

BLC Newsletter – April 2024

Be Informed and Faithfully Receive God's Gifts

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HE IS: Just, Everlasting, Saving, Undeserved, Sinless (JESUS)

HE IS: Creator, Healer, Redeemer, Incarnate, Savior, Truth (CHRIST)

HE IS: Lamb of Our Redemption by Death (LORD)

Submitted by Cedrick Hilliker Jr. 3/24/2024, a current Youth Confirmation Class Student

Thoughts from Pastor

Dear BLC Members and Friends: Let us rejoice that the Holy Spirit has eternally blessed us with:

- Godly sorrow regarding our sins!
- Trust in Jesus as our Savior!
- The desire to honor Jesus as Lord!
- A hunger to grow in God's word!
- A concern for the salvation of others!

We are some of the MOST BLESSED PEOPLE in the whole world 😊! Even when the Lord permits difficulties to come into our lives, let us continue in our **trust, peace, and joy** as we remember (and memorize) these passages:

- **Romans 8:28** "...God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."
- **Philippians 3:20** "...our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ..."

Coming Soon – Join Us

Bible Class on 4/6 at 3:00 & 4/7 at 10:30:

Dr. Giessler will continue His 3/9 & 3/10 topic; bring your study sheets – *everyone is welcome!*

Bible Class on 4/13 & 4/14:

- *WOKE! How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Headed?*
- Some very important info for understanding the current trend in our nation and how to return to the Lord.

Peace of Mind Seminar (15 minutes of Bible Class time – **4/13:** 3:30-3:45; **4/14:** 10:30-10:45):

- Losing a loved one is a difficult experience for anyone to go through, but the weight of the loss can be lightened knowing we provided them with their final wishes exactly as desired.
- We invite you to a special presentation on the importance of arranging your final wishes, so your loved ones feel confident that you were given what you wanted.

- This 15-minute *Peace of Mind Seminar* will outline the steps in the planning process and answer any questions you may have. This presentation is brought to you by *Busch Funeral and Crematory Services*. **We hope to see you there!**



Live Well. Plan Well. Leave Well.

Bible Class on 4/20 & 4/21: We will finish the Woke study, *then begin the book of Philippians!*

Other Classes – You Are Invited

Sisters of Light: Every other Wednesday at **1:00: April 3 & 17**. Call/text Rhonda for more info: 330-260-5194; *all women are invited to attend!* Join us in the Sunday School room!

Living the Lectionary: Every Thursday at **10:00**; the classes are a preview and study of our weekend services – *including the hymn of the day and the Scripture readings*. Everyone is welcome! Join us in the Christian Life Room!

Movie and Food – Join Us

The Movie – His Only Son

Movie and Food

Sign Up Today In the Narthex

Two Opportunities:

- **Sat, 4/6 at 5:30 (or)**
- **Sun, 4/7 at 11:45**



Be amazed at the great faith of Abraham!

Sign up in the Narthex today or text (440-785-3802) or call (440-845-2230) by April 5.

Special Thanks to Will Mild



For building and installing a shelf next to our organ to make the area more functional and organized – *check it out!*

“I AM” – An Interesting Story

Jack, a professor of philosophy and literature, had a brilliant mind. He’d declared himself an atheist at the age of fifteen and in adulthood adamantly defended his “atheistic faith.” Christian friends tried to persuade him. As Jack put it, “Everyone and everything had joined the other side.” But the Bible, he had to admit, was different from other literature and myths. About the Gospels he wrote: “If ever a myth had become fact, had been incarnated, it would be just like this.”

One Bible passage became most influential to Jack—**Exodus 3**. God was calling Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses asked God, **“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?”** (v. 11). God responded, **“I am who I am”** (v. 14). This passage is a complex play on words and names but reflects God’s eternal presence from the beginning. Interestingly, later Jesus echoed the same when he said, **“before Abraham was born, I am!”** (John 8:58).

Jack, better known as **C. S. Lewis**, was deeply persuaded by this passage. This was all that the one true God should need to say—simply that He is the **“I am.”** In a life-changing moment, Lewis “gave in, and

admitted God was God.” This was the beginning of a spiritual journey for Lewis.

Perhaps we struggle with belief, as Lewis did, or maybe with a lukewarm faith. We might ask ourselves if God is truly the **“I am”** in our lives. *By Kenneth Petersen, Our Daily Bread*

March “Leadership Team” Highlights

Become a Teammate; talk to any Leader!

