

Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for March 7, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
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This Sunday is Faith Formation.

Lenten suppers – a visit to New Orleans

Wednesdays at 6pm

(Mar 13, 20)

Remember all donations for your dinner support the youth trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Mar 13 Menu

Mock (Beef) Turtle Soup – GF & LF

Creamy Garlic - V

Chicken Rice – LF & GF

Beverages

PB&J

Salads

Assorted Breads

Holden Evening prayer follows supper at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY BOOKS

The Wednesday book group is starting a new book this Wednesday, 28 February. We will be reading another book by Elaine Pagels, [Adam, Eve, and the Serpent: Sex and Politics in Early Christianity](#).

The group meets every Wednesday night following Evening Prayer. Come

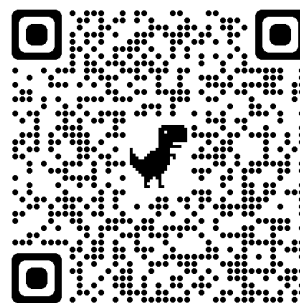
enjoy a Lenten soup supper at 6:00 pm, then stay for Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm followed by Wednesday Books at 7:30 pm.



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 **by this Sunday, March 10th!**

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!!

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY March 17th

A time to highlight Stephen Ministry and how this ministry helps carry out the mission of our Church. There is a special addition to this service. Shari Watts, having completed her training, will be Commissioned as a Stephen Leader. We celebrate and welcome her to the Stephen Leader team. You will also see Stephen Ministers serving during worship and there will be a short, enjoyable presentation. **Come to Brunch**, enjoy fellowship and visit our Stephen Ministry information table. Your Stephen Ministers look forward to talking with you about what we do.

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 March this year in the South series:

10 March 2024: Fourth Sunday in Lent — "Crowing Cock", purple

This is a frequent symbol of Christ's trial and condemnation and refers to Simon Peter's denial of Jesus.

17 March 2024: Fifth Sunday in Lent — "Basin and Ewer", purple

A basin with a ewer above refers to Pilate's act of hand washing.

24 March 2024: Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday — "Palms", purple

Two palms in saltire symbolize the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week.

28 March 2024: Maundy Thursday — "The Lord's Supper", purple (white)

A chalice with a wafer has long symbolized the Eucharist. The letters "INRI" (Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Judeans") on the wafer represent the real presence of Christ in the communion celebration.

29 March 2024: Good Friday — "Consummatum Est", black (N/A)

A golden cross surrounded by the Latin phrase Consummatum Est, or "It is finished", symbolizes Christ's death on the cross.

30 & 31 March 2024: Resurrection of Our Lord - Vigil of Easter, Easter Sunday — "Resurrection", white

The bursting pomegranate is a symbol of the power of Christ, able to burst from the tomb on Easter morning. The pomegranate is used to represent royalty, hope, and future life.

Liturgical festivals for which there are no shields:

19 March 2024: Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

25 March 2024: Monday in Holy Week

26 March 2024: Tuesday in Holy Week

27 March 2024: Wednesday in Holy Week

--- 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, Rick Graverson, Betty Griffis, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, 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., *Joseph Morone*, 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

3/7 Roger Gregory
3/9 John Champley, Henry Schickel
3/10 Sophia Levine
3/11 Laura Bem
3/12 Alice Leininger, Ava Leininger
3/13 David Michau
3/14 Debbie Ranos

Upcoming Anniversaries

3/11 Bev & John Todd

What's happening this week?

TODAY, March 7, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Faith Formation

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (BLC)

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, March 14, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar:](#)

Serving This Sunday (Mar. 10th)

Lector - Lori VanEvery
Acolyte - Levon Evans
Communion Asst. - filled
Children's Sermon - Ellen Rispoli
Usher - Rick Roberts
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - *needed*
Counters - K. Steele & J. Smith
Flower Delivery - *needed*

Serving Next Sunday (Mar. 17th)

Lector - Erik Tyskland*
Acolyte - Phoebe Tatum
Communion Asst. - Shari Watts*
Children's Sermon - S. Swenson*
Usher - M. Benson/E. Tyskland*
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - B. Emmons* &
D. Simpson*
Counters - K. Steele & J. Smith
Flower Delivery - *needed*
*indicates Stephen Minister

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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