

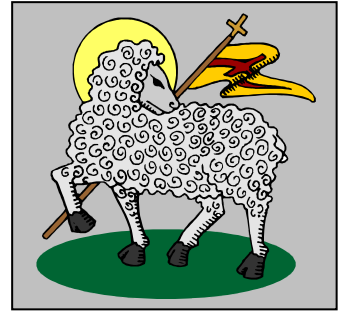
BLC News

The Bimonthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church
7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

July – August 2011

Please Visit our Website → www.blc7500.com

^{NIV} Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day of Jesus' return, approaching.



By God's grace let us: †KNOW Jesus Christ, †GROW in our knowledge of His Word, and †EXCEL in Christ-like living!

Please Share the contents of this Newsletter with Everyone in Your Family!

Don't Miss Out!

Dear Members and Friends of Bethlehem,

With ♦our current **Revelation** sermon series, ♦possible **severe earthquakes** coming later this year, and ♦**relevant teachings** in BC and SS, I'm excited about *my opportunities to teach* and *your opportunities to hear, understand, and personally benefit!*

To help and encourage greater participation, the Leadership Team decided to make this *slight* but also *significant* change for July and August:

- **From** Wednesdays at 7:00 **to** Thursdays at 7:00, beginning on July 7.
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Every Christian should make it a weekly priority to hear and benefit from God's Word. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther explained the 3rd Commandment with these words: "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

Guilt-Free Thursdays! If you are ever going to be working, camping, on vacation, or whatever on the upcoming Sunday; **then come on the previous Thursday.** By doing so you can participate in your Sunday activity guilt-free, since you will have already gathered, heard, received, and benefitted from the Word and Sacrament!

Sundays are still best! Come at 8:00 or 10:45; also join us for BC & SS. *Such things are important for all people!* However, if you cannot make Sunday for some good reason; then come to our Guilt-Free Thursday Divine Service!

→ Identify someone → Pray → Then say:
"Come to Church with me!"

Guide your prayers with a **"Care" bookmark!**

Available by our main entrance!

If we believe the Bible, let's live it and share it!

Pastor

Save the Date!

Church Picnic: Sunday, September 18

- BC & SS 9:00 – 9:45
- **ONE** Divine Service at 10:00
- Picnic at 11:30 – **Please join us!**

Watch for more details!

Rev. J May & Family At Bethlehem on July 3

Rev. May is skilled in many languages and working in 20 countries on the continent of Africa. Please join us on July 3 at any or all of these times:

8:00 / 9:30 / 10:45 / 12:00-lunch / 1:00-presentation

For the latest information:

- **Receive E-Mail Updates:** send your request to: LutheransinAfrica@gmail.com
- **His Website:** www.lutheransinafrica.com
- **His E-Mail:** Proliturgy@yahoo.com
- **Narthex Bulletin Board:** *On Wheels!*

To Support Rev. May, His Family, and His Ministry:

- Pray for their needs!
- Give financial support *through Bethlehem Lutheran Church* by designating "LIA" (Lutherans in Africa) on your envelope.

Christian Education Classes

Christian soldiers need to be armed with the Word!

Sundays at 9:30 am

Adults – Classes meet in the Christian Life Room!

- All are welcome to listen, learn, and grow!
- Each week is *important and relevant!*
- **The last Sunday of each month will be a special topic!**
- Please follow this **READING** and **STUDY** schedule to get the most out of our classes:
 - July 3 Class: **A special presentation by Rev. James May, PLEASE JOIN US!**
 - Week of July 4: **Read Joshua 11-15; study with us on July 10**
 - Week of July 11: **Read Joshua 16-20; study with us on July 17**
 - Week of July 18: **Read Joshua 21-24; study with us on July 24**
 - Week of July 25: **Catch up – if you are behind; study a special topic on July 31**
 - Week of August 1: **Read Judges 1-5; study with us on August 7**

- Week of August 8: **Read Judges 6-10; study with us on August 14**
- Week of August 15: **Read Judges 11-15; study with us on August 21**
- Week of August 22: **Catch up – if you are behind; study a special topic on Aug. 28**
- Week of August 29: **Read Judges 16-20; study with us on September 4**

Youth – Classes meet in the Upper Room!

- **All youth are invited to grow in the Word!**
- Our teachers:
 - Luke Liptak (lukeliptak@gmail.com)
 - Ben Morgan (mo.b1991@gmail.com)
 - Jennifer Morgan (jennifmorgan@gmail.com)
- **Praise God for our Youth Teachers! Pray that God will make our youth families more faithful and send us more families with youth!**

Sunday School – Classes for all ages!

- S.S. Director – Tammy Cole:
 - 216-820-7055
 - ssdirector@blc7500.com
- **Thank you so much to our dedicated teachers and faithful parents!**

Last Saturdays at 8:30 am

Fellowship Saturday – *Please give it a try!*

- Breakfast, Fellowship, Studies for Men and Women; get acquainted; grow in the Word
- **July 30 and August 27**

Small Group Study – Coming in September


In the near future – *God willing:*

- Leaders/Facilitators/Hosts will be recruited!
- Individuals will be encouraged to sign up!
- The individual studies will last six weeks!
- Begin Mid September through October!
- Groups will meet in various homes!
- People will get to know each other better!
- We will focus on: Why are we here?

