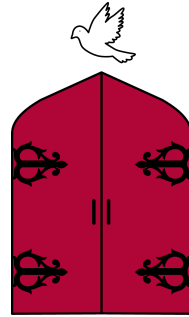


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for November 14, 2024

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

317-283-6559

This Sunday: Brunch. Please bring a dish to share if you're able. Sign some cards while at Brunch too!



Bethlehem's Cards From Kids

For The Kids!

(or kids at heart)

Let's show these lovely BLC folks how much we care for them with handmade cards!



MICHEAL SMITH

Micheal, his wife Julie, and their family have been long time members of Bethlehem and have fully supported our congregation, volunteering wherever needed. Last weekend, Micheal suffered from a heart attack and would really benefit from extra prayers and support as he travels his road to recovery.



BLC HOMEBOUND

Our congregation is blessed to have members from all different generations, some of whom are unable to be physically present at our building for worship or other ministry activities. Throughout the year, and especially during the holidays, these special members feel alone and left out of the hustle and bustle and various traditions that bring our congregation together. We want to bring a warm greeting to those among us in heart and spirit, but apart in body to share comfort, peace, and hope during this time of Advent as we prepare for the coming of our Christ.

Family Nativity Sets

My family would like to paint a nativity set on November 24th during the Faith Formation hour. Please sign up so we have enough supplies. You do NOT need to have children to participate. All are welcome! One set per family.

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Family Nativity Sets

Families of all shapes and sizes (no kids required) are invited to create a unique and individual nativity set on November 24th at 9:00am during the Faith Formation hour. We will paint a 9-piece set together while enjoying treats and punch. One set per family. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact [Candice](#) to ensure we have enough supplies.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is participating in the **Lutheran Child & Family Services Christmas Store** this year, a beloved holiday tradition serving those throughout the community. The Christmas Store will take place December 2-December 6 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 2837 E. New York Street. Starting now through **December 1**, we are collecting items from the [donation wish list](#). Donations will be collected in baskets placed in the hallway by the church office.

During Service Sunday on December 1 from 9a-10a, we will load donations into one or two vehicles and transport donations to Cornerstone Lutheran Church. There are also opportunities to help set up the store at Cornerstone Lutheran Church for the afternoon of December 1 from 1p-5p. Sign up for volunteer shifts [here](#).

Also during Service Sunday, we will be making Chrismon ornaments to deliver to those we go a'caroling to on December 14.

Advent by Candlelight - Thursday, December 5, 7pm

Our annual women's event is one month away. All women (members,

former member, friends, daughters and their friends) are invited to an evening of fellowship over desserts, followed by a 30 minute seasonal devotional service. Our only request is an RSVP so we can ensure dessert for all.

Table hostesses are needed, if you are willing to provide dessert for 8 people and a centerpiece - please consider hosting a table. Better yet hostess with a friend. The church has table service (or you may bring your own), napkins, flatware, coffees, and teas.

Lastly, we really want to see all of you. If you need a ride or child service please let us know as soon as possible so we can make arrangements. and, yes - the devotional portion will be streamed.

Christmas Caroling In just a few weeks we'll be sending out Christmas Carolers from Bethlehem to visit members and friends of our community. Please follow the link below to sign up and/or submit a name for our list of folks to visit. When the lists have been gathered, an itinerary will be planned and posted, so you have the option of meeting up with the carolers at only one or two chosen locations if that's all you can do. We'll want a core group of 16-20 people, which may be split into two groups, each taking separate routes. Follow [this link](#), mark your calendars for December 14 at 12pm, and stay "tuned!" (Get it?)

How to Give Gifts of Securities to Bethlehem

Bethlehem uses LPL Financial as the broker for managing security donations. Below is the information you need to donate shares to Bethlehem.

For calendar year-end gifts, please initiate your donation well in advance of December 31st to allow time for processing and settlement. The securities must be received in Bethlehem's LPL account on or before December 31st for your tax purposes in 2024.

