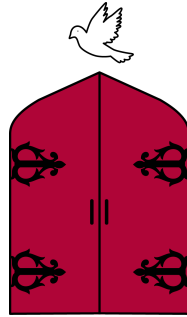


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for March 6, 2025

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

317-283-6559



**This Sunday** is Daylight Saving Time and Faith Formation. So spring your clocks forward so you don't miss Sunday School: Tempted, Luke 4:1-13.

## March 2025 Life Learning Sessions on Faith Formation Sundays

### Identifying Bethlehem's Assets for Disaster Response

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



Pictures from Disaster Response Simulation on February 23rd.

### 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

**Meal Train for the Ranos family!** While the Ranos family is settling in with their new little one, meals would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help, please use this [meal train](#) for scheduling and information.

### **Easter Flowers:**

Please help us decorate the sanctuary with beautiful Easter Lilies. Each 6" pot is \$8.00. Please submit your [orders](#) by today, March 20th. Or [email](#)/call the office, 317.283.6559. Pay by check, cash or [Vanco](#). Thank you!



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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St. Mary Catholic Church  
317 N New Jersey Street  
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 16, 2025  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
526 E 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
2:00 p.m.

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*O LOVE  
OF GOD—  
A HYMN FESTIVAL*



For our **March Service Sunday project** we made 63 sandwiches, collected laundry supplies donations and raised \$xxx (can you please confirm the total amount in donations) for Laundry and More, a Lawrence-based organization helping those in need to do their laundry. Thanks to everyone who joined us! Especially thank you to Karen Roberts for coordinating the supplies for sandwich making. We look forward to our April Service project Helping Hams and hope to see you there!



**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 **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.



### **Stephen Ministry Sunday - March 16th**

A service to highlight Stephen Ministry and its mission ... Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV). We are thankful for our Stephen Ministers generous response to God's call, to serve those in our congregations and the communities around us. Visit our table during Brunch for answers to your questions and find out how Stephen Ministry really can be of help to you or someone you know.



Your Stephen Ministers are looking forward to talking with you!

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 shield?

9 March 2025: First Sunday in Lent — "Scroll", purple

*A common symbol of Christ's passion, the scroll bears the letters INRI (initials for the Latin meaning "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews").*

Festivals for which there are no shields:

12 March 2025: Transfiguration of Our Lord

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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: David Daniell, Cheryll 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.

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## Upcoming Birthdays

3/6 Griffin Mooers  
3/9 John Champley, Henry Schickel  
3/10 Sophia Levine  
3/11 Laura Bem  
3/12 Alice Leininger, Ava Leininger  
3/13 David Michau

## Upcoming Anniversaries

3/11 Bev & John Todd

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## What's happening this week?

**TODAY**, March 6, 2025

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**, March 9, 2025

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)  
9:00 am Faith Formation//Life Learning Session  
10:30 am Holy Communion (Live & Streamed-YouTube)

**MONDAY**

6:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Women's Sharing Books

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 am Wednesday Walk (Crown Hill)  
12:00 pm e-Blaze submission deadline  
6:15 pm Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (Live & Streamed-YouTube)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (St. Mary's)

**NEXT THURSDAY**, March 13, 2025

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives  
7:00 pm Hymn Festival (St. Mary's)

[Church Calendar](#)

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## Serving This Sunday (Mar. 9th)

Acolyte - Connor Queck

## Serving Next Sunday (Mar. 16th)

Acolyte - Lucia Ladrón de Guevara



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

Lector - Bev Todd  
Children's Sermon - Erik Tyskland  
Communion Asst. - Shari Watts  
Communion Prep - Beverly  
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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

Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer in-person at 7:00 pm  
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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