

## Two Versions of Bible Basics

### 1: The condensed version is shorter and designed for:

- ✓ Anyone who is curious or interested about what we teach at Bethlehem, or desires to take a refresher course.
- ✓ Adults and older youth (ninth grade and older) who are interested in becoming members of Bethlehem and have never been confirmed in an LCMS congregation.

Summary: The condensed version covers the course contents in about nine classroom hours (six classes, 1.5 hours each), plus reading and studying at home.

### 2: The standard version is longer and designed for:

- ✓ Youth who desire to become communicant members of Bethlehem.
- ✓ Youth in fourth grade through eighth grade are invited to attend. Parents of youth are also welcomed to attend and benefit! Some youth are ready to begin when they are younger, while others might not be ready until they are older. The parents and youth should discuss and decide together. The pastor can also help in making the best decision.

Summary: The standard version covers the course contents in about forty-eight classroom hours (32 classes, 1.5 hours each), plus reading and studying at home, and daily devotions.

## Class Schedule

Since we want people to attend, we try to be flexible to fit into everyone's schedule. Once all the participants are known, a class schedule will be put in place.

## Signing Up

The two versions of the course are offered as needed – *normally beginning in the fall*. If you or your youth are interested in attending either version, please make your desire known to the pastor as soon as possible: [RevRLGreen@aol.com](mailto:RevRLGreen@aol.com); 440-292-5915

## Connect With Us

**Website:** [www.BLC7500.com](http://www.BLC7500.com)  
**YouTube:** Benefit from the Bible  
**Facebook:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma  
**Podcast:** Benefit from the Bible  
**Schedule:** See our website or call 440-845-2230  
**Location:** 7500 State Road, Parma, OH 44134  
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# Bethlehem Bible Basics

*We offer two versions!*

Read this brochure to  
discover which version  
might be right for you.

## Introduction

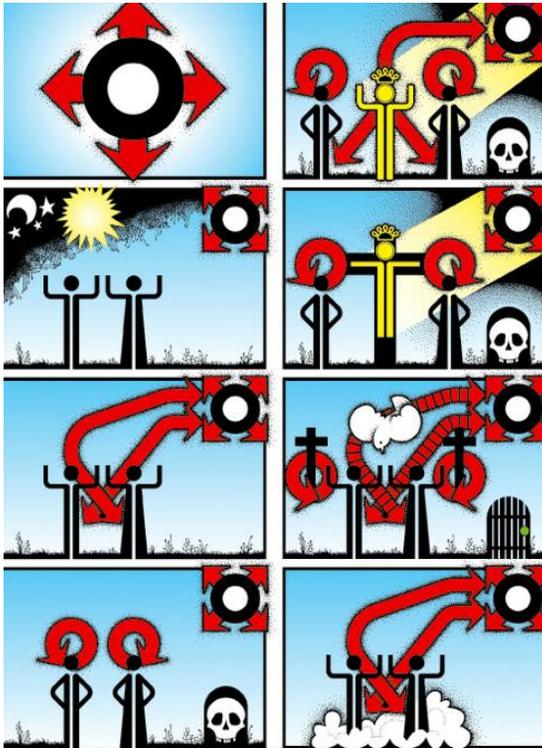
**Dear Friend: Bethlehem Lutheran in Parma is a *teaching church*; we want everyone to:**

- ➔ Know God's saving truth!
- ➔ Be sorry for their sins!
- ➔ Trust in Jesus for eternal life!
- ➔ Live unto God's glory!
- ➔ Continue in the one true faith!
- ➔ Be with God for ever and ever!

Our **Bible Basics Course** lays the foundation. Then it is important for everyone to be serious and faithful regarding ♦Divine Service attendance, ♦Sunday School and Bible Class attendance, and ♦daily time in the Bible – *reading, thinking, believing, living, sharing.*

## Bible Basics Course Contents

1. **The Divine Plan:** Learn a summary of all time – from creation to the return of Jesus, using 8 symbolic pictures!



2. **An Overview of the Bible:** Learn many key realities to build a solid foundation and grow your understanding and faith!

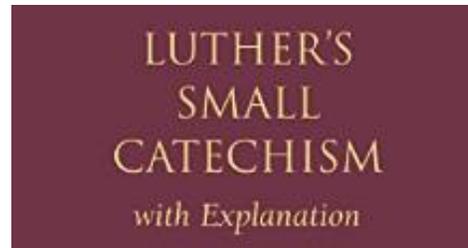


3. **Daily Devotion:** Learn:
  - a. The benefits!
  - b. How to get started!
  - c. A simple way to benefit from the Bible every day!



**Note:** Daily devotion, or the lack of it, can make or break a person's relationship with God!

4. **Luther's Small Catechism:** Learn:



- a. An overview of the book!
- b. About the front part of the book – the catechism itself as written by Dr. Luther!
- c. About the treasures found in the back of the book – the appendices!
- d. The meanings and how to apply the six chief parts of the catechism, which include: The Ten

Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar!

5. **Our Church and Others:** Some comparisons – which reveal some important similarities and differences – between our church body (LCMS: Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod), and other church bodies!



6. **Divine Service:** Some history and the meaning of each part of our weekly gatherings, which will help you understand, benefit, and rejoice as you attend each week!



7. **DVD:** Explore the Ministry of the LCMS, which is a brief video overview of our church body.