



Bethlehem Lutheran Church e-Blaze for June 20, 2024

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

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**This Sunday:** Please stay after the 9:30 am service and join us in the Fellowship Hall. The choir will be hosting Lemonade on the Lawn. While you enjoy refreshments and visit with our choir members, you can help the sort shoe laces for a summer service project.

If you can help host a LOL in July 7th, July 14th or August 25th, please let [Jennifer Scharbrough](#) know. Thanks!



Please join us **this Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 are also hosting a **Shoe Drive** so please bring in **shoes new or used**, now through June 23rd. 98% of all donated shoes get used or recycled! Please place in the marked bin in the hallway outside the office.

Learn more about Changing Footprints here: [www.changingfootprints.org](http://www.changingfootprints.org)

## General Operating Net Income Update

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

FYTD income	\$375,881
Excluded ERTA	<u>(\$50,190)</u>
FYTD Operating income	\$325,691
FYTD expenses	\$363,591
Excluded major roof repair	<u>(\$11,790)</u>
FTTD operating expenses	\$351,801
FYTD Operating net income	(\$26,110)

Note: period shown is fiscal YTD: 7/1/23-5/31/24

"One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11 24-25.

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



**Camp Scholarships:** It's summer camp season! Bethlehem has multiple kids attending Lutheran Hills for fellowship, games, hiking and God

time!!

This year we have been asked by some BLC attendees for camp scholarships. If you are able to help, please make checks payable to Bethlehem (Memo: Camp Scholarship) or select "Camp Scholarships" on [Vanco](#).



### **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](mailto: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](http://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:

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), the 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".

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## 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!

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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.

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## Upcoming Birthdays

6/21 David Daniell, Nick Vurva

## Upcoming Anniversaries

6/22 Sarah Jaax & Marty Benson

6/24 Elouise Scharbrough  
6/27 Carl Crabiel

6/23 Sheila & Monroe Little  
6/24 Julia Vaughn & Ron Gyure  
6/27 Susan & Jon Lewis

## What's happening this week?

**TODAY**, June 20, 2024

### FRIDAY

12: 00 pm Men's Bible Study

### SATURDAY

**SUNDAY**, June 23, 2024

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

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

### 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 27, 2024

10:00 am e-Blaze arrives

## [Church Calendar](#)

### Serving This Sunday (June 23rd)

Lector - Lori VanEvery  
Acolyte - Connar Queck  
Communion Asst. - *needed*  
Children's Sermon - Sarah Evans  
Usher - Rick Roberts  
A/V - Nancy Slover  
Communion Setup - Lori VanEvery

### Serving Next Sunday (June 30th)

Lector - Carl Crabiel  
Acolyte - Zeke Bredehoeft  
Communion Asst. - *needed*  
Children's Sermon - Karen Feder  
Usher - *needed*  
A/V - Nancy Slover  
Communion Setup - The Daniells

Counters - J. Scharbrough & N.  
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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 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

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