

# BLC Newsletter – June 2024

*Be Informed and Faithfully Receive God's Gifts*

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## Thoughts from Pastor

Dear BLC Members and Friends:

**Woke:** The course is done. If you missed it, *please do the following:*

- **Read the Woke brochure** – to learn what began 170 years ago and is slowly gaining momentum to destroy the USA. Get a copy by our main entrance or here: <https://blc7500.com/Brochures/15214/DownloadText>
- **Read / Listen to Freedom to Chains** – to understand the trouble our nation is in. Get a copy by our main entrance or here: <https://blc7500.com/Brochures/15215/DownloadText>

**Relevant Issues:** I'm always trying to preach and teach on things that are important to *our current lives and circumstances*. These are some topics I'm hoping to address in the months ahead; please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and bless my preparation:

- **Mighty Deeds of God** (a business-size card) – which will get people thinking and encourage them to go to a page on our website for more information. When they become available, I hope you use them : )
- **Brochure: Does the Roman Catholic Church Align with the Bible?** I'm hoping to write a *friendly* and *simple* brochure we can share with others to help them understand where there is agreement and where there is disagreement.

- **Brochure: The Lord's Supper:** What is it? What is the benefit? Who should receive? How should we prepare? We should all know such things, but I think we need a refresher to make sure we are in alignment with what the Bible is teaching.

**Youth For Christ:** I recently met with Brian and Joanne, they serve in our area, and Joanne works in various Parma Schools to try to reach the students for Christ. Please pray for their protection and success!

**Be Prepared** – *And Don't Worry:* Jesus is “**the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth**” (Rev. 1:5 NAS). But since we live in a fallen world, it is wise to be prepared – *just in case* – by having various items at home. For example:

- Extra food, water, and medicine.
- A flashlight and batteries; candles.
- A battery-powered radio and batteries.
- Some extra cash in small bills.

**Reminder – Parking Lot Church:** Whenever possible, gather inside to:

- Receive and give encouragement.
- Benefit from the Christian symbols.
- Sing the hymns, say the responses, etc.

**Reminder – Take Turns:** If everyone in your house is not able to attend BLC at the same time: Some attend Saturday, others Sunday; switch who attends every other weekend.

## Do You Know These Acronyms?

### M-E-R-C-I-F-U-L

My Evil-doings Righteously Canceled In Faith  
Under the Lord ~ Cedrick H. Jr.

### B-I-B-L-E

Best Information Before Leaving Earth

### G-R-A-C-E

God's Riches At Christ's Expense

### F-A-I-T-H

Forsaking All I Trust Him

### F-R-O-G

Fully Rely On God

### P-U-S-H

Pray Until Something Happens

## Classes – Join Us and Benefit

**1 Timothy:** Paul wrote to Timothy, a young pastor, to help him know how to oversee the churches in Ephesus. Join us to learn what is best for Bethlehem and our daily lives in Christ!

- Saturdays at 3:00; Sundays at 10:30
- Enjoy our delicious Sunday Refreshments!
- Food, fellowship, knowledge, certainty!
- Not able to attend sometimes, help yourself to the current handout – from the Bible shelf in the hallway.

### Sisters of Light:

- Every other Wednesday at 1:00: 6/12, 26
- Call/text Rhonda for more info: 330-260-5194; *all women are invited to attend!*
- Join us in the Sunday School room!

**Living the Lutheran Lectionary:** Pick up a handout and a treat, then sit, listen, learn, and benefit!

- Thursdays at 10:00.

- Not able to attend sometimes, help yourself to the current handout – from the table rack (lefthand table) in the Narthex.

## May “Leadership Team” Highlights

### Become a Teammate; talk to any Leader!

#### FINANCE:

- April was a good month.
- May is a three-pay month; could be challenging, depending on giving.

#### WORSHIP:

- Thank you to Cedrick H and Nevin S for putting the large cross back in the garage.

#### GROUNDS:

- Trees to be planted along the property line in the Fall.
- Terry will work with others in moving the window items out of the pavilion—possibly into the green shed by the playground.

#### PASTOR:

##### Membership Changes:

- Bonnie Moyer was transferred to Paradise on 4-18-24.
- Cedrick and Andrew will be confirmed on 6/2; also, because of the Basics Course, probably at least 3 adults will be joining.

##### Mount Calvary Foreign Mission Funds –Approved:

- \$1,700 – Rev. Nicholas: motorcycle
- \$1,500 – Rev. Willy Kisige: motorcycle
- \$325 – Vicar Kitimbo Grace: bicycle and bike
- \$1,000 – To reimburse Pastor's Foreign Discretionary Fund, for items that come up between meetings.

##### BLC Mission Funds – Helping Category:

- \$1200 – Vicar Derrick Muluta: To help his mother rebuild her house that collapsed.
- \$200 – Mubba Simon: To pay for a scan and pain medication for his mother who has breast cancer.

