



Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for June 13, 2024

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

317-283-6559

Donuts with Dad

This Sunday everyone is invited to celebrate fathers and father-figures in their life during Lemonade on the Lawn. Donuts with Dad will be included in our weekly after-worship fellowship. Join us on the lawn for donuts, lemonade, and a card-making station.



Please join us on Sunday, June 23rd for a **Summer Service Project** to kick-off BLC's joint Summer Days Together VBS with Cross & Crown. After 9:30 worship and Lemonade on the Lawn, venture downstairs to help sort shoelaces for Changing Footprints. We will also be hosting a Shoe Drive so please bring shoes in any condition to donate, now through June 23rd. Learn more about Changing Footprints here: www.changingfootprints.org.

More volunteers are needed:

- *Communion preparers are needed for July & August. 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 June this year in the South series:

16 June 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 11) — "God the Son", green
Christ represented as a lamb has a basis in Scripture, such as Isaiah 53:7, John 1:29, and Revelation 5:12. The oldest examples show the lamb resting on the banner of victory, symbolizing the Lord as the Lamb of God.

23 June 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 12) — "God the Holy Spirit", green

The dove descending within a radiating nimbus is the traditional symbol for God the Holy Spirit.

24 June 2024: John the Baptist — "St. John the Baptist", violet (white)

This saint's symbol is a locust and leather girdle. The girdle represents John's humble clothing, the locust of his food, while preaching the coming of Christ. John is considered the last Old Testament prophet and the first New Testament saint.

29 June 2024: Peter and Paul, Apostles — "Spiritus Gladius", red

An open Bible bearing the words "Spiritus Gladius" with a cross-hilted sword behind is the most common symbol of the apostle Paul. The Bible represents the word of God and the sword that of the Spirit.

Two keys saltire refer to Peter's confession and Christ's response that Peter held the keys to the kingdom (Matthew 16:13-19). Together, with an inverted Latin cross (referring to Peter's mode of execution in Rome), they serve as the shield of Peter.

30 June 2024: Time after Pentecost (Lectionary 13) — "The Church", green

A ship with a cross-shaped mast, sailing through troubled waters, recalls the storm-tossed ship on the Sea of Galilee and represents the Church tossed by the waves of persecution, heresy, and false teachers.

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, Ken McCune, John Pitts, Todd Rainer

Family of members: Chris Burke, Dean, Liz Cantey, Steve Clark, Melanie Cochran, Rick Graverson, Betty Griffis, Eric Hanson, Sam Hazlett, Adam

Hege, Kurt Hofbauer, Deby Koss, Jim Kovach, Heather Patrick, Player family, Sharise Powell, 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, 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

6/14 Meghan Pfligenstofer
6/16 Gavin Pfligenstofer
6/18 Natalie Goss

Upcoming Anniversaries

6/15 Kate Boyd & Brent Hege

What's happening this week?

TODAY, June 13, 2024

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, June 16, 2024

7:30 am Service of the Word (Spoken)
9:30 am Service of the Word (Live & Streamed - YouTube)
10:45 Lemonade on the Lawn - Donuts with Dad

MONDAY

7:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting

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 Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Wednesday Books

NEXT THURSDAY, June 20, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

Church Calendar

Serving This Sunday (June 16th)

Lector - Kaaren Rodman
Acolyte - Phoebe Tatum
Communion Asst. - *needed*
Children's Sermon - Erik Tysklind
Usher - Ken Moeller
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - Lori VanEvery
Counters - J. Scharbrough & N.
Slover

Serving Next Sunday (June 23rd)

Lector - Lori VanEvery
Acolyte - Connor Queck
Communion Asst. - *needed*
Children's Sermon - Sarah Evans
Usher - Rick Roberts
A/V - Nancy Slover
Communion Setup - Lori VanEvery
Counters - J. Scharbrough & N.
Slover

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

Worship With Us

Sunday in-person Worship at 9:30 am

Click [here](#) for 9:30 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!

