

Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for April 11, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
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This Sunday is Family Easter Fun.



Empty Tomb Rolls
teach the meaning of easter
Around My Family Table



Resurrection Garden
-plant one today in time for Easter!
walkingwithflowers.com



Family Easter Fun

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! This Sunday, kids and their families are invited to participate in a fun morning of baking, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Please meet in the kitchen at 9:00am. We



will assemble Resurrection gardens, bake (and eat!) Empty Tomb Rolls, create a snack mix to take home, and hunt for eggs. I hope you can join us.



Bingo and Karaoke after Worship

Stay after the 10:30 worship service this Sunday for pizza, Bingo, and Karaoke fun! Sign-up on the bulletin board so we can plan for food. All are welcome to join.

Women's Retreat: If you are available and interested in attending the Women's Retreat at Lutheran Hills April 26-28, please email or text Candice Tatum at ctatum@indylutheran.org or 317-426-1833. We need at least 10 participants to make the retreat happen. If a weekend of relaxation sounds like heaven to you, please join us!

Annual Meeting May 5th 9:00am

Please mark your calendar for this year's annual meeting which is May 5th at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The constitution requires 50 voting members to reach quorum, so please make every effort to attend.

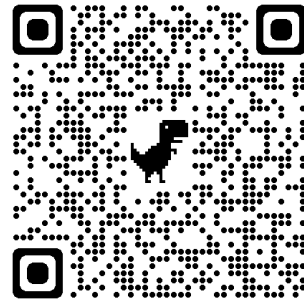
An invitation to Readers: The women's reading group called Sharing Books invites you to join us as we explore the written world of books. We meet for about an hour at 7pm on the second Monday of each month, and we really do discuss a book each month, most recently a historical novel called 'West with Giraffes' by Lynda Rutledge. We also share books we are reading for our own pleasure, often have a refreshment, and a short social visit. Our only criteria for the 'book of the month' choice is that it be interesting and well written. Sometimes we choose really well, sometimes a dud. (you really don't know in advance!). Our book choice for April is 'The Maid' by Nina Prose, billed as a mystery thriller – we shall see. Please consider joining us in our travels via the written word.

Sharing Books, April Date Change: Due to the solar eclipse,

Sharing Books moves to April 15 (instead of April 8). We return to our usual 2nd Monday in May.

Blaze Deadline Submissions: All articles for the Blazes dated April 25, May 2, & May 9th are **due by Friday April, 19th**. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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 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 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.



Become a Stephen Minister and You Will Change Lives Especially your own

There are 1,000 reasons to join the Stephen Ministry Program. Among them; you will learn a great deal, you will help others, and you will enrich your faith life.

But the one point that is so rarely mentioned is that you will also change your own life. Today's social journals regularly mention the importance of having friends. And it's not the number that counts, (about half of the population reports having only 3 close friends), it's the **quality**. Not everyone has that friend you can call at any hour because you feel rotten, and you really need something from CVS.

Having a friend who truly knows you and sincerely likes you is not just a gift – it keeps you calmer, healthier, and you will most likely live longer. Free friends (the kind you can and will learn to count on) is a part of the Stephen Ministry program. This is true because a large percentage of the training centers on empathy, honesty, and respect – and isn't that what you'd actually look for in a new friend?

[Here's some of the science behind it.](#) Click on the link, read the article, and consider whether or not you're interested. If you are, talk to someone already involved in the program, there's a bulletin board with lots of our names and pictures in the hallway.

Come and join us.

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 April this year in the South series:

14 April 2024: Third Sunday of Easter—"Bread of Life", white

The symbol of Christ as the bread of life is in reference to a passage in John 6:35, "I am the bread of life..."

21 April 2024: Fourth Sunday of Easter—"Fountain of Salvation", white

This heraldic symbol of a fountain refers to Zechariah 13:1, "In that day there shall be a fountain open to the House of David... for sin and uncleanness."

25 April 2024: Mark, Evangelist—"St. Mark the Evangelist", red

Saint Mark the Evangelist's symbol is a winged lion, which also represents John the Baptist's preaching in the wilderness, which Mark likened to a lion's roar.

28 April 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter—"Good Shepherd", white

The Lord as the good shepherd is based on John 10:11, "I am the Good Shepherd." He is usually shown as a young, beardless man with a lamb over his shoulders.

Liturgical festivals for which there are no shields:

1 April 2024: Annunciation of Our Lord*

Note: The actual date for this celebration is 25 March. However, when a lesser festival falls on a Sunday or other principal festival in the Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter seasons, it is moved to the next open day. When the Annunciation falls during Holy Week, in which every day is a principal festival, it moves all the way to the

Monday after the Resurrection of Our Lord—in this case, 1 April!

--- 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, Beverly Emmons, Roger Gregory, Bob Keck, Juanita 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, Player family, 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

4/11 Kyle Bredehoeft
4/12 Hayley Alder, Sarah Joe Slover
4/13 Gloria Price
4/15 Jon Crabiel
4/16 Marta Ladrón de Guevara
4/17 Bethany Champley, Al Ensley,
Julie Keck, Carly Quandt, Tyler Wott

Upcoming Anniversaries

April 18 Jen Pittman & Al Ensley

What's happening this week?

TODAY, April 11, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, April 14, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Family Easter Fun

10:30 am Resurrection of Our Lord (Live & Streamed - YouTube)

12:30 pm Bingo & Karaoke

MONDAY

7:00 pm Women's Sharing Books

7:00 pm Congregation Council Mtg

TUESDAY

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

WEDNESDAY

9:00 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, April 18, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Apr. 14th)

Lector - Karen McCune

Acolyte - Connor Queck

Communion Asst. - filled

Children's Sermon - Karen Feder

Usher - Marty Benson

A/V - Nancy Slover

Communion Setup - L. VanEvery &

Serving Next Sunday (Apr. 21st)

Lector - Norma Crabiel

Acolyte - Zeke Bredehoeft

Communion Asst. - *needed*

Children's Sermon - Katie

Bredehoeft

Usher - *needed*

A/V - Nancy Slover

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Counters - G. Price & B. Alder

Flower Delivery - *needed*

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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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