BLC Newsletter – November 2025

Be Informed and Faithfully Receive God's Gifts

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All Saints Day

October 31 is Reformation Day, All Hallows Eve is the evening of 10/31, and November 1 is All Hallows Day or All Saints Day. We will observe All Saints Day on November 1 & 2, remembering those who have died in Christ over the last year.

You are invited to attend with us to discover the false teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and the true teachings of the Bible!

How Old Is BLC?

In 1902, families were released from St. Mark on Pearl Road in Cleveland to establish a new congregation in southern Parma. The process of gaining more families, buying property, and constructing the first church building (at State and Pleasant Valley) culminated with the first service being held in the new building on **November 13, 1904**.

Therefore, this year, we will celebrate the 121st anniversary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio. Since we will observe Veteran's Day on 11/8 & 9, we will observe the church anniversary on 11/15 & 16 – which is a time to give thanks for the past, celebrate the present, and be more determined than ever to glorify God in the future!

Leadership Team

Open positions for 2026-2027: Coordinator, Grounds, Building, Fellowship, Outreach (*the other positions continue through 2026*). Note: Some who are currently serving have expressed

interest in continuing <u>but you can get your name</u> <u>on the ballot</u> or join a team as a teammate. The leadership team is not an exclusive group. We want you to become a member of the team. Let's live with purpose. Talk to any leadership team member.

Summaries of the Open Positions:

<u>Coordinator</u>: Lead the leadership team meetings, hold the team leaders accountable for their responsibilities, and be the leadership team spokesman to the congregation.

<u>Grounds</u>: The leader and teammates do or supervise whatever is necessary to maintain and improve our grounds, including the mowing, landscaping, plowing, garage, pavilion, playgrounds, and outdoor lighting.

<u>Building</u>: The leader and teammates do or supervise whatever is necessary to maintain and improve our facility.

Fellowship: The leaders and teammates coordinate our various meals, including Wednesdays in Advent and Lent, Easter Sunday, Ascension Day, and a church picnic.

<u>Outreach</u>: The leader and teammates oversee, develop, and act in various ways to reach out to non-members.

Interested? Pick up an application in the Narthex.

Voter's Meeting Sunday, 11/16 at 10:30

Pick up an agenda – 11/8 or 9

Join us at the meeting to learn what's going on at Bethlehem!

November 11 at 6:30



→ A special ONE-SESSION annual event for all who are grieving: 11/11 at 6:30 at BLC. To register: Contact Norma: 216-406-4871

Regular Weekend Schedule

<u>Saturdays</u> – Class at 3:00; Service at 4:00 (less formal, but very similar to Sundays)

<u>Sundays</u> – Service at 9:00; Classes at 10:30

- (amazing refreshment time: 10:15 − 10:30)Adults and Older Youth Timothy Room
- Younger Youth Middle Office
- Sunday School Acts Room

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service: Wednesday, 11/26 at 11 AM & 7 PM

Advent Wednesdays (12/3, 10, 17): Service 11 & 7; Meals 12 & 6

Other Classes - You Are Invited

Sisters of Light - Every Other Wednesday: 1:00

- November 5 & 19
- Ladies join us in the "Acts Room"
- Questions? Ask Rhonda: 330-260-5194

Living the Lutheran Lectionary – Thursdays: 10:00

- Join us in the "Timothy Room"
- Learn about the upcoming readings
- Questions? Ask Harold: 440-454-2139

Men's Group – First Saturday of *Many* Months:

- Join us on 1/11
- Free Breakfast at 9:00
- Study Begins at 9:15
- Questions? Ask Dr. G: 216-374-5973

Blessings on Your Month! Stay Close to Jesus!

- Pray for those in need. If you have a prayer multiplier request, text, or call Kathy G: 440-785-3802
- Use Your Abilities: See our "Serve the LORD with Gladness" brochure (by main entrance).
- 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.
- ▶ <u>Listen</u> to The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 AM on WTAM 1100; Sundays at 8:00 AM on WHKW 1220
- ➡ <u>Watch</u> Worship Anew A Lutheran Service for shut-ins: Sundays at 11:30 AM: Cox: 12; Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: 47

Prayer Multiplier

Be a prayer warrior! Prayers are sent by text:

- Do you have a request?
- Would you like to be added to the list?

Call or text Kathy G. 440-785-3802

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.
- ✓ Ask Harold for a choir schedule.

Grief Share – Fall Cycle

- → The <u>Fall</u> cycle: 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! Questions? Contact Norma: 216-406-4871

ACME Community Cash Back

Community Cash Back is an easy, local fundraiser for non-profit organizations! Simply start collecting receipts and place them in the blue holder in the Narthex. We earn 5% cashback on certain products. The program runs 8/1/25 – 2/15/26.

November Physical Birthdays

11/4	Gloria Hurka
11/9	Vicki Trammell
11/10	Donald Dickau
11/10	Leo Jasulevich
11/12	Terry Tomasch
11/13	James Ford
11/14	Andrew Green
11/14	Lynda Tomasch
11/16	Thomas Merkle
11/20	Harold Weseloh
11/26	Linda Blaha



11/26 Carl Burton

11/26 Angela Rohman

11/29 Carter Rock

11/30 Matthew Hlavacek

November Spiritual Birthdays

11/1	Hannah Hlavacek
11/4	Lynne Gellings
11/9	Adam Dennison
11/9	Kathleen Green
11/10	lvy Miller
11/13	David Kaderbek
11/14	Frank Murphy
11/23	Mark Dennison



11/30 Leo Jasulevich

11/25 Jeffrey Kitzler

November Wedding Anniversaries

11/2 Noah & Kylie-Jo Potantus (1st)
 11/4 Charles & Ruth Blaha (46th)

11/7 David & Tracy Liddy (32nd)

<u>Note</u>: If your name is missing or a date is incorrect on any of the lists above, *please contact* the church office.

Service Cancellation Policy

We will practically NEVER cancel a service! If you are ever in doubt, call the church office; if we close, you will hear that message!



Remember: If you see any BLC service cancellations on your TV, it's probably not us; there are at least three churches with our same name in the greater Cleveland area!

70 ½ or Older? Have an IRA? You Can Contribute to BLC Tax-Free Taking an IRA Required Minimum Distribution?



Reduce your taxable income with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

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.

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!

FYI: See the 9/21/25

sermon to discover the great blessings God has promised to those who follow His money management principles!

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ⇒ Wednesday, **November 26** at Noon
- ⇒ Wednesday, **December 17** at Noon Bethlehem Parma; www.BLC7500.com