



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Truth — Forgiveness — Assurance — Peace — Guidance

Everyone Is Invited to Benefit!



September 26, 2025

Beginning: Saturday, 10/11 at 3:00 and Sunday, 10/12 at 10:30

Location: Timothy Room

Dear Friend (from Pastor Green),

I'm going to teach a *brief course*, beginning in October, and I hope you will attend.

These are some of the questions; I will move quickly through many important topics:

- Can we trust the Bible? Is it really God's word?
- Since men wrote the Bible, why do we say it is God's word?
- Proper Bible interpretation is vital, so, what is Bethlehem's method of Bible interpretation?
- What key events are found in Genesis 1-11, which form the foundation of the world?
- What are the two main messages of the Bible? Why is understanding them critical?
- What is the way to heaven? Are you sure? Why?
- We all do good, but why? What is the proper motivation?
- The Bible teaches creation, but many believe evolution: Which one is true?
- Our solar system is the origin of our years, months, and days. What is the origin of our week?
- Are you familiar with the amazing life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther who lived 500 years ago?
- Christian denominations: 500 years ago, there were 2; now there are about 45,000. Why?
- What the six chief parts of the Small Catechism? Why should they be important to you?
- What is baptism – God saving us by the Spirit through the word, or us confessing our faith?
- Why is it important to understand that sacraments are mysteries?
- Churches differ in what is received in the Lord's Supper: How can we be sure? What is the benefit?
- Church history – *from creation to today* – is simple: Could you briefly explain it?
- There 40 different kinds of Lutheran Churches in North America: Which three are the largest?
- Have you ever heard of the church year: Can you name the six seasons?

Since you have received this letter, one of the following categories pertains to you:

- You have been visiting for a while *but have not yet attended my Bible Basics Course*.
- You are a spouse or fiancé or friend of a member, *so it is important to know what we believe*.
- You are a newer member *but have not yet attended my Bible Basics Course*.
- You are a baptized member of Bethlehem *but have not yet been confirmed as a Lutheran*.

For everyone who attends the course, there is no obligation to do anything.

For people who complete the course, they could choose to become Bethlehem members.

Each weekend, you can attend on Sat (3:00 – 3:45) or Sunday (10:30-11:30).

Question? Concerns? Planning to attend? Please let me know (440-292-5915; RevRLGreen@aol.com).