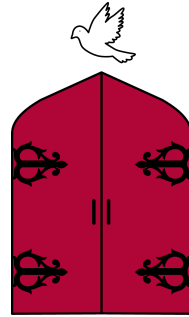


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for November 7, 2024

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

317-283-6559

This Sunday: Faith Formation.



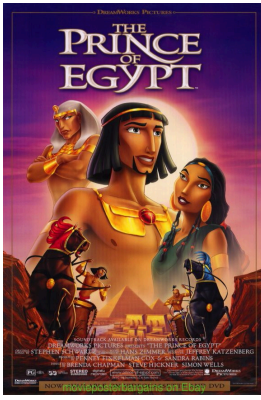
Make a Joyful Noise! In connection with the story of the Widows Offering, the children will be collecting coins on Sunday, November 10th. The money raised will be used to retroactively sponsor a box for the Great Chicken Round-up that took place last Sunday. Bring your spare change and make some noise!



Chicken Roundup: Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Great Chicken Roundup this past weekend. Thanks to your generosity and hard work, 60 boxes of groceries weighing a total of more than 3240 pounds will be delivered to needy households at no cost to them.

Stay tuned for Helping Hams, the Roundup's little sibling, which will likely be coming the first weekend in April.





Dinner and Movie Night this Saturday at 6:30pm.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner followed by a showing of The Prince of Egypt. This is for families with kids of ALL ages! Feel free to dress in pajamas and bring your sleeping bag or blanket. Middle Schoolers should plan to stay after their Confirmation Retreat which starts at 4pm.



Middle School Faith Formation Retreat The Confirmation Retreat will begin at 4:00pm. Middle School students are invited to learn, grow, and bond at a retreat just for them. Following at 6:00pm, we invite children of ALL AGES to eat dinner and watch a movie together. Please text Candice at 317-426-1833 to RSVP.



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?)



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:

10 November 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 32) — "Ecumene", green

A cross on the ship of the church represents the World Council of Churches and its work for the common good of the faith in the turbulent world.

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 (Rachel's grandmother end of life)*, John Pitts, the Smith family

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 (friend of Gloria Price; surgery)*, 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

11/7 David Guth
11/8 Sarah Clark
11/10 Lindsay Gramlich
11/11 Kent Alder
11/13 Vivian Wilson

Upcoming Anniversaries

11/9 Nancy & Joel Conner
11/11 Stephanie & Elliot Levine

What's happening this week?

TODAY, November 7, 2024

6:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Middle School Faith Formation Retreat
6:30 pm Dinner and Movie Night (Kids of All Ages)

SUNDAY, November 10, 2024

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 Mtg
7:00 pm Women's Sharing Books

TUESDAY

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg (BLC)

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 14, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Nov. 10th)

Acolyte - James Clark

Lector - Mary Lapworth

Children's Sermon - Susan Powell

Communion Assistant - Barb Alder

Communion Prep - Brenda Grable

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Marty Benson

Counters - J. Smith & K. Steele

Serving Next Sunday (Nov. 17th)

Acolyte - Kingston Queck

Lector - Lori VanEvery

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

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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