Please **PRAY** for God's blessing and **PLAN** to participate!

Please Pray!

For our Team Leaders:

Coordinator – Dr. Giessler	Childcare – Tammy Cole
Receivables – Natalia Ford	Outreach – Cheryl Schabel
Payables – Jim Schabel	Fellowship – Eileen Kovach
Worship – Erica Kloos	Facility Maintenance – 
Care – Rachel Harper	Facility Imp. – Terry Tomasch
Education – Cat Liptak	Grounds – Tom Merkle

For these Team Leader prayer requests:

- More attending Worship and BC / SS!
- Younger people serving!
- Stephen Ministry training to resume soon!
- More childcare faculty and parents to know Jesus and show they are Christians!
- More interest in BLC fellowship events, possibly inviting other churches to participate!
- More people volunteering to serve!

Are YOU possibly the answer to your prayer?

Special Events

July	
July 3	Rev. May & Family Visiting from Kenya
July 4	Our Nation's 235 th Birthday (<u>Childcare Closed; Thank the Triune God for the free nation in which we live!</u>)
July 30	Fellowship Saturday – <i>All are Welcome!</i> Breakfast 8:30, Studies 9-10:30
August	
August 5	Childcare Ice Cream Social
Aug. 12-13	<u>Living Word Outdoor Drama – watch for details!</u>
August 19	<u>BFC Summer Camp ends</u>
August 21	Shower for Maureen Thornhill
August 27	Fellowship Saturday – <i>All are Welcome!</i> Breakfast 8:30, Studies 9-10:30

Memorials Received

In Memory of <u>Sam Nakashige</u>:	Rhoda Werner
In Memory of <u>Nona Meier</u>:	Rhoda Werner
In Memory of <u>Betty Mohney</u>:	Marie Weseloh M/M Tom Merkle M/M Ed Pysz
In Memory of <u>Arline Nagy</u>:	Marie Weseloh



We Miss You When You Are Not Here!

- **Sick, out-of-town, unable to attend, no internet access** – *Contact the church office to receive a copy of the latest sermon and news/prayer insert.*
- **Plan to be away for 2 weeks or more** – *Let us know so we are not concerned about you.*
- **No longer attend (or not faithfully)** – *We are concerned about you. Say, for example, you died; what could be said to comfort your loved ones – since the only true comfort is a person's relationship with Jesus? Also, realize this: When that relationship is real, that will make a HUGE difference in a person's life!*

PRAYER CHAIN



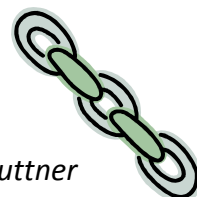
This is an invitation to join the prayer chain of our church.

The Prayer chain is an opportunity for emergency prayer or prayer for any need.

As part of the chain you would:

- ➔ receive the prayer by phone ➔ write it down
- ➔ pray for the need and ➔ call the next person on the chain to pass it along.

Please contact Nancy Huttner at 440-886-2089 to join, ask questions about the prayer chain, or to relay a need for prayer. Thank you! *Nancy Huttner*



CARE Team

Mission Statement: To care by providing Christian fellowship and spiritual support to families and individuals in need.

We are starting to send cards for spiritual birthdays, anniversaries and get well. If you have not turned in your baptismal or anniversary dates already, please turn it in to the office.

I would like to start an email prayer chain. If anyone is interested please call Rachel Harper 440-843-8268 (rharper2@prodigy.net) or Nancy Huttner 440-886-2089.

Additional people are needed to visit members who are home bound or in a nursing home. If you would like to help visit people call Rachel Harper 440-843-8268 or June Murany 440-582-2101.

Please remember our transportation list if you need help getting to church, the doctor, grocery store, or something else. Call the volunteer directly or contact Jerry Huttner at 440-886-2089 to make arrangements.

Transportation Volunteers

Tammy Cole 440-845-7264

Terri Weekley 216-587-4857

Eileen Kovach 440-882-3949

Jennifer Morgan 440-582-8728

Tracy Liddy 440-237-2876

Rachel Harper 440-843-8268

Next Care Ministry meeting: Tuesday July 26, 6:30pm at church. *Hope to see you there!*

Yours in Christ,

Rachel Harper

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Membership Changes Since our Last Newsletter

Transfers:

To Paradise: Betty Mohney; Verna Hirzel

From Concordia, Independence: Jeanette De Simone

To Royal Redeemer Lutheran: Helen Berg

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ➔ **August 21** – for September-October 2011
- ➔ **October 23** – for November-December 2011
- ➔ **December 18** – for January-February 2012
- ➔ **February 19** – for March-April 2012
- ➔ **April 22** – for May-June 2012

Submit articles via e-mail to secretary@blc7500.com in MS Word format by the deadline noted above.

