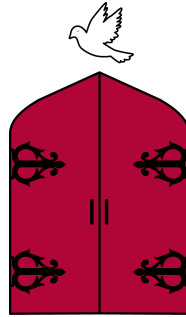


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for May 1, 2025

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

317-283-6559



This Sunday is Annual Congregation Meeting and Pitch-in Brunch. There will be childcare available after the kids have eaten.

Our **Annual Meeting** is this Sunday at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be electing a new council member, synod representatives, and next year's nominating committee as well as voting on a new budget. Please plan on attending as we need 50 voting members to constitute a quorum. Please bring a dish for the pitch-in brunch if you are able.

From Bethlehem's Constitution and Bylaws: C8.02.c. "Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made

a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months."

2024-2025 Annual Report of the Congregation can be viewed [here](#).



Pictures from Last Sunday's Easter Family Fun



**EXODUS
REFUGEE**
The life ahead.

Since this Sunday would also be our **Service Sunday**, we will be kicking off our month long service project, **Exodus Refugee**. Exodus has a long history of welcoming refugees and asylees from many countries, cultures, languages, faiths, and political opinions. They began in 1981 with the mission to serve the legal needs of immigrants and Cuban refugees, who had arrived as part of the

Maribel boatlift in 1980. Since that time, Exodus has helped thousands of refugees establish their lives in Indiana. Recent changes in government support make our support more important than ever. You can find out about this wonderful organization on the web at <https://www.exodusrefugee.org>.

Based on a recent conversation with their staff, they are currently in need of the following items specifically:

- Baby wipes
- School supplies (pencils, backpacks, notebooks, line paper, markers, highlighters, pencil pouches, crayons, markers, pens, mechanical pencils, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies (all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, plungers, toilet bowl brushes, paper towel rolls)
- Laundry detergent
- Men and women's deodorant
- Soap bars
- There is also an [Amazon Wish List](#). If you make donations through this link please let me know.

Bins will be available in the back hallway for the entire month of May. If you have questions please contact John Todd, jptodd@gmail.com or cell/text 317/414-2607. Let's help ensure that recent refugee families continue to find the US and Central Indiana a welcoming place. Thank you for your generous support.

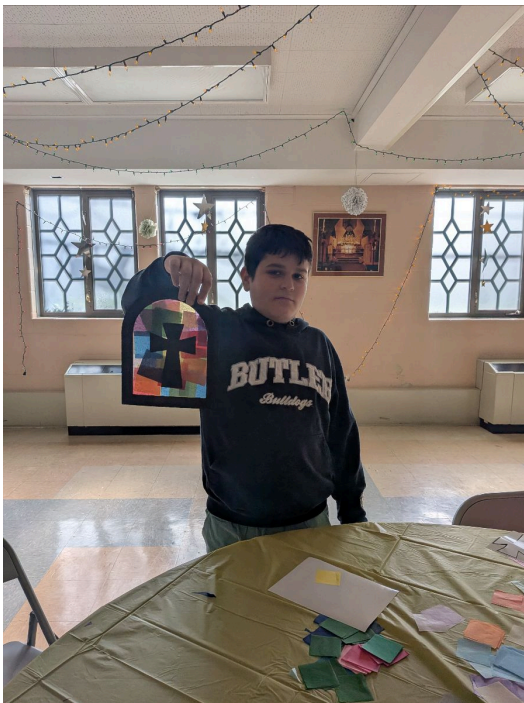




Congratulations, Tonya! Our very own Tonya Bergeson was promoted recently to Professor at Butler University. Tonya teaches Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences in the College of Communication.

Meals for the Daniell family. As many may know, Dave had a accident in February. The family continues to stay with him at the hospital everyday. The Daniell's wonderful neighborhood started an informal "meal train" to feed the family. Laurie Seeber (coordinator) reached out to ask if we might want to help with food. If someone would like to take a meal to Dave and Shirley, here is Laurie's contact information: cell phone: 317-698-2226 (call or text either one); lseeber@aol.com.

Some details: a meal to serve 4 with some leftovers, leave meal in a cooler by the Daniells back door no later than 7 PM. Contact [Nancy](#) if you need their address.



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

Madeline's Newest update (3/31/2025): 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.



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 shields?

1 May 2025: Philip and James, Apostles — "St. Philip / St. James the Less", red (scarlet)

The tau cross and bread basket are symbols of the apostle Philip referring to his participation in the feeding of the multitude and for his work in spreading the word of Christ.

James is represented by a hand saw, a symbol of his martyred remains being sawn asunder. (These shields are on the south ceiling.)

4 May 2025: Third Sunday of Easter — "Eternal Life", white

The three stages of a butterfly are likened to humanity: larva--lowly, sinful; chrysalis--the body in the grave; and the brightly colored butterfly emerges as Christ rose and ascended into heaven and as believers in Christ will.

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 Leshner, Traci Rodgers, Carol Sternecker

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 Krepplein, Heather Patrick, Jeremiah Ray, David Schmidt, Mark Seest, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie, Mike

Friends of members: Father Michael Barton, Rita, Kristin Colber-Baker, Craig, Rosie Kepple, Deda M., Margo, Monica, Joseph Morone, Miss Perez, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne Russell, Griffin, Judy Williams

We offer our condolences to Maury Plambeck and family on the passing of his brother, Mark Plambeck.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

5/1 Trey Feder, Madeline Smith
5/2 Annalise Knutson
5/4 Sarah Morgan, Charlotte Wilson
5/5 Andy Swenson
5/7 Meredith Emmons, Karen McCune
5/8 Sam McHenry, Courtney Vurva

Upcoming Anniversaries

5/1 Kristin & John Lewis

What's happening this week?

TODAY, May 1, 2025

FRIDAY

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, May 4, 2025

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Annual Meeting with Brunch

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

12:00 am Confirmation Retreat

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 Wednesday Evening Prayer (Live & Streamed - YouTube)

7:00 pm Wednesday Books

8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

NEXT THURSDAY, May 8, 2025

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (May 4th)

Acolyte - *needed*

Lector - Carl Crabiel

Children's Sermon - Traci Rodgers

Communion Asst. - Traci Rodgers

Communion Prep - Beverly

Emmons

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Rick Roberts

Counters - K. Alder & B. Slover

Serving Next Sunday (May 11th)

Acolyte - *Needed*

Lector - Carl Crabiel

Children's Sermon - Natalie Goss

Communion Asst. - Traci Rodgers

Communion Prep - *needed*

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Rick Roberts

Counters - K. Alder & B. Slover

Worship With Us

Sunday in-person Worship at 10:30 am

Click [here](#) for 10:30 am Live-Stream

Wednesday Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm

Click [here](#) for 6:30 pm Live-Stream

[Click here](#) to access BLC's YouTube channel

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

Got something to add to the e-Blaze? The deadline to [submit articles](#) is every Wednesday at noon!

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