

# BLC Newsletter – July 2025

*Be Informed and Faithfully Receive God's Gifts*

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## Service and Study Schedule

- Services – **Saturdays** at 4; **Sundays** at 9
- Weekend Classes – **Saturdays** at 3; **Sundays** at 10:30
- Weekday Class – **Thursdays** at 10:00
- Men's Group – **One Saturday/Month** at 9:00

### The Millenium and The End of the World

What Is Your View? Why Do You Believe It?

#### Option 1

Short Season and Tribulation NOW > End

#### Option 2

Rapture > Tribulation > Millenium > Short Season > End

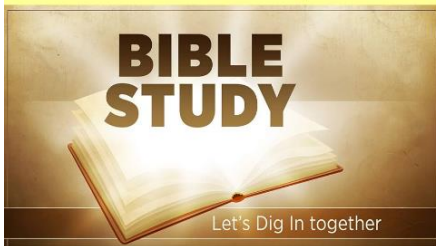
#### Join Us In Bible Class

Saturdays at 3:00; Sundays at 10:30

Eat ~ Drink ~ Fellowship ~ Study ~ Learn

## Living the Lutheran Lectionary

Thursdays at 10



An  
opportunity  
to make our  
Divine  
Services  
more  
meaningful!

## Men's Group – 7/12 at 9:00

Join us on Saturday, July 12, as Dr. Giessler helps us understand the book of Isaiah. *All men are welcome! Invite a friend!*

- Gather at 9:00 – Free Breakfast
- Study Begins at 9:15

## BLC Quarterly Update

You are invited to a brief gathering on Sunday, July 13, at 10:30, in the Christian Life Room, to hear:



- A brief ministry update!
- A brief financial update!
- About the possibility of having solar panels installed on our church roof!

## Ohio District LCMS Convention Notes



The Ohio District LCMS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention took place June 22-24, 2025, at St. John Lutheran Church, Dublin OH.

- Registration Report: 226 total registered; 92 Ordained Voting Delegates; 93 Lay Voting Delegates; 18 Advisory Delegates; 23 Guests. Pastor Green was the Pastoral voting delegate, and Kathy Green was the lay voting delegate for Bethlehem.
- Election results:
  - ❖ Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson was elected to a third term as President of the Ohio District (*our district includes all of Ohio, all of West Virginia, and half of Kentucky*).
  - ❖ Rev. Anders Davidson was elected Vice President of the North Central Region (*our district is divided into five regions, each having a vice president, who is also a parish pastor*).

and a member of the district board of directors; our region is basically the greater Cleveland and Akron areas).

❖ Rev. David Luecke was elected Circuit Visitor for the North Central Circuit (*our circuit is North Central 3, which includes **Bethany** – Parma, **Bethlehem** – Parma, **Community of Hope** – Broadview Hts., **Concordia** – Independence, **Crossroads** – Cleveland, **Royal Redeemer** – North Royalton, **St. John** – Strongsville, **St. Paul** – Westlake, and **St. Thomas** – Rocky River*). Pastors in each circuit normally meet 8 to 11 times each year.

▪ Miscellaneous:

❖ Our church body operates on a three-year cycle: Year 1 – circuits are encouraged to gather and plan circuit-related ministry; Year 2 – districts gather for official business (*each congregation sends a pastoral and lay delegate*); Year 3 – the synod gathers for official business. The synodical convention is in 2026 (*each circuit sends a pastoral and lay delegate*).

❖ Many past conventions have taken place at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, MI. It worked out well this year having the convention at St. John in Dublin, OH.

❖ Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison was present to give a synodical report and preach at the closing service.

## Sisters of Light Bible Study

**Sisters of Light:** *Strengthening Fellowship Bonds; No-Homework, Women's Bible Study*

- **Resumes in the Fall.**
- Call/Text Rhonda: 330-260-5194

## Church Picnic Coming on September 21



## Church Pictorial Directory

*Our 2025 Church Family Directory will not be complete without you!*

The photography will take place **Wednesday,**

**10/22 & Thursday, 10/23 from 2-8:30 p.m.**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** Watch for “how to sign-up” in the future!

We have an organization meeting scheduled for **Thursday, 8/21 at 10 a.m.** for anyone desiring to *help* make our directory happen! (*Thank you to Tracy Crites & Rand Stender for volunteering, we could use a couple more!*) Contact Kathy G at 440-785-3802.



