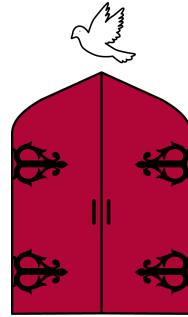


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-*Blaze* for May 8, 2025

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

317-283-6559

This Sunday is Faith Formation. Sunday School: Peter and Tabitha, Acts 9:36-43.

All Moms are invited to make a floral bouquet and enjoy treats during Faith Formation hour this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a card-making station set up and a video. Kids should plan to meet in the sanctuary at 10am to rehearse the baptismal song and hand motions to welcome Jamie Ranos into the body of Christ through baptism at the 10:30 worship service.



Fishing with Juanita!

During last weekend's Annual Meeting discussion of the survey results, the topic of a revised **Sunday morning worship & learning schedule** was presented to the congregation, as this was a common theme from the submissions. Comments received included:

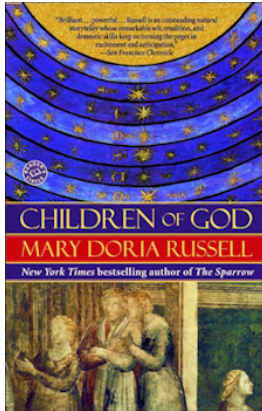
- Possible resumption of 8:30 Service
- Tighter times between “events” (Faith Formation, Service Projects, Adult Ed, Brunch, etc)
- Better “linking” between early and later church attendees

The Worship committee has agreed to address & discuss options at their monthly meeting - tonight, 12/8 starting at 7:00 - when the Council will join the

regularly scheduled Worship meeting. The plan is to discuss, hash out & propose a revised Sunday schedule (for the fall) - which can then be reviewed by Council. Members of the congregation are invited to attend this meeting or send thoughts prior - to offer their inputs.

[Here](#) are a couple of suggestions - "starting points" only - to kick off those discussions. Thank you all for the efforts & inputs.

Regards, Tim Wott



Wednesday Books

The Wednesday night book group just started a new book last week:

"Children of God" by Mary Doria Russell. The book is the sequel to a book the group read earlier, "The Sparrow". It's not too late to join the group! Don't worry if you haven't read "The Sparrow": the beginning of "Children of God" gives a summary of the events of that book, and we can catch you up.

"The only member of the original mission to the planet Rakhat to return to Earth, Father Emilio Sandoz has barely begun to recover from his ordeal when the Society of Jesus calls upon him for help in preparing another mission to Alpha Centauri. Despite his objections and fear, he cannot escape his past or the future.

"Old friends, new discoveries, and difficult questions await Emilio as he struggles for inner peace and understanding in a moral universe whose boundaries now extend beyond the solar system and whose future lies with children born in a faraway place.

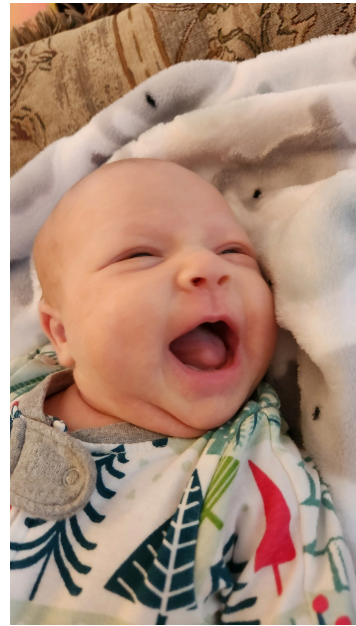
"Strikingly original, richly plotted, replete with memorable characters and filled with humanity and humor, 'Children of God' is an unforgettable and uplifting novel that is a potent successor to 'The Sparrow' and a startlingly imaginative adventure for newcomers to Mary Doria Russell's special literary magic."

Wednesday Books meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. following Evening Prayer at 6:30 P.M.

Baptism and Cookout

This Sunday, 11 May, Jamie Danielle Ranos will be baptized into the church of Christ at the 10:30 A.M. worship service!

The Ranos family invites you to a cookout to celebrate this Saturday, 10 May, 4:00-7:00 P.M. at their house, 2333 Guilford Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Drop in when you like and stay as long as you want. Hot dogs, brats, burgers, and chips will be provided, but you're welcome to bring anything else you'd like; bring your own drinks. Weather-permitting we'll have a campfire going outside and stuff for S'mores.



**EXODUS
REFUGEE**
The life ahead.

May Service Project: our month long service project is **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 Mariel 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.



Confirmation Retreat last weekend.



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?

11 May 2025: Fourth Sunday of Easter — "The Atonement", white

Legends claim that the pelican pierces her own breast to feed her young. This is likened to Christ's death so we all may live.

14 May 2025: Matthias, Apostle — "St. Matthias", red (scarlet)

Chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve disciples, this apostle's symbol is a book representing the gospel overlapped by a double bladed ax, the instrument of his death. (This shield is on the south ceiling.)

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, Rich Grady, Rick Graverson, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, Debi Koss, Jim Kovach, Elizabeth Kreppein, 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, Matthew (friend of Gloria Price), Craig, Rosie Kepple, Deda M., Margo, Monica, Joseph Morone, Miss Perez, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne Russell, Griffin, Judy Williams

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

Upcoming Birthdays

5/8 Sam McHenry, Courtney Vurva
5/11 Abbi Todd
5/13 Rick France, John Seest
5/14 Jeff Mooers
5/15 Rachel Guggenberger

Upcoming Anniversaries

What's happening this week?

TODAY, May 8, 2025

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, May 11, 2025

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Faith Formation

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

MONDAY

6:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting

7:30 pm Women's Sharing Books

TUESDAY

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

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

NEXT THURSDAY, May 15, 2025

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (May 11th)

Acolyte - *needed*

Lector - Mary Lapworth

Children's Sermon - MaryBeth
Wott

Communion Asst. - Gloria Price

Communion Prep - Brenda Grable

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Marty Benson

Counters - K. Alder & B. Slover

Serving Next Sunday (May 18th)

Acolyte - *Needed*

Lector - Norma Crabiel

Children's Sermon - Gibson & Erik
Tysklind

Communion Asst. - Jennifer

Scharbrough

Communion Prep - Brenda Grable

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Erik Tysklind

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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