Data Required:

- DTC: 0075
- Account Titled to: Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Account Number: 1483-0905

Please opt-in to have the transaction identified with your name so we know who is sending

it

· Investment Representative: [Mike Harper](#) 317-584-3126

Please send Nancy Slover, [Parish Assistant](#), a letter or email explaining how to use your gift. If no donor is included in the transaction, we will not know who donated. Nancy will acknowledge your gift by written letter.

Contact [Barb Alder](#) or [Bill Slover](#), Finance Ministry with questions.

Jelly Drive

Peanut Butter is missing its best friend! Did you know that Cathedral Kitchen gets lots of donated peanut butter but sadly is low on jelly? Bethlehem will be collecting jars and bottles of jelly from now through the end of the month. Please purchase a container or two of your favorite strawberry, grape, or other flavor jelly, and place them in the box labeled "Jelly Drive" in the hallway. Thanks for your generous support!



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

The above link will take you to a donation site for YAGM or you can donate by check in the offering plate (Madeline's Mission) or [Vanco](#) (hyperlink or QR code). Madeline is so grateful for your support in any amount. [Here](#) is the latest update from Madeline in Mexico. Thank you!



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.



Our Stephen Ministers in training are now halfway through their course ...

God, our healer, guide our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers as they continue their Stephen Ministry training. Bless their time together with learning, community, nurturing, and spiritual growth. Help them to recognize you as the source of the ministry they do as they learn to provide care in your name. 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.

Liturgical Shields

In 1945, Pastor Don Elder created two shields decorated with liturgical symbols--one for the Epiphany of Our Lord, and one for Reformation Sunday. He organized an Ecclesiastical Arts Group in 1949 and proposed decorating the entire ceiling of the sanctuary with similar shields to represent every Sunday, Principal Festival, and Lesser Festival celebrated in the church year at that time. Pastor Elder designed two series of shields (essentially the church year twice), 130 shields in total, and the EAG painted them, completing the project in 1952.

The shields don't always correspond to particular lectionary readings of the day, but they do draw on the themes for the seasons and incorporate symbols related to them. Each series runs from the top row to the bottom, from the front of the nave to the back.

These shields correspond to the Sundays and festival days of November

this year in the South series:

17 November 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 33) — (There are a few missing shields here.)

24 November 2024: Christ the King (Last Sunday after Pentecost--
Lectionary 34) — "Judgment", white

The sword of righteousness and a pair of balances used to weigh the souls of humanity are ancient symbols of the Last Judgment.

30 November 2024: Andrew, Apostle — "St. Andrew", red

The cross saltire, with arms of equal length extending to the edges of the shield is a common symbol of St. Andrew. Legend says he died on a cross of that configuration. The boat hook is a reference to his travels in spreading the gospel.

--- Excerpts expand on the work of Sheryl D. Vanderstel, historian, in "Christianity and Community: A History of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1923-1990".

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: Roger Gregory, the Keck family, the McCune family, the Nestel family, *Mike Smith (heart attack)*

Family of members: Chris Burke, Steve Clark, Melanie Cochran, Rich Grady, Rick Graverson, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, Deby Koss, Jim Kovach, Heather Patrick, Jeremiah Ray, David Schmidt, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie

Friends of members: Kristin Colber-Baker, Jeannie Galbreath, Stacey Keaffaber, Rosie Kepple, Lori, George L., Deda M., Margo, Lynn Medley, Monica, Joseph Morone, Brooke Feister O'Brien, 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

Upcoming Anniversaries

11/18 Mary Ann & David Michau

11/19 Vicki & Brian Queck

What's happening this week?

TODAY, November 14, 2024

FRIDAY

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, November 17, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Brunch

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

8:30 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, November 21, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Nov. 17th)

Acolyte - Kingston Queck

Lector - Lori VanEvery

Serving Next Sunday (Nov. 24th)

Acolyte - Phoebe Tatum

Lector - Candice Tatum

Children's Sermon - Sarah Evans
Communion Assistant - Lori
VanEvery
Communion Prep - Brenda Grable
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - E. Tysklind & K. Moeller
Counters - J. Smith & K. Steele

Children's Sermon - Karen Feder
Communion Assistant - Jennifer
Scharbrough
Communion Prep - Brenda Grable
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - Rick Roberts
Counters - J. Smith & K. Steele

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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