## Prayer (chain) Multiplier



We could use more prayer warriors! Prayers are sent by text message. **Would you like to be added to the list?** Call or text Kathy G. 440-785-3802

## Lutherans for Life



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

“As you walk the path of life with your neighbor, learn and celebrate the depth and breadth of the infinite worth of their life—whether they are preborn, homeless, destitute, dying, friend, or foe. Learn, through the trials set before you and the sacrifices you make to improve the life of your neighbor, the awesome worth of life. Life is sacred. Every life matters.” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church–Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## Food and Fire Saturdays



Looking for people to make a food and fire activity happen – maybe once each month.

To make it work, someone needs to schedule the date, then Kathy will advertise it.

When planning, it's best to

plan for rain or shine. If it rains, we can move to the Christian Life Room.

*See the bulletin board for planning details!*

*Thanks for considering!*

## Choir-Made-Easy – Join Us!

Contact Harold: 440-454-2139;

[weselohduh@gmail.com](mailto:weselohduh@gmail.com)

- ✓ Receive the hymn and melody for the first Sunday of each month via email.
- ✓ Practice on your own.
- ✓ Meet at the organ on the first Sunday of each month at 8:45.
- ✓ Sing during that service.

## Grief Share – Fall Cycle

- ➔ The Fall cycle will be 9/2/25 – 12/16/25.
- ➔ Interested? Contact Norma to register to attend and get the benefits: 216-406-4871

## Stephen Ministry

- ➔ Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic illness, or terminal illness.
- ➔ *You could benefit from a Stephen Minister!*  
Contact Norma to find out more: 216-406-4871

## Volunteers Needed Will You Serve?

- Saturday Greeter – give attendees a warm welcome. Call/text Rhonda: 330-260-5194
- Thank You – to Will Mild for his willingness to make the repairs by the main entrance!

## Keeping You Informed

Through calls or text messages:

- Calls will show this number: **440-845-2230**
- Texts will show this number: **440-298-2791**

*If you put those numbers in the Contact list on your phone under “BLC Info;” then you will be the source of those calls and texts!*

## July Physical Birthdays

7/2 Donald Crites  
 7/3 Dave Rohman  
 7/5 Shawn Widzinski  
 7/5 Rachel Widzinski  
 7/6 Brian Sala  
 7/6 Bradley Sala  
 7/9 Miyu Liao  
 7/10 Wilhelm Mild  
 7/12 John Haller  
 7/14 Jim Kovach  
 7/15 Rand Stender  
 7/16 Courtney Slepko  
 7/22 Cedrick Hilliker Sr.  
 7/23 Kevin Liddy  
 7/25 Ruth Blaha  
 7/29 Jeffrey Kitzler  
 7/30 Jim Widzinski



## July Spiritual Birthdays

7/1 Paul Moyer Jr.  
 7/1 Gabe Montgomery  
 7/1 Larry Haslem  
 7/10 Lisa Woodward  
 7/17 Meeka Hilliker  
 7/25 Donald Crites  
 7/29 June Russell



## July Wedding Anniversaries

7/11 Ed & Patti Cepis (45<sup>th</sup>)  
 7/16 Dan & Jackie Blaha (9<sup>th</sup>)  
 7/26 Thomas and Dolores Merkle (22<sup>nd</sup>)

## Online Giving – To BLC

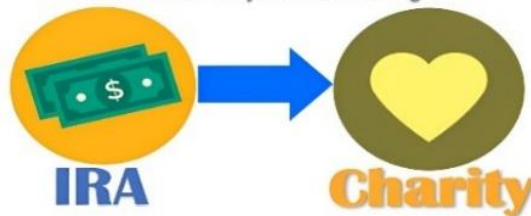
You can donate online through our Bethlehem PayPal account. Scan the code to get **OR** go to [www.BLC7500.com](http://www.BLC7500.com) and click "Donate" button. **Thanks!**



## Your IRA Distribution Make Your RMD a QCD

### QCD for RMD

Give charitably for tax savings



If you own an individual retirement account (IRA) and are at least 70 1/2 years old, you can support the Lord's work by directing a **tax-free distribution** to Bethlehem. See this article from Thrivent for a full explanation: [click here](#)

No internet access? Copies of the Thrivent article are available in the Narthex.

## Parking Lot Church



**Not feeling well? LISTEN FROM YOUR CAR!** Pick up everything need – just inside our main entrance, then tune your

radio to **FM 89.9**. For all the details, read the special insert in each parking lot church service folder.

## Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ⇒ Wed., **July 23** at Noon – for August NL
  - ⇒ Wed., **August 27** at Noon – for Sept. NL
- Bethlehem Parma; [www.BLC7500.com](http://www.BLC7500.com)