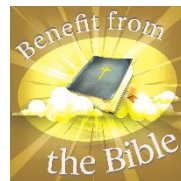




Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2025

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance

Saturday, 6/28 at 4 pm; Sunday, 6/29 at 9 am



The Lord's Supper – Part 2

Part 1 – 6/21 & 22

- 1: Passover Connection
- 2: Sacraments Are Mysteries
- 3: Various Names

Part 2 – 6/28 & 29

- 4: Reasons to Receive
- 5: Words of Institution
- 6: What Is Being Received
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Part 3 – 7/5 & 6

- 8: Preparation to Receive
- 9: How to Receive



Church Year: Third Sunday after Pentecost | Divine Service: Setting Four, LSB 203-212

WELCOME:

- ☺ **Visitors:** Welcome! Please fill out an attendance slip insert and let us know how we can help!
- ☺ **Prayer Request:** Use a “yellow” card (Narthex).
- ☺ **Young Children:** Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).
- ☺ **All Children:** Children’s Message (join us).
- ☺ **Phone:** Please put on silent.
- ☺ **Hearing Assistance:** Available in the Narthex.
- ☺ **Service Folder:** Available on your smartphone: www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder
- ☺ **Worship From Your Car:** Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).

BELL and CANDLELIGHTING – Please be seated!

PRELUDE: We listen in silence...

Saturday ➔ Sing Praise To God, The Highest Good
Blersch

Sunday ➔ Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus
setting by Callahan

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

Based on Psalm 32:1-5, 10-11 ESV

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son
and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: Amen.
- L: Blessèd is the one whose transgression is
forgiven,
- C: whose sin is covered.
- L: Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD
counts no iniquity,
- C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

- L: ☩ For when I kept silent,
C: my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
 L: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Silence for self-examination.
 L: Let us pray:
A: Dear LORD, I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
 L: Because of the work of the Holy Spirit – we have *godly sorrow*; because of God's mercy – we have *uncovered our sins*, and by God's grace – we *trust in Jesus as our Savior*. Therefore, let us be certain that ♦our sins are forgiven, ♦we have God's gift of eternal life, and ♦heaven is open for us.
C: Amen.
 L: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
 L: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
C: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday ➡ Hymn

Sunday ➡ Entrance Hymn and Procession

↑ **HYMN:** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*
 See the words below / LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 Praise to our victorious King,
 Who has washed us in the tide
 Flowing from His pierced side.
 Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
 Gives His sacred blood for wine,
 Gives His body for the feast—
 Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
 Alleluia!

- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
 Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
 Israel's hosts triumphant go
 Through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
 Paschal victim, paschal bread;
 With sincerity and love
 Eat we manna from above.
 Alleluia!

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 942

- L: Kyrie! God Father in heaven above,
C: You abound in gracious love,
 L: Of all things the maker and preserver.
C: Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
 L: Kyrie! O Christ, our King, salvation for all You came to bring.
C: O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, our Mediator at the heavenly throne:
 L: Hear our cry and grant our supplication.
C: Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
 L: Kyrie! O God, the Holy Ghost,
C: Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,
 L: And bless our life's last hour,
C: That we leave this sinful world with gladness.
A: Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

- L: The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C: And also with you.
 L: Let us pray: Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen. ↓ Children! *Please come forward!*

Children's Message

ABC Bible Verses



J – Jesus wept.

John 11:35

OLD TESTAMENT: Ecclesiastes 7:19-20 NAS-20

¹⁹ Wisdom strengthens a wise person more than ten rulers who are in a city. ²⁰ Indeed, there is not a righteous person on earth who *always* does good and does not *ever* sin.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 116:5-9, 12-13 NAS-20

L: ⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

C: **Yes, our God is compassionate.**

L: ⁶ The LORD watches over the simple;

C: **I was brought low, and He saved me.**

L: ⁷ Return to your rest, my soul,

C: **For the LORD has dealt *generously* with you.**

L: ⁸ For You have rescued my soul from death,

C: **My eyes from tears, *And* my feet from stumbling.**

L: ⁹ I shall walk before the LORD

C: **In the land of the living....**

L: ¹² What shall I repay to the LORD

C: **For all His benefits to me?**

L: ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation,

C: **And call upon the name of the LORD.**

A: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:23-26 NAS-20

¹⁴ ...my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak as to wise people; you *then*, judge what I say. ¹⁶ Is the cup of blessing which we bless not a sharing

in the blood of Christ? Is the bread which we break not a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Since there is one loaf, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf....

