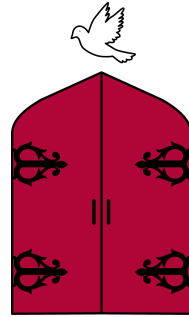


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for February 27, 2025
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm
317-283-6559

This Sunday is Service Project Sunday: Laundry Fair.

Join us Sunday at 9a to assist [Laundry & More](#), a Lawrence-based organization that exists for families to wash their clothes and bedding for free. We'll make sandwiches for families served by Laundry & More and collect monetary and supply donations for the organization - they spend about \$11 per family for coins in the laundry machines. Quarters, dollars, and checks can be made out to BLC (note Laundry & More in the memo line). In addition to financial donations, we are collecting laundry detergent pods, waterless detergent sheets, dryer sheets, and 30 gallon heavy-duty garbage bags. They are not collecting liquid detergent at this time.

Laundry & More also provides sandwiches to the 40-50 families they serve at each washing and we are looking for volunteers interested in assembling sandwiches in the kitchen. Donations of individual/snack size packages of goldfish-type or snack crackers are also welcome for kids that accompany their caregivers to the laundromat.

To see more of the impact Laundry & More provides, check out this [video](#).

The 2025 Nominating Committee – We are seeking nominations for Church Council and Synod Representatives. Please consider serving the church in one of these capacities. If interested or have a name to suggest, please contact the [church office](#) by Feb. 28. You may

also contact a member of the nominating committee - Bill Slover, Kate Lutholtz Bridge, Stephanie Levine, Carl Crabiel, Natalie Goss, Bev Todd.

Council Feedback & Stewardship Intent Cards: Please complete your Council Feedback [survey](#) and your Stewardship Intent cards **or** online [Intent](#) by tomorrow if possible. The budget season begins!!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Fundraiser to support BLC Youth

6:30PM

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

03.04.25



Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Ash Wednesday Services: We will hold two services on Wednesday, March 5th for Ash Wednesday. The noon service will include Imposition of Ashes. The 7:00 pm service will include Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. Please join us.

March 2025 Life Learning Sessions on Faith Formation Sundays

Life Learning sessions are taking place in the lounge on faith formation Sundays (2nd and 4th Sundays of the month) this Spring in March and April from 9:00-10:00 AM. Questions? Contact [Susie Swenson](#) (317-251-1605)



Identifying Bethlehem's Assets for Disaster Response

2nd Sunday in March (3/09/2025, 9:00-10:00AM)

Jayne Beneker will lead us as we explore assets that Bethlehem's building, location, and members might provide if a disaster struck our community. Previous sessions are not a prerequisite to participation in this one. This session is the final of three sessions that Jayme will lead for us this Spring.

Coming Out as Christians

4th Sunday in March (3/23/2025, 9:00-10:00 AM)

Maury Plambeck and Sam McHenry have been together for 38 years. They both grew up in Christian homes. Maury and Sam will lead a dialogue about their struggles as gay Christians, their relationship, and their lives.

Looking Forward to April Life Learning Sessions:

Disease Precautions

2nd Sunday in April (4/13/2025 9:00 AM-10:00 AM)

Shari Watts, Bethlehem member

Planned Giving

4th Sunday in April (4/27/2025 9:00 AM-10:00 AM)

Karl Biermann, Regional Gift Planner for ELCA Foundation, Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio

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.daviesartstudio.com

Thursday, March 13, 2025
St. Mary Catholic Church
317 N New Jersey Street
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 16, 2025
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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.

Grace Unlimited is in search of a Treasurer for our Board. Grace Unlimited is an inclusive and affirming campus ministry for students that is supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis and the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Weekly worship services incorporate elements of both faith traditions, but students of all religious backgrounds are welcome to attend, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.. Grace Unlimited is an inclusive and affirming campus ministry for students that is supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis and the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Weekly worship services incorporate elements of both faith traditions, but students of all religious backgrounds are welcome to attend, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.

The Treasurer role is about 2 hours a week balancing the boards books and meeting with the board about 4 or 5 times a year. Any Questions? Ask Sarah Morgan, Brent Hege, or Carl Crabiel (who is our newly retired Treasurer)

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?

2 March 2025: Ash Wednesday — "Nails", purple
These represent the nails used in Christ's crucifixion.

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, Traci Rodgers, Debbie Ranos, Carol Sternecker

Family of members: Holly Black, 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

2/28 Sarah Evans, Sarah Heider
3/2 John Todd
3/4 Sarah Quandt
3/6 Griffin Mooers

Upcoming Anniversaries

What's happening this week?

TODAY, February 27, 2025

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, March 2, 2025

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Service Project Sunday: Laundry Fair

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

6:30 pm Pancake Supper

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (BLC)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Wednesday Walk (Crown Hill)

12:00 pm e-Blaze submission deadline

12:00 pm Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes

7:00 pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes (Live & Streamed-YouTube)

NEXT THURSDAY, March 6, 2025

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Mar. 2nd)

Acolyte - Phoebe Tatum
Lector - Ardy Hollingsworth
Children's Sermon - Jennifer
Scharbrough
Communion Asst. - Barb Alder
Communion Prep - Lori VanEvery
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - M. Benson & T. Wott
Counters - K. Steele & J. Smith

Serving Next Sunday (Mar. 9th)

Acolyte - Connor Queck
Lector - Marty Benson
Children's Sermon - Ellen Rispoli
Communion Asst. - Barb Alder
Communion Prep - Lori VanEvery
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - K. Moeller
Counters - K. Steele & J. Smith

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

Ash Wednesday in-person Worship

Imposition of Ashes at Noon - no stream

Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes - click [here](#) for 7:00 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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