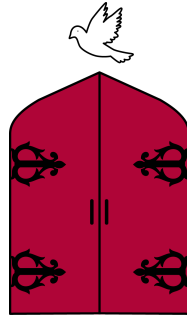


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for September 12, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
317-283-6559

This Sunday: Brunch Sunday. Please bring a dish to share if you are able.



Cards From Kids: Every 3rd Sunday (Fellowship Sunday) we invite all kids (and kids at heart) to take the opportunity to use down time after brunch and prior to the church service to make greeting cards for our fellow congregation members during important life events. This Sunday, we will make cards for the Urban family on the birth of their daughter, Nova Lee Urban on July 4, 2024 and in honor of the life of Bob Keck for his family, grieving his passing on August 16, 2024.

Power pole replacement project update: The building will be closed and without power and WIFI on **Monday, Sept. 16th, from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM**. If you need to access the building that day, you will need a physical key to the building.

Wednesday Childcare: Childcare is available on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9pm. Avery and Kelly, two students from Butler University, will be at Bethlehem to watch children in the playroom

downstairs. They have been background-checked and are wonderful with kids! Now is a great time for parents to join choir or Bible study knowing that their kids are well taken care of. Please reach out to [Candice](#) if you have any questions.

Let's Do Lunch

Place: Murphy's @ Flynn's

52nd & Allisonville - SW corner

Time: 11:30 am

Date: Tuesday, September 24

If you would like a ride from church, we will meet in the parking lot at 11:15. Or you can go directly to the restaurant.

There is a sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board. Let's get together and enjoy a meal and conversation.

Questions? see Norma Crabiel at church or 317-845-1966.

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

- October 6: Storm Drain Cleanup & Neighborhood Beautification - bring your shovels and work gloves, and prepare to get a little dirty as we beautify the neighborhood BLC calls "home"
- November 3: The Great Chicken Roundup returns on Service Sunday Nov. 3. Between services, we hope to pack 60 boxes of groceries bought with your generous donations to give to needy families. This is an increase of 12 boxes from what we've done since the pandemic. One box costs about \$75. Why not "buy a box" or more? Make checks out to Great Chicken Roundup/Helping Hams or donate through [Vanco](#), selecting Chicken Roundup/Helping Hams. To volunteer to help prep on Nov. 2, or for more information, please contact [Marty Benson](#), 317-696-9812. Thanks for your previous support.

Seeking Faith Formation Teachers: As summer comes to a close (boo!) and we return to our "normal schedule", there are many exciting programs coming back at Bethlehem. **Faith Formation classes**

resume on September 8th at 9:00am. There's a class for everyone! Julie Smith will lead our youngest kiddos. Katie Bredehoeft is the teacher for Grades 1-3. Jennifer Scarborough heads up the Grades 4-5 kids. Pastor Ken will lead Middle School/Confirmation classes. And I will meet with our High Schoolers. We could always use more help! If you are interested in co-teaching, being a substitute teacher, or doing a "one time only" appearance as a Guest Speaker in the Teen Class, please reach out and let me know! We'd love to have you.



Young Adults in Global Mission -

For the next 10 months, Madeline Smith will be serving with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program in Mexico. To find out more about and support Madeline and the ELCA's YAGM program, follow the link below [Young Adults in Global Mission: Madeline Smith - YAGM](#). In addition, stay tuned to the Blaze for the bimonthly updates she will be sharing regarding her journey.

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. 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.



Dear Members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

On 9/9/24, Stephen Minister training began for a group of 3 laypeople from BLC and Cross and Crown.



Over the next few months these future Stephen Ministers will receive extensive training in Christian caring skills. Some of the areas they will cover include listening effectively, addressing feelings, confidentiality, using the resources of Christianity, being assertive, and a number of topics dealing with specific life crises. Throughout, the training will emphasize the theology of caring for the whole person.

Following the training, these men and women will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to carry out ministries of caring within our congregations and communities, with people experiencing hospitalization, grief, divorce, job loss, and many other life crises.

The people who are participating in this Stephen Ministry training and committing to serve as Stephen Ministers are:

Brent Vaughn (BLC), Linda Stuckert (C&C) and Terry Anderson (C&C)

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers as they receive this training for caring ministry.

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 September this year in the South series:

15 September 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 24) — "Cross Barbee", green

This cross has ends that resemble fish hooks, recalling the disciples' appointment as fishers of people.

21 September 2024: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist St. Matthew the Evangelist", red

The winged man is the Evangelist Matthew's symbol because his Gospel traces the human descent of Jesus.

22 September 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 25) — "Christ the Victor", green

This ancient cross and monogram is formed by a Greek cross with "IC", the Greek abbreviation for Jesus, and "XC" for Christ on the upper side of the arms (in Greek, an "s" as the last letter in a word looks like a "c"). The Greek "NIKA", or "victory", appears below the arms. This Christ the Victor symbol is common in Byzantine art.

29 September 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 26) — "Chi Rho", green

The Chi Rho is among the most ancient of Christian symbols. It is an abbreviation of the Greek word for Christ, "XP" (in Greek, the letter "X" makes the "chi" sound and the letter "P" is our letter "R").

Festivals for which there are no shields:

14 September 2024: Holy Cross Day

29 September 2024: Michael and All Angels

--- 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, Ken McCune, John Pitts, Todd Rainer, Lillie Roper

Family of members: Chris Burke, Dean, Liz Cantey, Steve Clark, Melanie Cochran, Rich Grady, Rick Graverson, Betty Griffis, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, Deby Koss, Jim Kovach, Heather Patrick, Player family, Sharise Powell, Jeremiah Ray, David Schmidt, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie

Friends of members: Kristin Colber-Baker, Jeannie & Marvin Galbreath, Stacey Keaffaber, Rosie Kepple, Judy Kreger, Lori, George L., Deda M., Lynn Medley, Joseph Morone, Brooke Feister O'Brien, Miss Perez, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne & Michelle Russell, Judy Williams, Wendy

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

Upcoming Birthdays

9/15 Ezra Bredehoeft, Anita Haggstrom

9/16 Amy Koeneman

9/17 Kent Steele

9/18 Brent Vaughn

9/19 Lennox Barringer, Carter

Mooers, Rick Roberts

Upcoming Anniversaries

What's happening this week?

TODAY, September 12, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, September 15, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:30 am Brunch

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

MONDAY

6:00 pm Ministry Lead/Staff Calendar Meeting

TUESDAY

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (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, September 19, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Sept. 15th)

Acolyte - Kingston Queck

Lector - Ardy Hollingsworth

Children's Sermon - Jennifer

Scharbrough

Communion Assistant - Jennifer

Scharbrough

Communion Prep - Beverly

Emmons

Serving Next Sunday (Sept. 22nd)

Acolyte - James Clark

Lector - Erik Tysklind

Children's Sermon - Susan Powell

Communion Assistant - *needed*

Communion Prep - Beverly

Emmons

A/V - Nancy Slover

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Usher - Rick Roberts

Usher - T. Wott & P. Russel

Counters - B. Slover & K. Alder

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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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