration of Bob's life **this Sunday, 25 August 2024** in Fellowship Hall. It will be open-house style from **12:00—2:00 pm**. Folks are free to come and go as they please. The family is inviting people to wear purple (Bob's favorite color) or Hawaiian shirts (a staple of Bob's wardrobe).

If you are able to help bring food or help in kitchen, both would be most appreciated. Please sign up [here](#). A little help is needed on Saturday for set up and more help on Sunday. If you are bringing food, click on the Sun. Aug 25, 2024 sub-link to see the breakdown of food needed.



Thanks to all who attended our first Saturday **Service project at Second Helpings** this past Saturday! Our group cleaned out trucks used to deliver

food around Central Indiana, furthering Second Helpings mission to address food rescue, hunger relief, and culinary job training. A big shoutout to John Todd and Candice Tatum for leading this event and coordinating volunteers.

Service Sundays resume at our regular time starting in September! On the first Sunday of each month, we will gather for a service project aimed at extending our love and care for our sisters and brothers in Christ. These projects ask for our time, talent, or treasure (and sometimes all three), and it's a really fun way to commune with our BLC family outside of worship.

On Sunday, September 1, we are asking for baked good donations (store bought or homemade) to take to first responders. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 930a to make cards and then distribute cards and baked goods at fire stations around Bethlehem. If you're not able to join us, but would still like to participate, please feel free to take a baked good donation to your neighborhood fire station. For a map of Indianapolis Fire Department stations, please see the map at this link: <https://media.graphassets.com/ybMWqNpOS0KEOJne2QLX>

Thank you,
Sarah Hurt Evans





Power pole replacement project update: The traffic patterns in the church parking lot continue to change daily. Please be aware anytime you come to church.

Also, there has been a change to the schedule. The church will be available for use on Monday, Aug. 26th. However, it will be closed and without power and WIFI on Monday, Sept. 9th. If you need to access the building that day, you will need a physical key to the building.

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 8th 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.

Scam Alert from Pastor Ken: You may have received suspicious emails or text messages claiming to be from Pastor Ken asking for your help with a private matter, usually asking to buy gift cards for someone. This is a VERY common scam. If you receive any message from me that looks suspicious, please keep the following in mind:

- My ONLY cell phone number for begins with a 715 (Wisconsin) area code. If you receive a text message from any other number, it is NOT me.
- I send emails from one of two email addresses. Bulk messages sent to the entire congregation come from "pastor@indylutheran.org" and are sent through the ICON Database system the congregation uses.

All other messages are sent from my personal email account "ken@ecumenicallife.com". Emails sent from this account are always digitally signed with a public cryptographic key. It will either be included as part of the message itself or sent as an attachment. You can use a program like GnuPG or Enigmail to verify the validity of the public key, proving that I really did send the email.

If you receive an email from any other address, even it comes through from "Pastor Ken Ranos", it is NOT from me.

- Lastly, if you are ever suspicious of a text or email, contact me directly a different way--don't reply to the text or suspicious email itself



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.

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 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.



Stephen Ministry: *Caring that changes lives*

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:

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:

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".

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: Roger Gregory, the Keck family, 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

We offer our deepest condolences to the Keck family on the passing of [Bob Keck](#).

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

Upcoming Birthdays

8/23 Wendy Myres
8/25 Janis Vadas
8/26 Adam Leininger
8/27 Marty Maddox
8/28 James Clark

Upcoming Anniversaries

8/22 Ardy & Tim Hollingsworth
8/27 MaryBeth & Tim Wott

What's happening this week?

TODAY, August 22, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, August 25, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

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

12:00 pm Celebration of Life for Bob Keck

MONDAY

6:00 pm Council Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY

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 29, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (August 25th)

Acolyte - Zeke Bredehoeft

Lector - Gloria Price

Children's Sermon - *needed*

Communion Assistant - Traci
Rodgers

Communion Prep - Ellen Rispoli &
Peter Russel

Usher - Marty Benson

Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

Serving Next Sunday (Sept. 1st)

Acolyte - *needed*

Lector - Lori VanEvery

Children's Sermon - Karen Feder

Communion Assistant - Traci
Rodgers

Communion Prep - *needed*

A/V - Peter Russel

Usher - Rick Roberts

Counters - B. Slover & K. 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

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



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