

Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for April 18, 2024
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
317-283-6559

This Sunday is Brunch.



Youth Director's Corner

Thank you to all our families who spent Sunday participating in Easter Family Fun in the morning and Bingo in the afternoon! Fifteen families, including 25 kids, joined us for one or both activities. Everyone had a great time together.



FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE
CONTACT:

Candice Tatum
317-426-1833

TO REGISTER
VISIT:



JUNE 23-27, 2024

Summer Days Together

**An opportunity for Families to Enjoy Worship,
Service, Fun, and Food Together**

Bethlehem will be joining Cross & Crown for Summer Days Together this June! Each day will include a service opportunity, short worship, lunch and snacks, and a fun outing to a local venue. We will meet at Cross & Crown in the morning before driving to a service site.

We will meet from 9:15 AM – 2:00 each day. All kids must be accompanied, and transported, by a designated adult 18 years of age or older. If you need help providing supervision for your child, please contact Candice, CTatum@indylutheran.org.

Summer Days Together: June 23-27, 2024

A joint summer ministry of Bethlehem and Cross & Crown congregations. Please join us for this reimagined VBS opportunity. As a group, we will participate in service projects, worship, fellowship, and lots of fun! Lunch, snacks, and t-shirts provided. An adult chaperone must attend with their child. Register [here](#). Reach out to Candice Tatum at ctatum@indylutheran.com or 317-426-1833 with any questions.



Summer Camp at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

Summer camp is an excellent opportunity for our kids and youth to experience God's love in the great outdoors! At Lutheran Hills, Lake Luther, or Lutherwald, kids participate in games, songs, Bible study, and so much more. Brochures are located near the Youth and Family bulletin board at church and at www.lomik.org.

Scholarships are available for those with a financial need. Please see Candice for more information or to request assistance.



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.



Helping Hams 2024 Update: Thanks to all who assisted with Helping Hams on April 7, whether it was through donating, collecting boxes, answering emails, gathering stationery, driving, loading, unloading, packing, unloading again, recycling, cleaning and/or a few other things. We

donated \$3220 worth of mostly food and a few toiletry items that weighed in at about 2,458 pounds. The boxes were delivered to Lutheran Child and Family Services, which gives them to households that they have identified as being in need. Bring on the Great Chicken Roundup this fall!



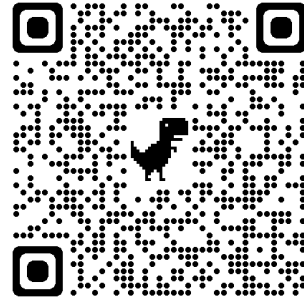
Astronomers Without Borders would like your used eclipse glasses to distribute to schools and communities in the U.S. and overseas for future eclipses. So instead of trashing them, bring yours to church and place in the box on the hallway table. Many thanks.



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 & May. 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

My neighborhood learned something strange when Covid struck in 2020.

Sure, we always waved, we knew names, and we thought we knew each other – but we honestly didn't. I doubt that we would have called each other "Friend". I thought back on that when I recently went to a very nice Eclipse Party, with a wonderful group down the street. I suddenly realized - things certainly have changed for the better!

Research tells us that having different "groups" of friends is healthy. It makes you more interesting. It also increases the satisfaction and comfort you feel with your life, since different groups of friends can (and do) offer you different types of support.

You may already have your "work friends", your family friends, your "church" friends, and maybe some of your neighbors. But are you willing to expand your circle? Science says that adding more personal "connections" makes a happier you!

This is your invitation to add a new group, pick up some remarkable skills, and change your own life. The Stephen Ministry Program is starting a new class this fall. This training is offered as a weekly class over about 16 weeks, and your classmates will be from Cross & Crown Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. You'll learn about the importance of confidentiality, how much empathy changes people, and most importantly, the healing and sustaining power of truly connecting with someone.

Enjoy [this article](#), and consider "connecting". If this interests you, finding a Stephen Minister to chat with is as easy as finding our pictures and names on the hallway bulletin board.

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:

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.

--- 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, 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, *Bob Strobel (Nancy Slover's uncle)*

Friends of members: Kristin Colber-Baker, Jeannie & Marvin Galbreath, Becky Halcomb, Stacey Keaffaber, Rosie Kepple, Judy Kreger, Lori, George L., Deda M., *Lynn Medley (Kaaren Rodman's friend; breast cancer)*; 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

4/19 Susan Lewis
4/20 Jeanne Luke, Ken Ranos
4/21 Claudia Seitz
4/22 Katie Bredehoeft, Jerry Harbin

Upcoming Anniversaries

April 18 Jen Pittman & Al Ensley

What's happening this week?

TODAY, April 18, 2024

6:30 pm Worship Committee

FRIDAY

12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, April 21, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Brunch

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

6:30 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Wednesday Books
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

NEXT THURSDAY, April 25, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (Apr. 21st)

Lector - Norma Crabiel
Acolyte - Zeke Bredehoeft
Communion Asst. - Gloria Price
Children's Sermon - Katie
Bredehoeft
Usher - Erik Tysklind
A/V - Peter Russel/Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - L. VanEvery &
needed
Counters - G. Price & B. Alder
Flower Delivery - *needed*

Serving Next Sunday (Apr. 28th)

Lector - Gloria Price
Acolyte - James Clark
Communion Asst. - *needed*
Children's Sermon - MaryBeth
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Usher - Rick Roberts
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - L. VanEvery &
needed
Counters - G. Price & B. Alder
Flower Delivery - *needed*

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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