

BLC Newsletter – May 2026

Men's Group – 5/2 at 9:00



Resumes on **Saturday, May 2**, as Dr. Giessler unpacks the important book of Isaiah. *All men are welcome! Invite a friend!*

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

Ascension Day

Thursday, 5/14

Meal at 6; Worship at 7



- Ascension is important (*1 of the BIG 5: Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension*).
- Planning to attend the meal? Please tell us on your church attendance slip.
- Consider bringing a dish/dessert to share!

Weekend Schedule

- Saturdays: class 3:00; worship 4:00
- Sundays: worship 9:00; Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30

More Classes – Join Us

Sisters of Light – First and Third

Wednesdays of each month at 1:00

- Location: Acts Room
- Questions? Contact Rhonda: 330-260-5194

Living the Lutheran Lectionary –

Every Thursday at 10:00

- Location: Timothy Room or via Zoom
- Topic: Studying the upcoming lectionary Scripture readings
- Questions? Contact Harold: 440-454-2139

Men's Group – First Saturday of each month at 9:00

- Location: Timothy Room
- Breakfast: 9:00; Study: 9:15
- Questions? Contact Dr. G: 216-374-5973

From the Treasurer

Quarter 1 – 2026 Update

I am pleased to share another positive financial report for both the month of March 2026 and for our first fiscal quarter of 2026. **Thanks be to God!**

Our Q1 (Jan – Mar) shows recovery from a tough start to the New Year. We are positive in our spending to revenue comparison. This is good to see as your Leadership Team will be considering proposals for much needed Maintenance work around our campus and keeping tight control

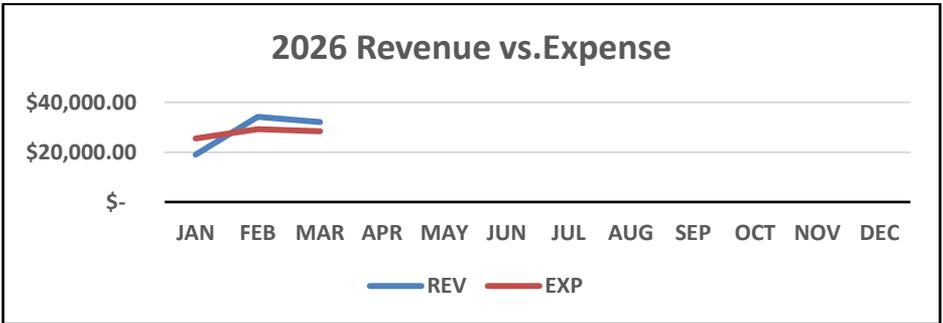
on budgeted spends allows us to move forward with Congregational Approval of these projects. More on that at our quarterly update meetings on the first Saturday (May 2) and Sunday (May 3).

We remain incredibly grateful for your ongoing support, which allows

us to maintain our facility, support our staff, and refine our efforts to follow the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**).

Blessings,

Don Crites, Treasurer



	JAN	FEB	MAR	YTD
Revenue	\$19,010.93	\$34,177.29	\$32,108.75	\$85,296.97
Expense	\$25,490.31	\$29,242.66	\$28,393.87	\$83,126.84
Surplus / Deficit	\$ (6,479.38)	\$ 4,934.63	\$ 3,714.88	\$ 2,170.13

Need a Ride to Church?

If you need a ride to/from church, contact Don Crites in advance at 909-320-0706.



If you'd like to help provide a ride to church, *sign-up on the bulletin board.*

LOANS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Barrick Nursing Scholarship:** Contact the church office for an application. Deadline is June 30
- **Loans – College Bound Students:** Visit www.Pierstorf.org and

complete the 2026-2027 application. Deadline is June 30

- **Mikitta College Scholarship:** To be considered for the scholarship, you must be an active member of Bethlehem; be a full-time student working toward your bachelor's degree in ♦Christian ministry, ♦education, ♦music, or ♦engineering. Contact the church office for an application. Deadline is June 30
- **Education Scholarship –** Applications are available, but the deadline is not until September 30.

