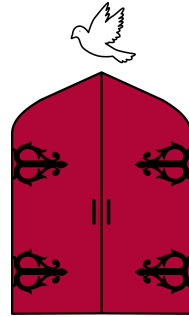


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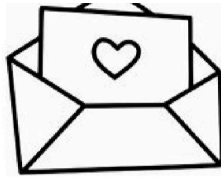


Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for January 16, 2025

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

317-283-6559

This Sunday: Brunch - please bring a dish to share if you are able. Don't forget to make or sign a card for Madeline and Chervyl while at brunch!



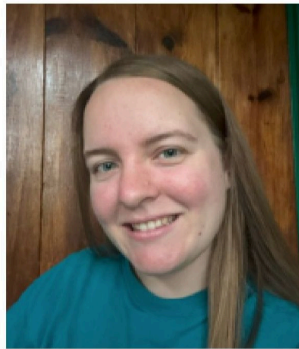
Bethlehem's Cards From Kids

For The Kids!

(or kids at heart)

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

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Madeline Smith

Madeline, daughter of Mike and Julie Smith, has been in Mexico since August, serving the community of Tepotzlán. She is doing this with the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Program and plans to be there for a total of 10 months. Though we have had just about enough of the cold weather, I'm sure spending the winter months down in Mexico may really start making her feel homesick, so let's remind her how much support she has back here in Indiana and how excited we are to watch God work through her!



Cheryvl Leshner

Cheryvl is a long time BLC member who is in need of support and prayers for a speedy recovery as God continues to heal her body. We can help cheer her up and show her we are thinking of her and care for her during this challenging time in her life.

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Join us in February, March and April for Life Learning Sessions!

In February, March, and April 2025, we invite all Bethlehem adults to expand their understanding of a variety of topics and issues in our new Life Learning sessions, held at Bethlehem from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Faith Formation Sundays, the second and fourth Sundays of each of these three months.

Get ready for impactful experiences on **February 9th** and **February 23rd** as we welcome our Indiana-Kentucky Synod disaster coordinator, Jayme Beneker. Jayme will guide us through interactive discussions in her first session and hands-on activities in the second that explain the cycle of disasters, delve into emergency preparation suggestions, and point to which responses to embrace and which to avoid.

Take this opportunity to learn and collaborate with fellow Bethlehem members and guests as we explore how to make a meaningful impact.

Please mark your calendar and join us for these informative sessions.
Watch the Blaze for upcoming descriptions of the March and April sessions.

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

Mark Your Calendars for Bingo Karaoke on **Sunday, February 2nd after church!** We'll have pizza, games, and fabulous prizes. Plan to stay for an afternoon of fellowship.

Sharing Books - the women's reading group meets on the second Monday each month at 7pm (for about an hour.) We choose one book per month to read as a group, share books we have read individually that might be of interest to others, and enjoy a small snack as we get to know each other a bit better. We invite any women of Bethlehem to join us. Below are the books we have chosen for the first quarter.

February 10 - So Late in the Day by Claire Keegan

March 10 - The Five Wishes of Mr Murray McBride by Joe Siple

April 14 - The Women by Kristin Hannah

Hint: put your holds in at the library now as the wait lists are long for The Women.

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

Madeline's most recent update: you can read it [here](#).



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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Prayer of Thanksgiving for New Stephen Ministers

We thank you, God, for our new Stephen Ministers, who have just completed their training and are ready to be commissioned to serve our congregation, Cross and Crown Lutheran and our communities, in your name. We ask you to strengthen their hearts and be with them as they begin this important work of caring for others. Grant them courage and wisdom, and give them gentle hands and discerning ears so that they may bring your care to those who are hurting. In Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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?

19 January 2025: Second Sunday after Epiphany — "King Forever", white (green)

The crown and scepter denotes the Lord's kingly office as well as symbolizing humanity's eternal life through God, "the crown of life."

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: Cheryyl Leshner (*@Hamilton Trace*)

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

Kreppin, Heather Patrick, Jeremiah Ray, David Schmidt, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie

Friends of members: 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

We offer our condolences to Julie Smith and family on the passing of her brother, David Monn.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

1/16 Vicki Queck
1/19 John Hazlett

Upcoming Anniversaries

What's happening this week?

TODAY, January 16, 2025

FRIDAY

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, January 19, 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

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Wednesday Books

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

NEXT THURSDAY, January 23, 2025

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Jan. 19th)

Acolyte - Connor Queck
Lector - Mary Lapworth
Children's Sermon - Traci Rodgers
Communion Assistant - Barb Alder
Communion Prep - Kaaren
Rodman
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - Marty Benson
Counters - B. Slover & K. Alder

Serving Next Sunday (Jan. 26th)

Acolyte - Lucia Ladrón de Guevara
Lector - Carl Crabiel
Children's Sermon - Erik Tysklind
Communion Assistant - Jennifer
Scharbrough
Communion Prep - Kaaren
Rodman
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - Kent Alder
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

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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