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July *Physical* Birthdays

- 2 Gerald Huttner
- 3 Megan Kelley
- 6 Brad Sala
Brian Sala
- 7 Blake Kelley
- 10 Wilhelm Mild Jr.
Joan Schuenaman
- 12 John Haller
Monica Weekley
- 14 Jim Kovach
- 15 Jonas May
Rand Stender
- 16 Courtney Slepko
- 23 Kevin Liddy
- 24 Eleanor Lewis
- 26 Sofia May
- 28 Ray Fullington
- 29 Jeffrey Kitzler
- 31 Walter Kutolowski



July *Spiritual* Birthday's

(born of the Spirit – through Baptism)

- 1 Larry Haslem
Paul Moyer Jr.
- 6 Chad Woidke
- 10 Emily Ingham
- 15 June Toennies
- 16 Miranda Weekley
- 17 Margaret Thornhill
- 19 Jennifer Morgan
- 28 Ray Fullington



July Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Matt & Trudy Fischler (15th)
- 16 Ed & Connie Pysz (51st)
- 18 Ben & Jennifer Morgan (19th)
- 20 Stanley & Gail Lisowski (43rd)
- 24 Ron & Mary Wojtkiewicz (40th)
- 26 Tom & Dolores Merkle (8th)



August *Physical* Birthdays

- 1 Michael Tischler
- 3 Chris Davis
- 5 Judy Soucie
- 7 Linda Carlson
Helga Haller
- 8 Mary Wojtkiewicz
- 9 Leo Bartel
Mike Kaderle
- 11 Chad Woidke
- 12 Gail Brown
- 14 Jim Cannonie
Ingrid Kitzler
- 20 Raymond Dmytriw, Sr.
- 22 Addison Ingham
Justin Liddy
- 24 Rachel Harper
- 25 Nancy Burton
Stacey Green
Tim Raines
- 26 Robert Wise
Hannah Zeleznikar
- 27 Lynne Sala
- 28 Hedwig Giesz
Harry Zwingelberg
- 29 Amber Schroeder
- 30 Carole Gellings



August *Spiritual* Birthday's

(born of the Spirit – through Baptism)

- 3 Shannon Harper
- 4 Violet Maharidge
- 7 Jim Kovach
- 11 Cat Liptak
- 15 Harry Zwingelberg
- 17 Kevin Liddy
- 18 Sandra Hegedus
- 21 Linda Carlson
- 28 Leo Bartel



August Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Mitchell & Gail Brown (4th)
- 7 Terry & Lynda Tomasch (30th)
- 21 Alan & Linda Carlson (35th)
- 24 Jim & Carol Prahst (43rd)
- 30 Fred & Waltraud Amels (59th)



Your Newsletter

In an effort to reduce our newsletter mailing expenses, we would like to e-mail a copy to anyone who is on-line.

Thanks to all who are already receiving via e-mail!

If you are willing – *but not yet receiving your Newsletter via e-mail*, please send your request to:

Secretary@blc7500.com

For those who are not on-line we will have a copy of the NEXT newsletter with your name on it available in the Narthex on ***the last Sunday in August AND the first Sunday in September.*** Please pickup YOUR copy! If it is not picked up, it will be mailed.

Thanks!

Staying in the Word

I want you to **come and receive** each week! **Please keep God and your relationship with Him at the top of your list!**



However, if you do miss, **PLEASE do one of the following:**

- Listen to OR read my sermon (www.blc7500.com).
- Read our weekly news (www.blc7500.com).
- Stop by the church during the week for a bulletin, sermon, and weekly news.
- Read your Portals and/or Meditations.
- Read with us in the Know and Grow Program.

Pastor

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
NIV 2 Chronicles 7:14

Bethlehem's *July – August* 2011 Newsletter

*Our mission is to help all people → KNOW Jesus Christ,
→ GROW in their knowledge of God's Word, and → EXCEL in Christ-like living!*
Can WE help YOU?

Staff

Pastor	Robert Green	440-845-2230
Childcare Director	Sharon Harmon	440-884-0430
Secretary	Kathy Green	440-845-2230
Organist	James Alfieri	440-843-9938
Sun. Sch. Director	Tammy Cole	216-820-7055
Custodians	Larry Haslem	
	Luke Liptak	440-465-2121

Organizations

Altar Guild	Jean Smith	216-524-2446
50 Plus Fellowship	Fred Kussmaul	440-842-3657
Ladies Friendship Cir.	Nancy Huttner	440-886-2089
Men's Softball	Matt Kussmaul	440-668-5475

Leadership Team

Coordinator	Phillip Giessler	216-267-5037
Receivables	Natalia Ford	440-627-6320
Payables	Jim Schabel	216-323-7655
Worship	Erica Kloos	330-242-2503
Care	Rachel Harper	440-843-8268
Education	Cathleen Liptak	440-465-1154
Childcare	Tammy Cole	216-820-7055
Outreach	Cheryl Schabel	216-410-0884
Fellowship	Eileen Kovach	440-410-8220
Facility Maintenance		
Facility Improvement	Terry Tomasch	216-906-3047
Grounds	Tom Merkle	440-885-1282

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