**Next Leadership Team meeting:** Monday, 6/17 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Grief Share – Spring 2024

Our final spring session will be on **June 4**. The fall session begins on **September 3**. To Register: [www.griefshare.org](http://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, chronic illness, or terminal illness.
- ➔ Could you benefit from a Stephen Minister? Contact Norma: 216-406-4871

## June Physical Birthdays

6/4 Mike Dickau  
6/4 Aruna James  
6/5 Paul Moyer Sr.  
6/6 Tim Chilton  
6/12 Shelby Rock  
6/13 Dolores Merkle  
6/18 Kayleigh Musil  
6/19 June Russell  
6/22 Dave Kaderbek  
6/23 Kelly Valek  
6/24 Matyas Liao  
6/25 Larry Haslem  
6/27 Lisa Woodward  
6/28 Jaclyn Blaha



## June Spiritual Birthdays

6/2 Connie Pysz  
6/3 Cedrick Hilliker Jr.  
6/4 Kevin Mild  
6/6 Ava Cannonie  
6/7 Matt Hlavacek  
6/9 Michael Browning  
6/9 Shelby Rock  
6/11 Miriam Engelman  
6/13 Joann Kissinger  
6/14 Cindy Slepko



6/26 Phillip Giessler  
6/26 Emma Rohman  
6/27 Janice Martinez  
6/28 Dolores Merkle

## June Wedding Anniversaries

6/4 Jim & Nicole Cannonie (19<sup>th</sup>)  
6/6 Don & Carol Dickau (54<sup>th</sup>)  
6/10 Matt & Hannah Hlavacek (13<sup>th</sup>)  
6/15 Bill & Norma Sweeny (28<sup>th</sup>)  
6/18 Mike & Susanna Tischler (58<sup>th</sup>)  
6/20 Mark & Lisa Woodward (32<sup>nd</sup>)

## Food and Fire Saturdays

They can be good times of food, fellowship, fun, and MORE! Sometimes Pastor and Kathy are worn out from their ministry and life activities, so they are 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. The person scheduling the date needs to recruit someone to:

- Make and maintain the fire.
- Consider the food that attendees are bringing, then possibly buy / bring / make something else.
- Bring the needed items (plates, cups, beverages, etc.) from the church building and return them after the event.
- Be on garbage detail – to put a liner in the can, empty it after, and install a new liner.

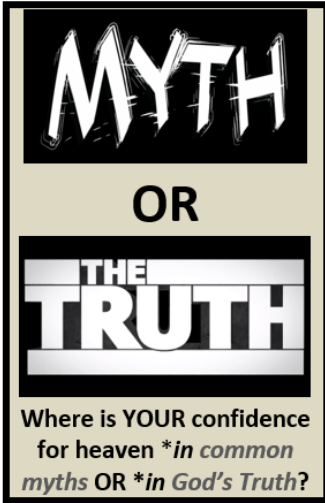
*See the bulletin board! Thanks for considering!*

## Need a Ride?

Contact the church office and we will do our best to help you get a ride to a doctor's appointment etc.

## Brochure of the Month

Today's world is filled with information; we receive it through many modes, including books, newspapers, magazines, radios, phones, TVs, and computers. So, the challenge today is not *obtaining* information, but *sorting* the information into two categories: **myth** and **truth**. For example:



- ✦ **MYTH:** You must wait 24 hours before filing a missing person's report.  
**TRUTH:** The police will accept it sooner.
- ✦ **MYTH:** Don't eat; then swim.  
**TRUTH:** Eating makes a person short of breath; it does not cause cramps.
- ✦ **MYTH:** People evolved from chimpanzees.  
**TRUTH:** God created chimpanzees *and people* on day 6 of creation (Gen. 1:26-27).
- ✦ **MYTH:** Jesus was born on December 25.  
**TRUTH:** The early church transformed a pagan celebration of *daylight* into a Christian celebration of *the True Light*, the Son of God, coming into the World.
- ✦ **MYTH:** There were three wise men.  
**TRUTH:** The Bible never says how many.

Sometimes *the truth* is interesting, but sometimes *the truth* makes the difference between *eternal life* and *eternal condemnation*.

- ✦ Jesus prayed to the Father: "...[your word is truth](#)" (John 17:17 ESV).

✦ Jesus said to people who had believed in Him: "[If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free](#)" (John 8:31-32 ESV).

But why should we trust the Bible to be *the truth*? [READ the brochure!](#)

## LOANS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- ➔ **Barrick Nursing Scholarship** – Contact the church office for an application. Deadline is June 30
- ➔ **Loans for College Bound Students:** Visit [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org) and complete the 2024-2025 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

## 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](http://www.BLC7500.com) and click on the "Donate" button. **Thanks!**



## Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ⇒ Wednesday, **June 26** at Noon
- ⇒ Wednesday, **July 24** at Noon

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