Church Pictorial Directory

The directory... FINALLY... is in its final stages! Hopefully it will be completed and distributed soon – especially to those who had their picture taken for the directory.

We Need a Volunteer to Send Cards to our Sick List

This position is part of our Care Team. If you are willing to help, contact Alan C: 216-218-2564.

Food and Fire Events

Now that the weather is improving – **thanks be to God** – it's a good time to start planning some food and fire events. They normally take place on Saturdays at 5:30: food, campfire, outdoor games, etc. If you are willing to make one happen, see the main bulletin board for guidance!

Stay Close to Jesus!

- ➔ **Pray for those in need.** *If you have a prayer request, text, or call Kathy G: 440-785-3802*
- ➔ **Reach those who are lost** – by giving them one of our many resources, praying for them, and inviting them.
- ➔ **Grow through our website:** www.BLC7500.com – many sermons, studies, and brochures are available.
- ➔ **Listen to The Lutheran Hour:** Sundays at 6:30 AM on WTAM 1100; Sundays at 8:00 AM on WHKW 1220
- ➔ **Watch Worship Anew** – A Lutheran Service for shut-ins:

Sundays at 11:30 AM: Cox: 12;
Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: 47;
Spectrum: 47

Sing In Our Choir – It's Simple...

Get on Harold's email list (weselohtuh@gmail.com); then:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Call/text Harold for more info: 440-454-2139

Grief Share Continues . . . at 6:30

- **Professional and Caring:** Facilitated by BLC members.
- **Contents:** Opening, 30-minute video, refreshments, and group time to listen and/or talk.
- **Tuesdays:** Arrive between 6:00 and 6:30.
- **Register:** Norma – 216-406-4871

Giving – To BLC

- **Online:** You can donate online through our Bethlehem PayPal account. go to www.BLC7500.com and click on the "Donate" button. **Thanks!**
- **Personal Banking:** Most banks have a free bill payer service.
- **IRA:** If you own an individual retirement account (IRA) and are at least 70½ years old, you can support the Lord's work by directing a **tax-free distribution** to Bethlehem. **Thanks!**

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.

For anyone interested in having the care of a Stephen Minister, Contact Norma: 216-406-4871

May Physical Birthdays

- 5/2 Paul Moyer Jr.
- 5/6 Trudy Fischler
- 5/16 Caleb Hlavacek
- 5/19 Zachary Blaha
- 5/19 David Liddy
- 5/20 Pastor Green
- 5/25 Heather Hilliker
- 5/27 Phillip Giessler
- 5/27 Joann Kissinger
- 5/29 Janice Martinez
- 5/31 Emma Rohman



May Baptismal Birthdays

- 5/6 David Rohman
- 5/6 Susanna Tischler
- 5/9 Ashley Kovachic
- 5/15 Tim Chilton
- 5/15 Susan Shust
- 5/17 Matthias Moyer
- 5/25 Doris Chmielewski
- 5/31 Eileen Kovach
- 5/31 David Liddy



May Wedding Anniversaries

- 5/18 Jim & Eillen Kovach (30th)
- 5/19 Don & Tracy Crites (36th)
- 5/20 Mike & Hilda Kaderle (65th)
- 5/26 Noel & Janice Martinez (47th)
- 5/27 Scott & Lynne Sala (37th)
- 5/29 Alan & Linda Blaha (50th)



Give-Back Program



Christianbook.com
1-800-CHRISTIAN
Everything *Christian* for less!

Bethlehem has been enrolled in the Christian Book Distributor's (CBD) Giveback Program! Through this program, we earn **4% cash back** on all eligible purchases. Link your CBD account by texting **GIVEBACK** to **95498**, and registering with our Organization ID **PHKLDC**. Need help? Contact Harold: 440-454-2139

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ⇒ **May 27** at Noon – June NL
 - ⇒ **June 24** at Noon – July NL
- Bethlehem Parma**
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