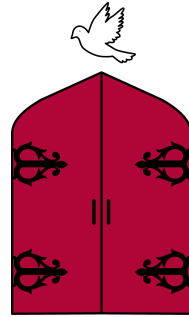


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for February 13, 2025

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm

317-283-6559

This Sunday is Brunch. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Please stop by the Cards from Kids (of all ages) table to make a card for Erik and the Ranos family.



Bethlehem's Cards From Kids

For The Kids!

(or kids at heart)

Let's show our fellow BLC members how much we love and care for them!



Erik Tysklind

Lets congratulate Erik (aka Dr. T) as he hangs up his stethoscope and retires from his veterinary practice. We are so blessed to have him usher our congregation into our church most Sunday mornings and lead many of our children's messages.



Jamie Danielle Ranos

Our very own Pastor Ken, Debbie and Jordan welcomed the newest member of their family on February 8. Navigating the world as a family of four will be a big adjustment for everyone, so show this special family our encouragement and shared excitement for this wonderful new arrival!

The **2025 Nominating Committee** – Bill Slover, Kate Lutholtz Bridge, Stephanie Levine, Carl Crabel, Bev Todd and Natalie Goss - will be meeting soon. They are seeking nominations for Church Council and Synod Representatives. If you have a name to suggest or you are interested, please contact the [church office](#) by February 28.

Stewardship 2025: Council shared a survey seeking feedback of how you feel things are going at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This [survey](#) is

an opportunity for each member to give suggestions of what you like and what you would like to see happen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Intent cards were mailed last week as part of Stewardship 2025. You may complete the card and return to church **or** complete the online [Intent](#). Your time and talents are so very important to the ongoing success of our ministries. Please prayerfully consider what you can share with others.

Disaster Response Life Learning Sessions on 2/23/2025 and 3/09/2025

Life Learning sessions will take place in the lounge on faith formation Sundays this Spring in February, March, and April. There will not be a life Learning session on 2/16/2025, which is a Brunch Sunday.



Mark your calendars for the **4th Sunday of February (2/23/2025)** from 9:00 AM -10:00 AM as we welcome back our Indiana-Kentucky Synod disaster coordinator, Jayme Beneker. Take this opportunity to learn, connect, and collaborate with Bethlehem fellow members and guests as Jayme engages us in an simulation that will better help us understand and empathize with the problems and emotions that victims experience after a disaster.

On the **2nd Sunday in March, (3/09/2025)**, Jayme will lead us as we explore assets that Bethlehem's building, location, and members might provide if a disaster struck in our community. While we invite your participation in both of these sessions, either session will also be valuable on its own.

Contact Susie Swenson, 317-251-1605 or sgswenson@comcast.net if you have questions or would like additional information.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Fundraiser to support BLC Youth

6:30PM

**All-you-can-eat
Pancakes
Sausage**

03.04.25



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

The choir of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is presenting a **Lenten hymn festival** entitled "O Love of God." There will be two performances: Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 317 N New Jersey Street; and Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 526 E 52nd Street.

Sculpture: "Trinity" by Kelly Davies, Wayzata, Minnesota. www.kellydaviesstudio.com



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317 N New Jersey Street
7:00 p.m.

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526 E 52nd Street
2:00 p.m.

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*O LOVE
OF GOD—
A HYMN FESTIVAL*

Helping Hams, the proud offspring of the Great Chicken Roundup (GCR), returns on **Service Sunday, April 6**. Starting at 9 a.m., between services, we'll pack 48 banana boxes of groceries bought with your donations.



Lutheran Child & Family Services will deliver them to households in need. Boxes run \$75 each. Please consider donating with a check made out to Great Chicken Roundup/Helping Hams or through [Vanco](#). To volunteer to help with pickup the **morning of April 5 (9 to 11 a.m.)** and/or setup that afternoon (1 to 3 p.m.), please contact [Marty Benson](#), 317-696-9812. Thank you.

First Trinity Admin needed: First Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking an Admin Assistant to put their bulletins together each week. The position would be 3 to 4 hours a week after training and pays \$14/hr. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them send an e-mail to [Dan Mowry](#) or call 317-201-5230.

Young Adult in Global Mission: [Madeline](#)
Madeline's most recent update (1/31/2025): can be read [here](#).



The **LYG 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 shield?

16 February 2025: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany — "Prodigal Son in Penitence", green

The prostrate wayward son pleading for forgiveness is a symbol of humanity's humbleness before God.

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: David Daniell, Chervyl Lesher, Carol Sternecker

Family of members: Carol Boyd, Chris Burke, Steve Clark, Melanie Cochran, Liz Fisher, Rich Grady, Rick Graverson, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, Debi Koss, Jim Kovach, Elizabeth Kreppein, Heather Patrick, Jeremiah Ray, David Schmidt, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie

Friends of members: Father Michael Barton, Kristin Colber-Baker, Rosie Kepple, Lori, Deda M., Margo, 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

2/13 Keith Beatty
2/14 Libby Price
2/15 Dan Scharbrough
2/19 Erin Schickel, Seth Schickel
2/20 Kris Barringer, Ellen Rispoli

Upcoming Anniversaries

What's happening this week?

TODAY, February 13, 2025

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, February 16, 2025

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Brunch

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (BLC)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Wednesday Walk (Crown Hill)

12:00 pm e-Blaze submission deadline

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

NEXT THURSDAY, February 20, 2025

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

**Serving This Sunday
(Feb. 16th)**

**Serving Next Sunday
(Feb. 23rd)**

Acolyte - James Clark
Lector - Norma Crabiel
Children's Sermon - Sarah Evans
Communion Asst. - Lori VanEvery
Communion Prep - Brenda Grable
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - *needed*
Counters - N. Slover & G. Price

Acolyte - Ben Levine
Lector - Erik Tyskland
Children's Sermon - Pastor Ken
Communion Asst. - Traci Rodgers
Communion Prep - Brenda Grable
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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

No Wednesday Evening Prayer this week

[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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