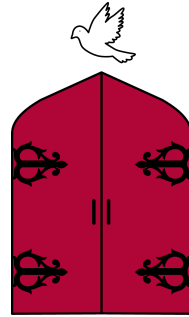


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Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for September 26, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
317-283-6559

This Sunday: We invite anyone interested to attend a Stewardship & Outreach Planning Meeting to discuss our upcoming campaign and theme. Council is leading the effort but all members are invited to come and share their ideas.

Save the Date: Family Game Night 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 Candice with questions or to RSVP.

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 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:

- October 6: 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
- 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 Bethlehem, noting Great Chicken Roundup/Helping Hams on 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 this Sunday. 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 **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 September & October this year in the South series:

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").

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.

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

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., *Andrew Mead*

(son of Mary Loe's son; new cancer diagnosis), Lynn Medley, Monica (Friend of Dee Simpson; surgery), 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

9/29 Bud Jersild, Michael Rodman
10/01 Connor Queck, Cindy Schroeder
10/02 Sam Alder
10/03 Karen Feder

Upcoming Anniversaries

9/24 Cheryl & John Pitts

What's happening this week?

TODAY, September 26, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, September 29, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:30 am Stewardship/Outreach Planning Meeting

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

MONDAY

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, October 3, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Sept. 29th)

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

Serving Next Sunday (Oct. 6th)

Acolyte - *needed*
Lector - Norma Crabiel
Children's Sermon - Traci Rodgers
Communion Assistant - Traci
Rodgers
Communion Prep - *needed*
A/V - Nancy Slover
Usher - Rick Roberts
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

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



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