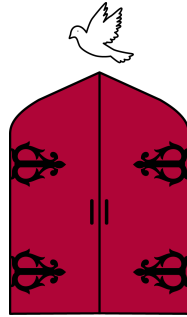


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for December 28, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm
317-283-6559

This Sunday: Morning Prayer at 10:30 am. No 7:30 am service.

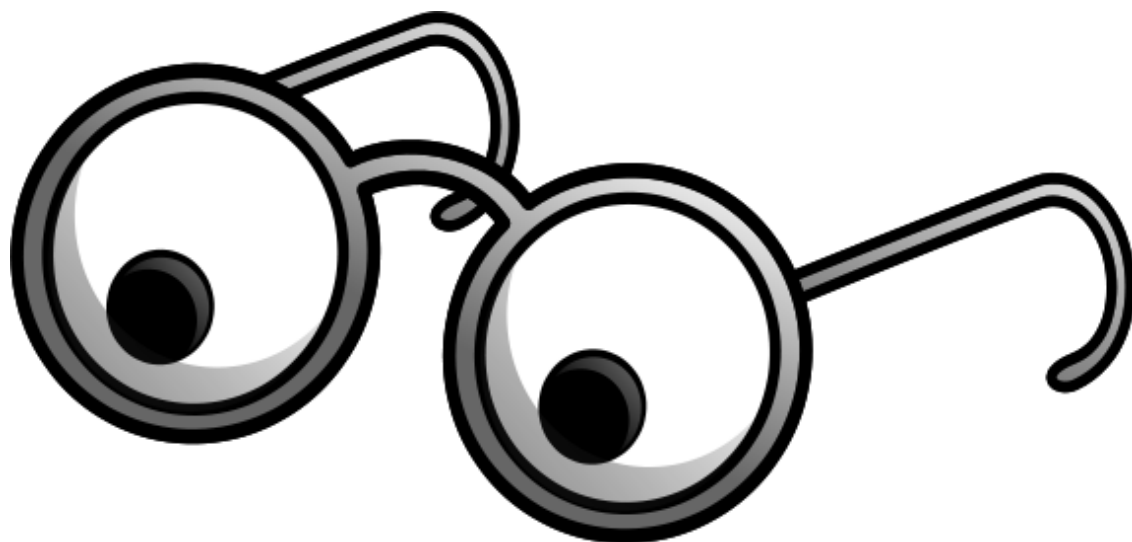


General Operating Net Income Update and Appeal

As of November 30, 2024, net income for Bethlehem's general operating fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 was (\$35,742), which is a negative figure. Actual receipts for the period were \$127,844 as compared to budgeted receipts of \$169,278. Actual expenses for the fiscal year were \$163,586 as compared to budgeted expenses of \$169,278. The main driver of the negative net income figure was smaller giving totals of \$17,270 in October and \$12,013 in November. We need pledges and offerings of \$33,206 per month to be on budget. This amounts to \$7,663 per week.

Please check your funds available and consider additional giving. Regular giving is most helpful for meeting monthly expenses, and this can be automated via VANCO or your bank's bill paying service.

Thank you for your financial support of the ministries here at Bethlehem.
Bill Slover, Finance/Endowment Ministry



Service Sunday project on January 5

We partner with the Lion's Club and are collecting and sorting eyeglasses for mission trips across the world. Their last mission trip was to Mexico, pre-Covid, where 43 volunteers took 65,000 pairs of eyeglasses and fit 9,000 glasses in one week. As you're doing your new year's cleaning, collect those old eyeglasses that have been hiding in the back of drawers to bring to church on January 5.



Jelly Drive

Peanut Butter is missing its best friend! Did you know that Cathedral Kitchen gets lots of donated peanut butter but sadly is low on jelly? Bethlehem will be collecting jars and bottles of jelly from now through the end of the month. Please purchase a container or two of your favorite strawberry, grape, or other flavor jelly, and place them in the box labeled "Jelly Drive" in the hallway. Thanks for your generous support!



What's PB&J without the jelly? The food pantry is running low on jelly and needs your support. Bring in jars and bottles of jelly now through December and place in the box labeled "Jelly Drive".

JELLY DRIVE
TO SUPPORT
CATHEDRAL KITCHEN



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

Madeline sent a new update last week: you can read it [here](#). Thank you!



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?

27 December 2024: John, Apostle and Evangelist — "St. John the Apostle", red (white)

A serpent coiled around a sword recalls the sin of humankind and power of the sword of the spirit over it.

29 December 2024: First Sunday of Christmas — "Nativity (Glastonbury Thorne)", white

The flower of the ancient *Crataegus oxyacantha praecox* tree found in England is said to burst into bloom around Christmas each year. The blossom has become a symbol of Christ's nativity.

Festivals for which there is no shield:

28 December 2024: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Family of members: Carol Boyd, Chris Burke, Steve Clark, Melanie Cochran, Rich Grady, Rick Graverson, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt

Hofbauer, Deby Koss, Jim Kovach, Heather Patrick, Jeremiah Ray, David Schmidt, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie

Friends of members: Kristin Colber-Baker, Jeannie Galbreath, Stacey Keaffaber, Rosie Kepple, Lori, George L., Deda M., Margo, Lynn Medley, Monica, Joseph Morone, Miss Perez, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne Russell, Judy Williams

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

Upcoming Birthdays

12/27 Elyse Barringer
12/28 Candice Tatum
12/29 Nathan Champley, Andrew Haggstrom, Eric Wott
12/30 Ray Horn
12/31 Maryann Michau, William Slover
1/1 Layla Maschger
1/2 Aiden Knutson, Cheryl Maddox

Upcoming Anniversaries

12/28 Barb & Kent Alder
12/30 Angela & John Hertig
1/1 Susie & Andy Swenson

What's happening this week?

TODAY, December 26, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

10:30 am Morning Prayer (Live & Streamed-YouTube)

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

New Year's Day!

NEXT THURSDAY, January 2, 2025

Office Reopens

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Dec. 29th)

Acolyte - James Clark
Lector - Carl Crabiel
Children's Sermon - Susie Swenson
Communion Assistant - *none*
Communion Prep - *none*
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - Rick Roberts
Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

Serving Next Sunday (Jan. 5th)

Acolyte - Ben Levine
Lector - Jennifer Scharbrough
Children's Sermon - Ellen Rispoli
Communion Assistant - Lori
VanEvery
Communion Prep - *needed*
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - *needed*
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 10:30 am
Click [here](#) for 10:30 am 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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