

BLC Newsletter – June 2026

Men's Group – 6/6 at 9:00

Join Dr. Giessler for breakfast and in-depth study **IN THE ACTS ROOM!**

- Breakfast 9:00
- Study Begins at 9:15

Weekend Schedule

- Saturdays: class 3:00; worship 4:00
- Sundays: worship 9:00; Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30

Other Bible Classes

Sisters of Light – First and Third Wednesdays of each month at 1:00

- Location: Acts Room
- Teacher: Rhonda: 330-260-5194

Living the Lutheran Lectionary – Every Thursday at 10:00

- Location: Timothy Room / Zoom
- Topic: Studying the upcoming lectionary Scripture readings
- Teacher: Harold: 440-454-2139

Men's Group – First Saturday of each month at 9:00

- Location: Timothy Room
- Breakfast: 9:00; Study: 9:15
- Teacher: Dr. G: 216-374-5973

Dr. Giessler – Off Site Bible Classes:

- **Second and Fourth Mondays** – Panera, Rocky River: 7 PM
- **Second and Fourth Thursdays** – Christ Lutheran, Cleveland: 1:30

Registering People to Vote

We are hoping to provide that opportunity at Bethlehem around July 4, but we need a Saturday volunteer and a Sunday volunteer to make it happen. Tell Pastor of your interest and he will give you the simple steps to follow. THANKS!

Leadership Team News

Thanks so much to Dr. Giessler for his **16 years** of service on the Leadership Team! Blessings on Don Crites as he is now our Coordinator for the rest of 2026 and could continue in 2027!

Is the Holy Spirit Living in You? Take the test!

A very important question! Go [here](#) or pick up a copy of a short paper in the Narthex.

Care Team Card Sending

Thank you to Linda Carlson for volunteering to take care of the card ministry!

Food and Fire Events



Now is a good time to start planning some food and fire events. They normally take place on Saturdays at 5:30: food, campfire, outdoor games, etc. If you are willing to make one happen, see the main bulletin board for guidance!

From the Treasurer

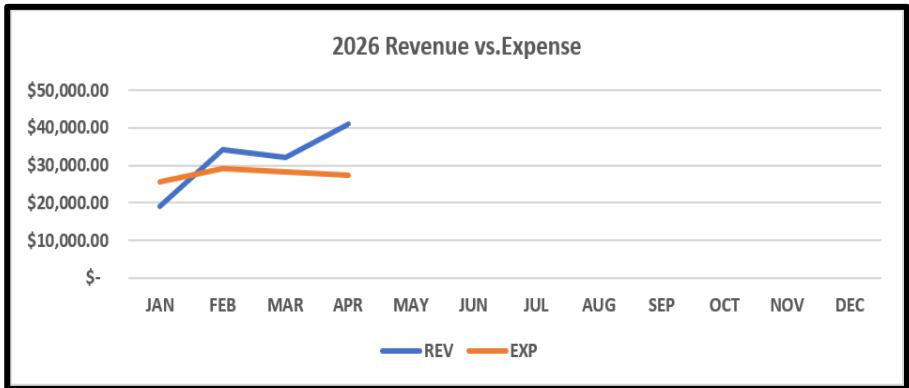
June 2026 Financial Update: Growing in Faith and Stewardship

Dear Bethlehem Members,

As we step into the beautiful month of June, we have so much to be thankful for. The sun is shining, our ministries are thriving, and God's faithfulness is visible all around us. Today, we want to share some incredibly uplifting news regarding our church finances and express our deepest gratitude to each of you.

A Heartfelt Thank You!

Because of your consistent, prayerful, and faithful offerings, we are pleased to report **positive financial results** for the first part of this year. Your generosity ensures that our church remains a beacon of hope, worship, and community support. Whether you give weekly, Monthly, online, or in the plate, please know that your gifts are making a tangible difference. **Thank you for answering the Lord's call to stewardship!**



Understanding Our Giving: A Quick Refresher

During our recent quarterly Ministry and Financial review, we discussed how our financial resources are allocated. To help keep everyone informed, here is a quick reminder of how distinct types of giving—**Budget, Capital Plan, and Memorial Gifts** are uniquely applied to support our mission:

The Operating Budget (Day-to Day Ministry)

Think of this as the heartbeat of our daily operations. Your regular tithes and offerings directly fund our day-to-day ministries, community outreach, worship services, utilities, and staff. This budget keeps the lights on, the coffee brewing, and our programs running smoothly.

