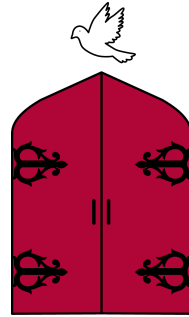


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for October 3, 2024  
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm  
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**This Sunday:** Service Project Sunday. October's service project will be focused on engaging our surrounding neighbors and improving the local environment. We'll meet in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 6 at 9a and clean the storm drains on neighborhood streets. Cleaning storm drains and gutters ensures rainwater can make its way to the inlets preventing flooding on local streets and at curb ramps. Removing sediment from these areas also helps keep pollutants like oil, fluids from cars, and brake dust that attach to sediment out of our waterways. Please bring flat head shovels, snow shovels (to be used as big dust pans), brooms (regular or push), gloves, and boxes of heavy duty trash bags and wear "yard work" clothes you don't mind getting dirty in. The more hands, the merrier! For those of you who were not able to participate in this event last year, it was a lot of fun and we hope you can join us. We're also looking for 2-4 wheelbarrows. If you are able to bring one, please email Sarah Evans [shurtevens@gmail.com](mailto:shurtevens@gmail.com)

Looking for a fun Friday night activity? Want a night out without the kids OR together playing games? Join your BLC friends for **Family Game Night this Friday** at the Ranos House! Friday, October 4th from 6-8:30pm. Pizza, popcorn, and treats provided. We will play games of all kinds. Kids of all ages are invited for a fun evening. 2333 Guilford Ave. [Email](#) or text Candice if you are able to attend.

**Ken McCune funeral:** Though we take comfort in our certain hope and resurrection through Christ, we mourn the loss (September 28) of Ken

McCune in our lives. Visitation will be after his funeral in The Fellowship Hall. Please join us to celebrate the gift of Ken among us, share a story, and enjoy a meal of Ken's favorite foods and beverages. Ken would not have wanted you to dust off a suit for him, and he loved autumn - so dress for the weather.

October 19, 2024

Funeral: 2pm Sanctuary

Visitation: 3-5pm Fellowship Hall

Help is need on both Friday afternoon (Oct 18) and Saturday (the 19th). Some of the food prep and centerpiece arranging will be done on Friday the 18th. The hall setup, remaining food prep, and cleanup - including flipping the hall into Brunch Sunday mode - will be done on 19th. Please look use this [link](#) to volunteer your help.

**Adult Education Workshops:** Candice is looking for suggestions and volunteers to lead a ONE TIME class/workshop/discussion during the 2nd Sunday of each month during the Faith Formation hour. Do you have an interesting hobby, life story, or favorite Bible chapter that you'd like to talk about? Is there a cause or topic that fascinates you and you want to know more about? Do you volunteer for an organization that would be willing to speak with us on a Sunday morning? We're looking for all ideas and suggestions, as well as individuals interested in leading ONCE! Please email, text, or chat with Candice.

**Note from the Kecks:** Words cannot express our appreciation for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy, support and thoughtfulness during Bob's illness and passing. They were deeply appreciated and and have provided a great deal of comfort for our family. We are especially grateful for all those who contributed to the celebration of Bob's life. — The Keck Family

\*Juanita's new address is 13390 North Illinois Street #333, Carmel 46032

**Service Project:** Looking forward to our fall service projects, please save the dates for the following events:

The Great Chicken Roundup on Nov. 3 approaches. That day, we hope to pack 60 banana boxes of groceries bought with your generous donations to

give to needy families. That's 12 more than in recent years. We've collected 62 boxes, and now it's time to come up with the funding that makes the magic happen.

Fundraising now is critical now because by no later than Oct. 11, I need to place the order with Aldi. We have nearly enough funding to do 48 boxes and have some seed money left. To do 60, we need substantially more. One box costs about \$75.

Why not "buy a box" or more? Make checks out to Bethlehem (noting Chicken Roundup in the memo line) or donate through [Vanco](#), selecting Chicken Roundup/Helping Hams.

To volunteer to help prep on Nov. 2, morning and/or afternoon, or for more information, please contact [Marty Benson](#), 317-696-9812. You can also sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

## **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 October this year in the South series:

6 October 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 27) — "Cross Crenelle", green

Also known as the "Embattled Cross", this cross's edges suggest battlements. This is the symbol of the church militant.

13 October 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 28) — "Cross Flament", green

This cross with flame-like edges is a symbol of religious zeal.

18 October 2024: Luke, Evangelist — "St. Luke", red

A winged ox serves as the symbol of St. Luke because of his detailed account of Christ's sacrificial death in his gospel.

20 October 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 29) — "Cross Fitchee", green

Any cross with its lower arm drawn out to a point is "fitched". This form originated during the Crusades when the Crusaders carried small crosses with pointed ends to be thrust into the ground for daily devotions.

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".

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## 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!

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BLC Members: Roger Gregory, the Keck family, John Pitts, Todd Rainer

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, Judy Kreger, 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

*We offer our condolences to Karen McCune on the passing of our dear brother in Christ, Ken McCune. We also offer condolences to Susie Swenson and family on the passing of her mother, Betty Griffis and to Mike Smith and family on the passing of his mother, Mary Smith.*

[Let us know](#) if you'd like to add/remove someone.

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### **Upcoming Birthdays**

10/03 Karen Feder  
10/05 Carl Crabel, Brent Westerfeld  
10/06 Teddy Singleton  
10/07 James Gregory

### **Upcoming Anniversaries**

10/3 Cheryl & Marty Maddox

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### **What's happening this week?**

**TODAY**, October 3, 2024

#### **FRIDAY**

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

#### **SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**, October 6, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:30 am Service Project: Storm Drain Cleanup

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 10, 2024**

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

### [Church Calendar](#)

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## **Serving This Sunday (Oct. 6th)**

Acolyte - Phoebe Tatum

Lector - Norma Crabiel

Children's Sermon - Traci Rodgers

Communion Assistant - Traci  
Rodgers

Communion Prep - Beverly

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A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Rick Roberts

Counters - J. Scharbrough & N.  
Slover

## **Serving Next Sunday (Oct. 13th)**

Acolyte - Connar Queck

Lector - Kaaren Rodman

Children's Sermon - Ellen Rispoli

Communion Assistant - Barb Alder

Communion Prep - Barb Alder

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Marty Benson

Counters - J. Scharbrough & N.  
Slover

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

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Got something to add to the e-Blaze? The deadline to [submit articles](#) is every Wednesday at noon!



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