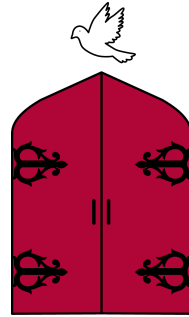


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for September 19, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
317-283-6559

This Sunday: Faith Formation returns this Sunday. Families, please meet promptly at 9:00am in the sanctuary for a brief musical opening with Susan. Middle School/Confirmation students may go directly upstairs. Teen Class participants will be gathering in the Lounge this week with Sam and Maury as our Guest Speakers. Our elementary kids will be discussing "Who is the Greatest" from Mark 9:30-37. Please reach out to Candice with any questions or concerns.



BLC Outing at Victory Field

A great group from Bethlehem attended the Indians game last Saturday, some of us lasting all 12 innings! Look for more fun opportunities to join in fellowship in the near future.



Cards From Kids launched this past Sunday during brunch. We collected over 20 cards for the Urban and Keck families. If you did not have a chance to make a card, please feel free to do so any time this week. We can include your card in the mailing by Sunday.



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 Crabel 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.

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. Stay tuned to the Blaze for bimonthly updates regarding Madeline's journey in Mexico. Thank you!



The **LYG 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 September this year in the South series:

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:

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, Steve Clark, Melanie Cochran, Rich Grady, Rick Graverson, Betty Griffis, 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., Lynn Medley, Joseph Morone, Brooke Feister O'Brien, Miss Perez, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne Russell, Judy Williams

We offer our condolences to Deb Lutyen and family on the passing of her father, [Norman Wiley Jones](#), on December 26, 2023.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

9/19 Lennox Barringer, Carter Mooers, Rick Roberts
9/23 Antonio Ladrón de Guevara
9/24 Barb Alder

Upcoming Anniversaries

9/24 Cheryl & John Pitts

What's happening this week?

TODAY, September 19, 2024

FRIDAY

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, September 22, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:30 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, September 26, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

Church Calendar

Serving This 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
Usher - Rick Roberts
Counters - B. Slover & K. Alder

Serving Next Sunday (Sept. 29th)

Acolyte - Ben Levine
Lector - Carl Crabiel
Children's Sermon - MaryBeth
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Communion Assistant - Barb Alder
Communion Prep - Beverly
Emmons
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - K. Moeller/M. Benson
Counters - B. Slover & K. Alder

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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