The Capital Plan (Preserving Our Blessings)

While the budget funds our daily operations, the Capital Plan takes care of the physical assets we have been blessed with. These funds are specifically set

aside for long term maintenance, building repairs, major equipment upgrades, and ensuring our physical campus remains safe and welcoming for generations to come.

Memorial Giving (Honoring Loved Ones)

Memorial gifts are special donations made in honor or memory of a loved one. Unlike the general budget or capital fund, these gifts are typically designated for specific, enduring projects or items that serve our ministry.

Thank you again for your continued faithfulness. *Don Crites*

LOANS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Barrick Nursing Scholarship:** Contact the church office for an application. Deadline is June 30
- **Loans – College Bound Students:** Visit www.Pierstorf.org and complete the 2026-2027 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
- **Education Scholarship –** Applications are available, but the deadline is not until September 30.

Stay Close to Jesus!

- ➔ **Pray for those in need.** *If you have a prayer request, text, or call Kathy G: 440-785-3802*
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Listen to The Lutheran Hour:** Sundays at 6:30 AM on WTAM 1100; Sundays at 8:00 AM on WHKW 1220
- ➔ **Watch Worship Anew** – A *Lutheran Service for shut-ins:* Sundays at 11:30 AM: Cox: 12; Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: 47; Spectrum: 47

Grief Share – Spring 2026

Our final spring session will be on June 9. The Fall season dates are September 1 – December 15. If you would like to register/have questions, contact Norma: 216-406-4871.

Keeping You Informed

- Texts show: **440-298-2791**
- Calls show: **440-845-2230**
If you put those numbers in the Contact list on your phone under “BLC Info,” then you will know the source of those calls and texts!

Giving – To BLC

- **Online:** You can donate online through our Bethlehem PayPal account. go to www.BLC7500.com and click on the “Donate” button. **Thanks!**
- **Personal Banking:** Most banks have a free bill payer service.
- **IRA:** If you own an individual retirement account (IRA) and are at least 70½ years old, you can support the Lord’s work by directing a **tax-free distribution** to Bethlehem. **Thanks!**

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.

If you are interested in having the care of a Stephen Minister, Contact Norma: 216-406-4871

June Physical Birthdays

- 6/4 Aruna James
- 6/5 Paul Moyer Sr.
- 6/5 Kenton Taylor
- 6/6 Tim Chilton
- 6/12 Shelby Rock
- 6/13 Dolores Merkle
- 6/14 Noah Potantus
- 6/18 Kayleigh Musil
- 6/19 June Russell
- 6/22 Dave Kaderbek
- 6/24 Matyas Liao
- 6/25 Larry Haslem
- 6/27 Lisa Woodward
- 6/28 Jaclyn Blaha



June Spiritual Birthdays

- 6/3 Cedrick Hilliker Jr.
- 6/4 Caleb Hlavacek
- 6/4 Kevin Mild
- 6/7 Matt Hlavacek
- 6/9 Michael Browning
- 6/9 Shelby Rock
- 6/11 Miriam Engelman
- 6/14 Cindy Slepko
- 6/24 Kylie-Jo Potantus
- 6/26 Phillip Giessler
- 6/26 Emma Rohman
- 6/28 Dolores Merkle
- 6/30 Noah Potantus



June Wedding Anniversaries

- 6/6 Don & Carol Dickau (55th)
- 6/10 Matt & Hannah Hlavacek (15th)
- 6/18 Mike & Susanna Tischler (61st)



Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ⇒ **July 22** at Noon – July NL
 - ⇒ **August 26** at Noon – August NL
- Bethlehem Parma www.BLC7500.com