

Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for May 23, 2024

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

317-283-6559

This Sunday is Coffee Hour.

General Operating Net Income Update

Below is a snapshot of fiscal year to date ("FYTD") income, expenses, and net income:

FYTD income	\$351,275
Excluded ERTA	(\$50,190)
FYTD Operating income	\$301,085

FYTD expenses	\$338,082
Excluded major roof repair	(\$11,790)
FTTD operating expenses	\$326,292

FYTD Operating net income (\$25,207)

Note: period shown is fiscal YTD: 7/1/23-4/30/24

1 Timothy 6:18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

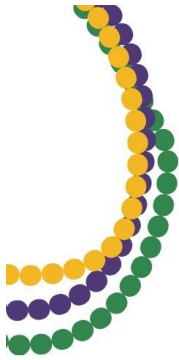
Please contact us with questions you have.

Thank you for your financial support of the ministries at Bethlehem.

Barb Alder and Bill Slover, Finance/Endowment Ministry

Wednesday... Podcasts?

The Wednesday Books group is doing something a little different this time. Instead of a book, the group is discussing a five-part podcast series on Martin Luther. The podcast is "The Rest is History" hosted by Dominic Sandbrook and Tom Holland (no, not that Tom Holland), and we're listening to episodes 433-437. Each is about an hour long and can be found through most popular podcast apps and sites, as well as at <https://therestishistory.com/episodes/>. We're discussing one episode a week, so come and join us at 7:00 pm on Wednesday nights after 6:30 pm Evening Prayer.



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Sponsorship



PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING AN ITEM OR TWO FOR OUR TRIP!

Shirts

THE GIRLS HAVE SELECTED THIS SHIRT FOR THE TRIP. THE BACK WILL SAY BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH. THE COST PER SHIRT IS \$20 AND WE HAVE 6 PARTICIPANTS GOING TO NEW ORLEANS.



Meals



JUMBALAYA! PO BOYS! SHRIMP AND GRITS! NEW ORELANS IS KNOWN FOR THEIR AMAZING FOOD. HELP US HAVE A NICE DINNER OUT! WE WILL ALSO BE DOING A BEIGNET TASTING. ANY AMOUNT IS APPRECIATED.

Clear Bags & Water Bottles

CLEAR BAGS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE ARENA. BIG THANKS TO NANCY SLOVER FOR PURCHASING BAGS FOR THE TEENS!

THE STADIUM ALSO REQUIRES CLEAR WATER BOTTLES. THEY ARE \$15 EACH AND WE NEED 3.



Miscellaneous

WE WILL ALSO NEED A FIRST AID KIT, SUNSCREEN, PINS OR OTHER SMALL ITEMS TO TRADE, AND SNACKS

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO BLC WITH "GATHERING SPONSORSHIP" IN THE MEMO. DONORS WILL RECEIVE TRIP UPDATE EMAILS AND PHOTOS. PLEASE REACH OUT TO CANDICE TATUM IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT!



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.org or 317-426-1833 with any questions.



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.

More volunteers are needed:

*Communion preparers are needed for June & July. 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.



Stephen Ministry Cares

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 May this year in the South series:

26 May 2024: The Holy Trinity —"Shield of the Holy Trinity", white
This circle and band motif was used in the Middle Ages to express the doctrine of equality, unity, and separateness of the triune God. The central circle is inscribed "Deus" (God) with three radiating arms inscribed "est" (is) connecting three equal sized circles inscribed "Father", "Son", and "Holy Spirit". Outer bands that connect the three circles are inscribed "non est" (is not).

Liturgical festivals for which there are no shields:

31 May 2024: Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

--- 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, *Jim Kovach (Kristin Anderson's husband; fell)*, Heather Patrick, Player family, Jeremiah Ray, Rich Scaer, David Schmidt, Robin Serafin, Steve Smith, Barry Storlie, Mike Todd

Friends of members: Kristin Colber-Baker, Jeannie & Marvin Galbreath, Becky Halcomb, Stacey Keaffaber, Rosie Kepple, Judy Kreger, Lori, George L., Deda M., Lynn Medley, Joseph Morone, Brooke Feister O'Brien, *Miss Perez (friend of the Clarks)*, Werner Reicken, Jane & Jim Reinhart, Linda Ruisz, Wayne & Michelle Russell, Judy Williams, Wendy

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

Upcoming Birthdays

5/24 Noah Tatum
5/26 Claire Wood
5/28 Sarah Haney
5/29 Maury Plambeck
5/30 Gina Mooers, Sharon Swinford

Upcoming Anniversaries

5/23 Jon & Jodi Crabiel
5/25 Elouise & Chuck Scharbrough
5/29 Beth & Erik Tysklind

What's happening this week?

TODAY, May 23, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, May 26, 2024

7:30 am Holy Communion (Spoken)

9:00 am Coffee Hour

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, May 30, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

[Church Calendar](#)

Serving This Sunday (May 26th)

Lector - Barb Alder

Acolyte - *needed*

Communion Asst. - *needed*

Serving Next Sunday (June 2nd)

Lector - Marty Benson

Acolyte - *needed*

Communion Asst. - *needed*

Children's Sermon - Pastor Ken
Usher - *needed*
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - M. Lapworth &
T. Moriarity
Counters - K. Alder & B. Slover
Flower Delivery - *needed*

Children's Sermon - Katie
Bredehoeft
Usher - Rick Roberts
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - M. Lapworth &
T. Moriarity
Counters - K. Alder & B. Slover
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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