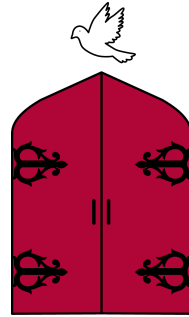


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for October 31, 2024

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

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This Sunday: Daylight Saving Time & the Great Chicken Roundup. Chicken Roundup will begin at 9am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back.

This Sunday is also All Saints Sunday. Every All Saints Sunday we name and remember those who have died in the last year. If know someone who has died since last year's All Saints celebration, and you would



like them to be remembered, please send the name to [Pastor Ken](#).

Who Are the Saints?

There's a photo card of my grandmother, Joan Pearson, on my home altar. She died four years ago this month. The date she died is on my personal calendar. I think about her often, but I try to take a little extra time on that day to think about everything she did for me growing up and as an adult. She lived around the block from us, she sang in the church choir and taught Sunday School, she was one of the few people our dogs would let in the yard, she was the matriarch of our family. The stories I could tell about her would fill a small book.

It wasn't always my practice to pause and remember those I knew who have died. I started it last year when I looked back and realized I'd lost someone significant in my life every year from 2018-2022. My whole family dynamic shifted radically over those five years. Stories we used to tell with people were now told about them. An entire generation was now gone on one side. It was up to us to keep their stories alive.

For thousands of years the church has been the sacred keeper of the stories of those who have gone before us. The earliest stories were passed down over roughly eighty generations, but new stories are added every day across the world as faithful Christians die and entrust their stories to those who come after them.

This is why we celebrate All Saints Sunday every year, to remember those who have died in the faith and now wait for the resurrection of the dead. These -are- the saints: not just the famous Christians depicted in icons and named in liturgies, but ordinary, everyday people we knew ourselves. We may be the only ones who know their stories, but they are saints, and this Sunday we pause to remember, to reflect, and to celebrate their lives and the difference they made in ours.

Pastor Ken ₪

In memory of: blessed Dean, George, Elda, Arthur, Ruth, Del, Gail, Gloria, Betty, Gary, Letty, Joan, Ross, Donald.

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.

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 **YIG 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 October this year in the South series:

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.

1 November 2024: All Saints Day — "Manus Dei", white

The hand of God extending from the heavens is the traditional symbol of All Saints' Day. The hand of God concept is based on scriptural passages such as Psalm 98:1, "His right hand... hath given Him victory." It expresses the idea of the hand of God over the souls of the righteous.

3 November 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 31) — "The Love of Christ", green

2 Corinthians 5:14 is the source for this shield symbolizing the Trinity--a circle (God, eternity) surrounds a cross (Christ) with a descending dove (Holy Spirit) carrying the olive branch of peace.

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: Kristin Anderson, 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., 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

11/1 Tim Harber
11/3 Elizabeth Adams
11/5 Jim Coffing
11/6 Juanita Keck
11/7 David Guth

Upcoming Anniversaries

11/1 Shirley & David Daniell
11/3 Janice & Jesse Vadas

What's happening this week?

TODAY, October 31, 2024

FRIDAY

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY

8:00 am Chicken Roundup Phase I (Keystone Diner)

1:00 pm Chicken Roundup Phase II (BLC)

SUNDAY, November 3, 2024

2:00 am Daylight Saving Time

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am The Great Chicken Roundup

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 7, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

6:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Nov. 3rd)

Acolyte - Ben Levine

Lector - Juanita Keck

Children's Sermon - Erik Tyskland

Communion Assistant - Traci

Rodgers

Communion Prep - Brenda Grable

A/V - Nancy Slover

Usher - Rick Roberts

Counters - J. Smith & K. Steele

Serving Next 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

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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