^{11:23} For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same way *He* also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

↑ **ALLELUIA and VERSE**

LSB 156

John 6:68

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 26:26-28 NAS-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O LORD.**

The Lord's Supper Instituted

²⁶ Now while they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*remain standing*)

HYMN: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

See the words below / LSB 633

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia! ↓

SERMON: The Lord's Supper – Part 1

Part 1 – Last Week

Introduction

- 1: Passover Connection
- 2: Sacraments Are Mysteries
- 3: Various Names

Part 2 – Today

- 4: Reasons to Receive
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Get a Full and Sharable Copy of the Sermon

Narthex / Website / YouTube / Facebook / Email

↑ CREEDAL HYMN: We All Believe in One True God

See the words below / TLH 252 / **LSB 953**

1. We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.
2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.
3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

The LORD has blessed us with life, salvation, and all we need, so let us trust Him, thank Him, honor Him!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After Each Petition: L: LORD, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

- L: God, our Father in heaven, receive our thanks for supplying us as individuals, as families, and as a congregation with all that we need. *Grant us an increasing attitude of gratitude.*
- L: Look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and *grant us strength to quickly turn from all that dishonors You and to speak and live in agreement with Your holy word.*
- L: Keep us in Your kingdom, and may it expand within our families, communities, and nation – as Your Holy Spirit brings those ♦who are blinded to the truth and ♦who are in grave danger of eternal punishment to have godly

sorrow, receive saving faith, and live transformed lives.

- L: Grant us all we need for this life, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, grant healing to those on our prayer list..., and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs of body and soul.
- L: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us, so that our hearts may be at peace and we may rejoice in a good conscience before You, so that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.
- L: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from every evil of body, soul, possessions, and reputation, now and forever.
- L: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- A: Amen. ↓

Request a Prayer: Complete a PRAYER REQUEST card (available in the Narthex).

Prayer List Procedure: Names with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00. Contact your person; update Kathy (call: 440-845-2230; text: 440-785-3802).

- ➔ **Peace:** In the middle east and elsewhere.

Nation

- ➔ **USA:** Pray for repentance, guidance, unity.
- ➔ **US Armed Forces and Police:** Strength, honor, courage, safety to all, esp.: *Rachel Cepis, Kevin Mild, Eric Mild, Teagan Dedula, Nick Riviotta, Brad Sala, Chris Sala, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.*

Congregation

- ➔ **New Move-In Letters:** Thanks to those sending; success for positive reception.
- ➔ **Saturday Greeter:** Volunteer is needed.
- ➔ **Memorize the ABC Verses:** Just do it!

- ➔ **Care List:** Helga B, Zach B, Doris C, Sandy C, Jim F, Carole G, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Rose R, June R, Jean S, Bill S, Mike & Susanna T (they are offered regular mailings and visits; please pray for our visitors).
- ➔ **Grief Share:** Fall session begins on 9/2. To register – contact Norma: 216-406-4871
- ➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Norma S (leader), Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, and Rhonda S (ministers).
- ➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**
- Cedrick Hilliker (3) shoulder: *surgery* 7/2.
 - Matt Kussmaul – eye issues: *cont. healing*.
 - Tom Merkle – *cont. peace, healing*.
 - Regina Mild (3) broken arm: *cont. healing*.
 - Cindy Taress (1) hip, cancer: *peace, healing*.
 - Lynda Tomasch (2) *cont. healing, rehab*.
 - Bill Sweeny (2) *better breathing, rehab*.
 - Harold Weseloh (1) sore back: *healing*; voice: *therapy*; swallowing: *procedure*.

For Others

- ➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**
- Luke (2) bad fall, broken bones: *healing*.
 - Steve (3) blood cell transplant (6/10): *healing*
 - Kimberly Borland (3) *guidance, good health*.
 - Mikey Beauchesne (3) *continued healing*.
 - Henry Byham – lethargy, decline: *comfort*.
 - Stacey Dames (2) prop. diag.: *peace, healing*.
 - Melanie Himmelberger – cancer: *comfort*.
 - Sue House (3) stroke 6/6: *healing, rehab*.
 - Mike Leone (2) surg. 6/10: *cont. healing*.
 - Linda McKay (2) surgery 6/19: *cont. healing*.
 - Nelson Onsongo (3) future cancer surgery.
 - Shirley Prok (3) *strength, rehab success*.
 - Bethany Transue (1) lymphoma: *peace, good test results, successful treatments*.

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

7/2 Donald Crites
7/3 Dave Rohman
7/5 Rachel Widzinski
7/5 Shawn Widzinski

Spiritual Birthdays:

7/1 Paul Moyer Jr.
7/1 Gabe Montgomery
7/1 Larry Haslem

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SELF-EXAMINATION MUSIC:

Saturday ➔ "Come Follow Me," The Savior Spake
Machemer
Sunday ➔ Amazing Grace Arr. Raney

LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION: 1 Cor. 11:28

Let's be serious, understand, and benefit!

Please ask yourself these 10 questions...

1. Do I believe the Bible is true? Y N *John 17:17*
2. Am I sorry for my sins? Y N *2 Cor. 7:10*
3. Am I trusting in Jesus for eternal life? Y N *Ac. 4:12*
4. Am I baptized? Y N *Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; Tit. 3:5*
5. Do I desire to live for Christ? Y N *2 Cor. 5:15*
6. Am I forgiving all others? Y N *Mark 11:25*
7. Am I doing my part to reconcile? Y N *Rom. 12:18*
8. Are the elements of the Lord's Supper bread, body, wine, and blood? Y N *1 Cor. 10:16*
9. Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins? Y N *Matt. 26:26-28*
10. Do I understand and agree with the teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)?
Y N *1 Cor. 10:15-22*

Uncertain? Ask an usher for "The Lord's Supper" brochure and "A Simple Explanation of Christianity."

