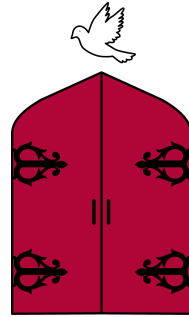


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for December 5, 2024  
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm  
317-283-6559

## **This Sunday:** Faith Formation



Presents donated by BLC members for the Lutheran Child & Family Services  
Christmas Store

## **OFFICE HOURS**

The church office is open Tuesdays-Fridays, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Looking to drop in and talk to Pastor Ken? If so, you'll most likely find me in the office:

Tuesdays: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesdays: 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Thursdays: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Fridays: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

However, I sometimes have meetings (on- and off-site), appointments, hospital/home visits, Bible studies, or other engagements scheduled during the day, so I may not always be in the office during these times. If you know in advance you would like to talk to me, please contact me so we can setup an appointment.

**Christmas Caroling** Next Saturday we'll be sending out Christmas Carolers from Bethlehem to visit members and friends of our community. Please follow the link below to sign up and/or submit a name for our list of folks to visit. When the lists have been gathered, an itinerary will be planned and posted, so you have the option of meeting up with the carolers at only one or two chosen locations if that's all you can do. We'll want a core group of 16-20 people, which may be split into two groups, each taking separate routes. Follow [this link](#), mark your calendars for December 14 at 12pm, and stay "tuned!" (Get it?)

**St. Lucia Celebration:** Please join in the St. Lucia festivities on Sunday, December 15, in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. This festival is traditionally re-enacted in Scandinavian homes on the morning of Dec.13 to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season, and add a touch of brightness to a long winter. A child of the household, wearing a white gown with a red sash and a wreath of lighted candles on her/his head, leads the other children on a breakfast procession through the home, with a tray of pastries. At Bethlehem, we include traditional Scandinavian foods, but also welcome finger foods from the many cultures and traditions of our members. We invite you to share a food from your own ethnic background, or try one of the Scandinavian recipes posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Hope to see you there.

**Christmas Eve Readers:** Nine lectors are needed to do readings for the Christmas Eve 7:30 service. If we're short, some can double up. To

volunteer, please email or text Marty Benson, mtb42@att.net or 317-696-9812, ideally by Dec. 18. Thanks

## 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!



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

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. Madeline sent a new update this 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.



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GOD

**HELP**  
OTHERS

**GROW**  
SPIRITUALLY

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.



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## Can you find this week's shields?

8 December 2024: Second Sunday of Advent — "The Deluge", violent (blue)

The ark of Noah was built as a refuge from the flood. The ark is also a symbol of the Church.

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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!



BLC Members: Roger Gregory, Mike Smith

Family of members: 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, Brooke Feister O'Brien, Miss Perez, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne Russell, Judy Williams

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

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### **Upcoming Birthdays**

12/5 Conor Bergeson-Dana;  
Beverly Emmons  
12/7 Dee Simpson; Randy Swenson  
12/11 Cheryl Pitts

### **Upcoming Anniversaries**

12/7 Gina & Jeff Mooers  
12/10 Jenna & Keith Beatty

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

**TODAY**, December 5, 2024

7:00 pm Advent by Candlelight (stream begins at 8:00 pm)

### **FRIDAY**

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

### **SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**, December 8, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Faith Formation

10:30 am Holy Communion (Live & Streamed-YouTube)

### **MONDAY**

6:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting

### **TUESDAY**

### **WEDNESDAY**

9:00 am Wednesday Walk (Crown Hill)

12:00 pm e-Blaze submission deadline

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Wednesday Books

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**NEXT THURSDAY**, December 12, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

## [Church Calendar](#)

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### **Serving This Sunday (Dec. 8th)**

Acolyte - Lucia Ladrón de Guevara  
Lector - Erik Tysklind  
Children's Sermon - Jennifer  
Scharbrough  
Communion Assistant - Lori  
VanEvery  
Communion Prep - Norma Crabiel  
A/V - Nancy Slover  
Usher - R. Roberts & K. Moeller  
Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

### **Serving Next Sunday (Dec. 15th)**

Acolyte - Levon Evans  
Lector - Marty Benson  
Children's Sermon - Erik Tysklind  
Communion Assistant - Traci  
Rodgers  
Communion Prep - *needed*  
A/V - Nancy Slover  
Usher - Erik Tysklind  
Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

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

### **Worship With Us**

Advent by Candlelight in-person at 8:00 pm  
Click [here](#) for 8:00 pm Live-Stream

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