- Finance Team: LCEF CD’s were renewed.
- Grounds Team: Stable moved to garage.
- Pastor Team: Welcomed Mike Coufalik and Cedrick Hilliker to the team.
- Care Team: Stepen Ministry and GriefShare are running smoothly.
- Pastor:
 - Welcome to Lisa Woodward, transferring from Bethany, Parma.
 - \$1,900 approved for mission work outside of the USA; dispersed from the “Mt. Calvary Foreign Mission Fund”.
 - “Soccer Shots” will be using the grass field in the back of the church 4/13-5/25 from 1-3PM.

Next Leadership Team meeting: Monday, 4/15 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PS: Plans are in place to replace the drinking fountain soon with a drinking fountain and bottle-filler combo unit ☺!

Grief Share – Tuesdays at 6:30

- ➔ Pick up a brochure with the current schedule; see the main bulletin board. It’s possible to begin attending at any time.
- ➔ To Register: www.griefshare.org or contact Norma: 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, or chronic or terminal illness.
- ➔ Could you benefit from a Stephen Minister? Contact Norma: 216-406-4871

April Physical Birthdays

4/14	Matthias Moyer
4/15	Miriam Engelman
4/17	Erin Nellis
4/18	Pranay James
4/19	Rhonda Shuler
4/21	Ashley Kovachic
4/25	Dan Blaha
4/25	Chris Sala
4/29	Cindy Slepko



April Baptismal Birthdays

4/1	Jackie Blaha
4/1	Mariah Haslem
4/3	Chuck Blaha
4/3	Mel Bucholtz
4/8	Elyanna Blaha
4/9	Jordan Carosella
4/9	Andrew Deka
4/11	Miriam Putze
4/13	Tom Merkle
4/13	Kelly Valek
4/16	Natalia Ford
4/17	Carl Burton
4/28	Brad Sala
4/28	Brian Sala



April Wedding Anniversaries

4/13	Jason & Stacey Jasulevich (11 th)
4/30	Carl & Nancy Burton (41 st)

Can I Help You? *Pastor (Robert)*

- Bible Question? Give it to me in writing.
- Visit? Contact me to schedule.
- Private Confession? Are you struggling due to a particular sin or need assurance of God's forgiveness? Let's have a private and beneficial conversation.
- Join BLC? Some can transfer or join by profession of faith; others need my Bible Basics course. Interested? Let me know.
- Baptism? Take a Baptism Information Packet from the rack by the main entrance.
- Youth Confirmation Course? It's generally for youth in sixth and seventh grade.
- Funeral? It's good to prepare your service in advance – *choosing readings, hymns, etc.* Take a Funeral Preparation booklet from the rack by the main entrance.

Blessings on Your Month!

Stay Close to Jesus!

- ➔ Listen to Issues Etc.: www.issuesetc.org
- ➔ Listen to The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 AM on WTAM 1100; Sundays at 8:00 AM on WHKW 1220
- ➔ Talk to God through prayer.
- ➔ Watch Worship Anew – *A Lutheran Service for shut-ins*: Sundays at 11:30 AM: Cox: 12; Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: 47
- ➔ Pray for those in need. *If you have a prayer chain request*, call Kathy G at 440-785-3802
- ➔ Grow through our website – many sermons, studies, and brochures are available ➔
- ➔ Reach those who are lost.

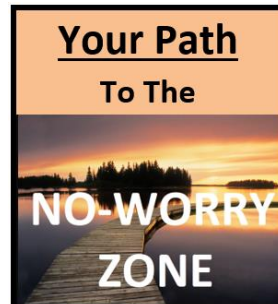


- ➔ Use Your Abilities: See a “Ways to Serve” brochure (by the main entrance).
- ➔ Gather here each Saturday / Sunday!

Brochure of the Month

The No-Worry Zone!

Since it's so easy to worry about so many things, this brochure is for every worrier in the world. So now, *with an open mind and an open heart*, get and follow this brochure to get into the zone – *The No-Worry Zone!*



Online Giving – To BLC

You can donate online through our Bethlehem PayPal account. Just scan the QR code to get started **OR** go to www.BLC7500.com and click on the “Donate” button. **Thanks!**



Parking Lot Church

Not feeling well?

Not comfortable coming inside?

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

- ⇒ Wednesday, **April 24** at Noon
- ⇒ Wednesday, **May 29** at Noon