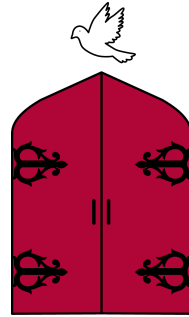


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for October 24, 2024

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

317-283-6559

This Sunday: is Faith Formation at 9:00am. Elementary-aged kids should meet in the Sanctuary for a musical opening with Susan, followed by a lesson on Bartimaeus. Middle School can head straight upstairs for Confirmation. High Schoolers will meet in the Teen Cafe to hear our guest speaker, Traci Rodgers. Please reach out to Candice Tatum with any questions.



Bethlehem's Cards From Kids

For The Kids!

(or kids at heart)

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



ELLEN RISPOLI & PETER RUSSEL

Ellen and Peter joined our congregation recently, immediately becoming a blessing to our ministry here at BLC by helping in any way possible. You might find Ellen up front leading a children's message or singing in the choir loft. Peter has found his way in sanctuary, now ushering others throughout worship. On September 21, 2024, this amazing couple was united in marriage. Let's send them congratulations for their wedding and for a blessed marriage!



KEN MCCUNE FAMILY

Ken and his surviving wife, Karen have been staples in the BLC family for many years, always going out of their way to ensure our congregation is cared for in so many ways. He will be remembered for his amazing work helping to develop our Stephen Ministry Program here at BLC and his many years of service on countless councils and committees within our congregation. Ken had a love of the natural world, with strong interests in trains, vintage aviation, automobiles and Great Lakes shipping. He also thoroughly enjoyed hiking, bicycling, canoeing and bird watching. Karen has lost her beloved husband of 47 years and will appreciate the love and support we can offer her during this difficult time.

Cards From Kids: If you missed making a card during brunch for Karen McCune or Ellen and Peter, it's not too late! The office will mail all cards next Tuesday so please feel free to bring in a note of support this Sunday. A handwritten note can make someone's day and lift their spirits. Kids and kids-at-heart are encouraged to participate.

Chicken Roundup: Thanks to your generosity and planning, the Great Chicken Roundup will go off on Nov. 3 fully funded, with an increase from our past 48 boxes to 60 boxes of groceries that will be delivered to

needy families via Lutheran Child and Family Services. The focus now shifts to volunteering. Please plan to help pack the boxes between services starting promptly at 9 a.m. on Nov. 3. We will also need a few strong folks to stick around into the 10:30 service to load them into the van. To volunteer for Saturday, when we do the pickup and preparation for the Sunday magic, or for more information, please call or text Marty Benson at 317-696-9812 or mtb42@att.net. Thank you.

Join us Saturday, November 9th for a **Middle School Faith Formation Retreat** and **All Family Movie Night!** 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.

Butler University Series on Religion and Society presents: Religion and Artificial Minds

The Compass Center

[Religion and Artificial Minds](#)

October 29 | Shelton Auditorium

7:00-8:30 PM

While many of us have long found AI fascinating, it is largely since the splash made by ChatGPT that the general public has become aware of just how much progress has been made in the realm of artificial intelligence.

Few computer science departments include a theologian, which makes Dr. Anne Foerst and St. Bonaventure University quite unique. With degrees in both computer science and theology, Foerst is the author of the book *God in the Machine: What Robots Teach Us about Humanity and God* as well as numerous articles that explore key questions at this important and timely intersection.

Butler University's Professor of Computer Science, Dr. Ankur Gupta, will serve as a respondent to Foerst drawing upon his recent work focusing on Artificial Wisdom and Artificial Ethics.



Poinsettia Orders due this Tuesday, Oct. 29th

Each year, we decorate the sanctuary with pretty poinsettias for the Christmas season. [Orders](#) for red or white poinsettias are due Tuesday, October 29th. Please mark payment "poinsettia": cash, check payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or [Vanco](#).

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.



SERVE
GOD

HELP
OTHERS

GROW
SPIRITUALLY

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 October this year in the South series:

27 October 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 30) — "Cross of the Four Pheons", green

This heraldic cross is composed of four dart heads, points touching. The inner edges of the dart heads are serrated. It is said this cross reminds one of the fiery darts of the wicked and resistance through the power of the cross of Christ.

28 October 2024: Simon and Jude, Apostles — "St. Simon", red

The fish and book symbol of Simon refer to his great missionary work as a fisher of people through the gospel.

31 October 2024: Reformation Day — "The Luther Rose", red

Luther's personal seal has become the symbol of the Lutheran Church. A cross centered in a red heart surrounded by golden rays symbolizes the glory of Christ and faith in him. A white rose surrounds the heart and is a symbol of purity, peace, and joy. A blue field surrounds the golden ring of eternity to complete the seal.

--- 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: *Kristin Anderson (stroke)*, Roger Gregory, the Keck family, the McCune family, John Pitts, the Smith family

Family of members: Chris Burke, Dean, 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., Andrew Mead, 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

10/24 Josh Tatum
10/27 Matt Gramlich, Brian Queck
10/28 Deb McDaniel
10/29 Rob Pritchard

Upcoming Anniversaries

10/25 Lillie & Dolphin Roper
10/26 Natalie Goss & Marco Ladrón de Guevara
10/26 Karen & Rick Roberts

What's happening this week?

TODAY, October 24, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, October 27, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Faith Formation

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, October 31, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Oct. 27th)

Acolyte - Kingston Queck

Lector - Barb Alder

Children's Sermon - Ellen Rispoli

Communion Assistant - Jennifer

Scharbrough

Communion Prep - Beverly

Emmons

A/V - Peter Russel

Usher - Marty Benson

Counters - J. Scharbrough & N.

Slover

Serving Next Sunday (Nov. 3rd)

Acolyte - Ben Levine

Lector - Juanita Keck

Children's Sermon - Erik Tyskland

Communion Assistant - Jennifer

Scharbrough

Communion Prep -

A/V - Peter Russel

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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