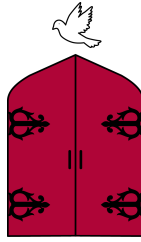


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for November 21, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
317-283-6559

This Sunday: Faith Formation: Family Nativity Sets (RSVP to Candice necessary)

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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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.

Noisy Offering: In the November 10th gospel, Jesus taught the lesson of the Widow's offering (Mark 12:41-44). After Susan taught us the rest of the verses of our Children's Message sing, *I Am a Child of God*, the children collected a **noisy offering**. They collected \$158.10, which will be used to seed the next Helping Ham food drive!



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 requests 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?)

St. Lucia Celebration: Please join in the St. Lucia festivities on Sunday, December 15, in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. This festival is traditionally re-enacted in Scandinavian homes on the morning of Dec.13 to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season, and add a touch of brightness to a long winter. A child of the household, wearing a white gown with a red sash and a wreath of lighted candles on her/his head, leads the other children on a breakfast procession through the home, with a tray of pastries. At Bethlehem, we include traditional Scandinavian foods, but also welcome finger foods from the many cultures and traditions of our members. We invite you to share a food from your own ethnic background, or try one of the Scandinavian recipes posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Hope to see you there.

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.



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:

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

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

11/27 Bob Stein
11/28 Ava Hertig

Upcoming Anniversaries

11/27 Julie & Micheal Smith

What's happening this week?

TODAY, November 21, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, November 24, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Family Nativity Sets

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 28, 2024

Happy Thanksgiving!

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Nov. 24th)

Acolyte - Phoebe Tatum

Lector - Candice Tatum

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

Serving Next Sunday (Dec. 1st)

Acolyte - Connar Queck

Lector - Barb Alder

Children's Sermon - Pastor Ken

Communion Assistant - *needed*

Communion Prep - *needed*

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Marty Benson

Counters - G. Price & B. 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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