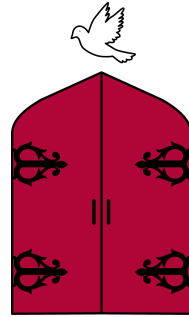


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for November 28, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm
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This Sunday: LCFS Christmas Store collection & Crismons

The Lutheran Child & Family Services 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 next week. 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?)

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.

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.



Can you find this week's shields?

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.

1 December 2024: First Sunday of Advent — "Encircled Globe", violet (blue)
A serpent coiled around the earth symbolizes the fall of humanity. This symbol is associated with the Virgin Mary and the fulfillment of the prophecy, "the seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent".

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, 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

11/28 Ava Hertig
11/30 Mary Lapworth
12/1 Geri Nestel
12/2 Felix Harber; Isabel Harber
12/3 Stephanie Levine
12/4 Ben Clark
12/5 Conor Bergeson-Dana;
Beverly Emmons

Upcoming Anniversaries

What's happening this week?

TODAY, November 28, 2024 *Office closed*

Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY *Office closed*

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am LCFS Christmas Store & Crismons

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg (BLC)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 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, December 5, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

7:00 pm Advent by Candlelight

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Dec. 1st)

Acolyte - Connor Queck

Lector - Barb Alder

Children's Sermon - Pastor Ken

Communion Assistant - Traci

Rodgers

Communion Prep - B. Grable & N.

Crabiel

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Marty Benson

Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

Serving Next Sunday (Dec. 8th)

Acolyte - Lucia Ladrón de Guevara

Lector - Erik Tysklind

Children's Sermon - Jennifer

Scharbrough

Communion Assistant - Lori

VanEvery

Communion Prep - Norma Crabiel

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - R. Roberts & K. Moeller

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

Advent by Candlelight in-person at 8:00 pm

Click [here](#) for 8:00 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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