The pastor would be glad to talk/meet with you!

↑ LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: The Sixth Chief Part – The Sacrament of the Altar

- L: **Question 2:** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C: These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
- L: **Question 3:** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION:

- L: Dear Lord Jesus, in the solemn night of Your betrayal You established the holy meal of Your body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink. Look in mercy on us who will receive the holy sacrament this day. Grant that we come to Your table in true repentance and faith, that the gift of Your body and blood will sustain us in our afflictions, strengthen us in the communion of Your holy people, and be a pledge of the resurrection of our bodies to life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: *See the back of either hymnal.*

- L: LORD, hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:
- A: **Our Father who art in heaven...** *Matt. 6:9-13*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Combining: Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1Co 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ *Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

See the words below / TLH 388, Second Tune / **LSB 570**

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- ♦ If you are ready to receive: Come forward now.
- ♦ Receiving at your pew: Please inform an usher.
- ♦ Alcohol-Removed Wine: Center of each tray.
- ♦ Receive. Go in peace. Return via a side aisle.
- ♦ Main dismissal: After everyone has returned.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Saturday ➔ Love In Christ Is Strong and Living
Weber

Sunday ➔ How Beautiful, the Hands That served
the Bread and the Wine and the Sons of the Earth
Twila Paris

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

L: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

See the words below / **LSB 643**

Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

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BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

L: Let us bless the Lord. *[Ps. 103:1]*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with *favor* and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

Saturday ➔ I Trust O Lord Your Holy Name Bach

Sunday ➔ You are God From Everlasting, God of God and Light of Light Hopkins

July Newsletter – see the end of this folder!

Desire a Prayer? *See a Stephen Minister* – Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, Rhonda S, or Norma S.

Volunteer Needed

Saturday Greeter – Arrive by 3:45, welcome those who attend, and offer a gift bag to visitors. Interested? Talk to Pastor.

Schedule: 6/29/25 – 7/6/25

7/3 – Thursday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

7/5 – Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 – Divine Service

7/6 – Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:30 – Bible Classes and Sunday School

Thanks For Serving on 6/28 & 6/29

Altar Guild: Nancy B, Heather H

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K
Welcome & Distribution: Brad S

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Pastor Team – Welcome: Harold W
Distribution – Harold W
Ushers: Carl B, Michael B
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others
Sunday School: Stacey H, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Paul M

Thanks For Serving on 7/5 & 7/6

Altar Guild: Don & Carol D

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K
Welcome & Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Pastor Team – Welcome: Tim C
Distribution – Cedrick H
Ushers: Rand S, Nevin S
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others
Sunday School: Kathy G, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Linda W

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **29**; car: **0**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **62**; car: **1**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **10**
- Sunday at 10:30: **43**
- Thursday at 10: **9**

Supported God's Work:

- **Needed** each week to cover the budget: **5,443**
- **Received** last week for the budget: **3,233**
- **YTD Budget Surplus** as of last week: **4,091**



Connect With Us

➡ **Website:** BLC7500.com ➡ **YouTube:** Benefit from the Bible ➡ **Facebook:** Bethlehem Parma

Regular Services: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 9:00

Studies: Wed 1; Thurs 10; Sat 3; Sun 10:30

Church Office: Wed & Thu: 9:30-3:30; Sat: 2:00-6:00

Pastor Green: RevRLGreen@aol.com; 440-292-5915

Festivals: Website > Important Links > Festivals

Address: 7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

Kathy Green: Secretary@blc7500.com; 440-845-2230

Church Body: lcms.org District: oh.lcms.org

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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

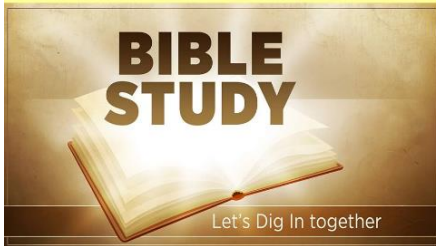
Join Us In Bible Class

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) 24th 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
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“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*

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

- ✓ 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 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 (45th)
 7/16 Dan & Jackie Blaha (9th)
 7/26 Thomas and Dolores Merkle (22nd)

Online Giving – To BLC

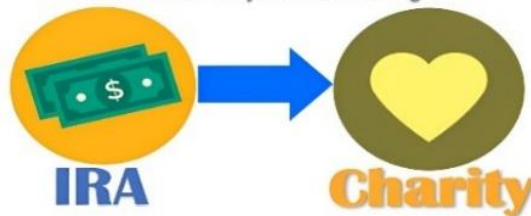
You can donate online through our Bethlehem PayPal account. Scan the code to get **OR** go to www.BLC7500.com and click "Donate" button. **Thanks!**



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