

Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for February 22, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
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This Sunday is Faith Formation.

Faith Formation Sunday Thank you to everyone who made desserts and everyone who bid on them during the Chili Cook Off! Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$730. The fundraising total for the Youth Gathering trip is now over \$4,000! Way to go, people of Bethlehem.

We hope you will join us each Wednesday in Lent for a soup and salad supper at 6pm before Holden Evening Prayer worship. The free will donations collected will also be used to support our youth in New Orleans this summer.

Lenten suppers – a visit to New Orleans

Wednesdays at 6pm

(Feb 28, Mar 6, 13, 20)

Lent Soup and Salad Suppers return, but with a twist.

No serving teams this year, instead our youth continue their fundraising to attend the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Plan to 'eat out' at Bethlehem on Wednesdays for a taste of the Big Easy. All donations directly support youth ministries.

Feb 28 Menu

NOLA Corn and Crab Bisque
Ham and 5 bean Soup – GF, LF
Chicken Noodle - LF

Assorted Breads

Salads

PB&J

Beverages

Holden Evening prayer follows supper at 7pm.



Easter Flowers: Please help us decorate the sanctuary with beautiful spring flowers for Easter. Each 6" pot is \$8.00. There are Easter Lillies, Tulips and Daffodils to order. Please submit your [orders](#) and payment by February 29th. Or [email](#)/call the office, 317.283.6559. Pay by check, cash or [Vanco](#). Thank you!

Service Sunday project - Our next Service Sunday will be March 3 at 9a and will include a blood drive with Versiti and a supplies drive for [Indiana Prison Writer's Workshop](#). Information for the blood drive is posted on the bulletin board outside from the church offices. You can sign up to donate blood [here](#). To help understand the role your blood donation can provide, we've linked a video here [Sickle Cell - Mariah Roberts | Versiti \(youtube.com\)](#).

A list of supplies donations the Indiana Prison Writer's Workshop is looking for can be found here:

[Composition notebooks](#)

[Pens](#)

[2-pocket folders](#)

We will be collecting these during the Service Sunday hour.

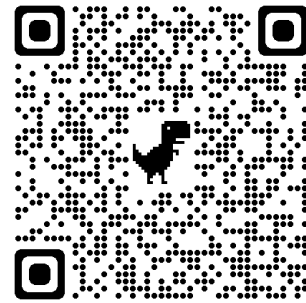


Indy Fuel Faith and Family Night - March 15th @ 7 pm. All-you-can-eat hot dogs, popcorn, and chips. Tickets are \$17 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board for a fun night of hockey and fellowship!

Helping Hams makes its triumphant return on Service Sunday April 7. Between services, we will pack 48 boxes of food bought with your generous donations to give to needy families. One box costs about \$72. 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 April 6 or for more information, please contact Marty Benson, 317-696-9812, mtb42@att.net.

Stewardship Campaign needs

you! Thank you to all that have completed their pledge. Current pledges are under what we received last year. The Council and Finance Committee need pledges to plan our budget for the upcoming fiscal year.



Please faithfully consider what you are able to pledge to Bethlehem, so we may continue our church and community programs. Use this QR code, the paper pledge cards (found in the hallway outside the church office OR [here](#)), to complete a pledge. Thank you!!

Dining In for 2024 We had another delicious Dining-In year! There were teams of 7-8 members, with each couple/pair taking a turn as host, who then assigned dishes for other team members to bring. These dinners are a good way to get together with other members in a small group setting and also a good time to try new recipes.

Won't you join us for the 2024 season? No gourmet experience or matching tableware is necessary. A sign-up sheet can be found on the Sign Up bulletin board. The deadline is Sunday, February 25, after which you will be notified of your tablemates. If you need a partner or have questions, contact Norma Crabiel at 317/845-1966 or crabiel@sbcglobal.net.

More volunteers are needed:

*Communion preparers are needed for March and April. Please contact Beverly Emmons 317.414.5634 if you have questions.

*Communion Assistants are needed to distribute communion during the 10:30 service. If you can help, please let the office@indylutheran.com know.

The new **Flower Chart** is posted on the Sign up board in the hall. Please stop by and sign up to sponsor flowers throughout the church year. Thank you!

Greeting Cards: Micheal Smith has generously donated greeting cards from his business, [Crown Point Graphics](#), for anyone interested in grabbing some. They are located on the tables outside the church office while supplies last. Make sure to visit and support his business if you have a chance. Thanks Mike!



The IYG Pantry is running dangerously low on food for the LGBTQ+ youth that we serve. Are you able to help??

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.



Through Stephen Ministry, our congregation is able to equip and empower a team of laypeople—Stephen Ministers—who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, health issues, divorce, spiritual crisis, job loss, infertility, or other life difficulties. Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975, millions of people have received care from a Stephen Minister. **Visit stephenministries.org to see stories about the difference Stephen Ministers are making in people's lives.**

For more information about Stephen Ministry at BLC 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 January this year in the South series:

25 February 2024: Second Sunday in Lent — "Betrayal", purple

A purse with thirty pieces of silver above is symbolic of Judas's betrayal of Christ.

Liturgical Festivals for which there are no shields:

--- 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: Walter Bartz, Roger Gregory, Bob Keck, Ken McCune, John Pitts, Todd Rainer

Family of members: Chris Burke, Steve Clark, *Melanie Cochran (Gloria Price's sister)*, Rick Graverson, Betty Griffis, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, Julie Hudson, Deby Koss, Heather Patrick, Jeremiah Ray, Rich Scaer, David Schmidt, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie, Trieu family

Friends of members: Kristin Colber-Baker, Jeannie & Marvin Galbreath, Becky Halcomb, Stacey Keaffaber, Rosie Kepple, Judy Kreger, Lori, George L., Deda M., Jenny & Amelia Morris, Brooke Feister O'Brien, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne & Michelle Russell, Edwin Stephenson, Judy Williams, Wendy

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

Upcoming Birthdays

2/23 Phillip & Scout Landin

2/25 Jennifer Harbin, Jesse

McDaniel

2/28 Sarah Evans, Sarah Heider

Upcoming Anniversaries

2/26 Becky & Charlie Kendall

What's happening this week?

TODAY, February 22, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Faith Formation

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Wednesday Walk (Crown Hill)

12:00 pm e-Blaze submission deadline

6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (Live & Streamed - YouTube)

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal & Wednesday Books

NEXT THURSDAY, February 29, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

Church Calendar:

Serving This Sunday (Feb. 25th)

Lector - Barb Alder
Acolyte - *needed*
Communion Asst. - Gloria Price
Children's Sermon - Karen Feder
Usher - Rick Roberts
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - K. Rodman &
B. Grable
Counters - N. Slover & J.
Scharbrough
Flower Delivery - *needed*

Serving Next Sunday (Mar. 3rd)

Lector - Ardy Hollingsworth
Acolyte - *needed*
Communion Asst. - *needed*
Children's Sermon - J. Scharbrough
Usher - Marty Benson
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - K. Rodman &
B. Grable
Counters - N. Slover & J.
Scharbrough
Flower Delivery - *needed*

If you can help with any of these upcoming services please contact the [office!](#)

Worship With Us

Sunday in-person prayer at 10:30 am

[Click here](#) for 10:30 am Live-Stream

Holden Evening Prayer in-person prayer at 7:00 pm

[Click here](#) for 7:00 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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