

# BLC Newsletter – September 2025

*Be Informed and Faithfully Receive God's Gifts*

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## Give Me a Chance to Inspire An Amazing Change in Your Life!

***This Article Is for Everyone!***

***Please Read, Think, and Do!***

Since eternity is coming for everyone, I am urging you to benefit from the Bible everyday:

- 10 minutes per day.
- 70 minutes per week.

How to use your 10 minutes:

- **Spend 5 minutes reading the Bible** (start in Genesis, John, Ephesians, etc.).
- **Spend the next 5 minutes thinking about / praying about what you read.**

*But wait!* If you are unsure about the Bible being true, *first read this brochure: "The Bible Is True"*

- [www.BLC7500.com](http://www.BLC7500.com)
- Click on "Brochures"
- Search for "The Bible Is True"

Please realize this: Of all who **hear** or **read** the Bible, *only a small percentage benefit.* Why?

- They don't believe it.
- They don't think they need it.
- They don't take time to think about it.
- They don't apply it in their lives.

An example. In [Mark 4](#), Jesus told an earthly story of a man casting seeds into his garden:

- Some seeds – ***eaten by birds.***
- Some seeds – ***fell on rocky ground.***
- Some seeds – ***choked by weeds.***
- Some seeds – ***fell on good soil.***

How does that apply to God's kingdom? Many hear the word of God, but they do **not** benefit *because they are **not** open to it.*

Later in the chapter Jesus said: "**If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear**" (23). In other words, **if anyone wants to eternally benefit from God's word, it is *CRITICAL* to:**

- **Make time for God's word.**
- **Be open to God's word.**

The LORD said: "**...you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart**" (Jeremiah 29:13).

The Bible tells of only two eternal locations:

- **With God** – wonderful☺!!!
- **Apart from God** – terrible☹.

No one is saved by:

- Going to church.
- Doing good.
- Giving money.

What is salvation? **God** planned it, **His Son** accomplished it, and **the Holy Spirit** puts us in possession of it – *working through God's word.*

What is true of saved people? They ♦know they are helpless to save themselves, ♦trust in Jesus for eternal life, and ♦have God's forgiveness!

**Please be open to God's work in your life** – *by taking my **10-Minutes Per Day** challenge!*

If you are already in the Bible each day, be sure to think about it, believe it, and apply it!



Jesus said: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4 NAS).

Need help? *Please let me know! Pastor*  
([RevRLGreen@aol.com](mailto:RevRLGreen@aol.com); 440-292-5915)

## Church Pictorial Directory

**We need YOU to  
make our 2025 Church  
Family Directory  
AMAZING!**



**Picture Day is Coming!  
Wednesday, October**

**22** and **Thursday, October 23** from 2-8:30 PM.  
Online Scheduling is Available! To schedule your  
photography appointment online:

- ⇒ Go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)
- ⇒ Click on **Photography Session Sign-Up**
- ⇒ Enter Church Code: **oh2874**
- ⇒ Enter password: **photos**
- ⇒ Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.
- ⇒ If you have *6 or more* in your family, please use *2 consecutive time slots*.
- ⇒ The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.
- ⇒ Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure a date and time.
- ⇒ I will also be available to help you schedule your appointment after worship on Saturdays and Sundays.
- ⇒ Contact Kathy Green, 440-785-3802, if you need to change or cancel your photography appointment.

## Building / Room Name Changes

- **Painting** – Thanks to our Building Team Leader, Terry Tomasch, for making our recent painting project possible!

- **Room Name Changes** – Since color green is now gone, we are in the process of having new signage made for our main level.  
Going forward:
  - The “Christian Life Room” will be called the “Timothy Room” – see 2 Timothy 3:16
  - The “Sunday School Room” – which was just remodeled, will be called the “Acts Room” – see Acts 1:8
- **Remodeling** – Thanks to an anonymous donor family for the making it possible for us to replace the tables and chairs and add a TV, etc. in our “Acts Room”

## Regular Weekend Schedule

**Saturdays** – Class at 3:00; Service at 4:00

*(less formal, but very similar to Sundays)*

**Sundays** – 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

## Other Classes – You Are Invited

**Sisters of Light** – Every Other Wednesday: 1:00

- September – Resumes on **9/10**
- Join us in the “Acts Room”
- Get acquainted and draw closer
- 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 Each Month:

- September – Join us on **9/6**
- Free Breakfast at 9:00
- Study Begins at 9:15
- Questions? Ask Dr. G: 216-374-5973

## Church Picnic

**Coming on September 21 at Noon!**



**Provided:** Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages.


**Bring:** Food to share, lawn chair, friend.

**Signup:** Green attendance slip; *signup only once!*

**Help:** Cleaning up the pavilion, setting up at 10:30 (getting the grill out and cleaned up, setting up tables, etc.), and cleaning up after. To help: Contact Eileen K (call/text [216-410-8220](tel:216-410-8220)). *Thanks!*

## Blessings on Your Month!

### *Stay Close to Jesus!*

- ➔ **Watch** Worship Anew – *A Lutheran Service for shut-ins*: Sundays at 11:30 AM: Cox: 12; Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: 47
- ➔ **Pray** for those in need. *If you have a prayer chain request*, text, or call Kathy G: 440-785-3802
- ➔ **Grow** through our website – many sermons, studies, and brochures are available ➔ 
- ➔ **Reach** those who are lost – by giving them one of our free resources, praying for them, and inviting them.
- ➔ **Use** Your Abilities: See our “**Serve the LORD with Gladness**” brochure (*by main entrance*).
- ➔ **Listen** to The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 AM on WTAM 1100; Sundays at 8:00 AM on WHKW 1220

## Prayer (chain) Multiplier

Be a prayer warrior! Prayers are sent by text message. 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](mailto: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.

## Food and Fire Saturdays



The F & F days are numbered!  
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!*

## Grief Share – Fall Cycle

- ➔ The Fall 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

## September *Physical* Birthdays

9/3 Noah Hlavacek  
9/8 Lynne Gellings  
9/10 Edmund Kissinger  
9/10 Enzo Velotta  
9/11 Brooklyn Hlavacek  
9/12 Greg Slepko  
9/15 Olive Jasulevich  
9/16 Adam Dennison  
9/20 Tracy Liddy  
9/20 Nevin Sherepita  
9/24 Michael Tischler  
9/27 Tammy Shust  
9/27 Christl Kissinger  
9/29 Sherrie Dennison  
9/30 Linda Hinkle



## September *Spiritual* Birthdays

9/4 Michael Tischler  
9/5 Cedrick Hilliker Sr.  
9/6 Andrew Sherepita  
9/8 Robert Green  
9/9 Addison Kovachic  
9/9 Brooklyn Kovachic  
9/9 Madelyn Musil  
9/9 Carole Gellings  
9/12 Molly Liddy  
9/12 Linda Carlson  
9/16 Gerry Ventura  
9/17 Justin Liddy  
9/18 Tracy Crites  
9/18 Stacey Jasulevich  
9/20 Helga Bartel  
9/22 Brooklyn Hlavacek  
9/22 Noah Hlavacek  
9/22 Miyu Yu-Hsin Liao



## September *Wedding* Anniversaries

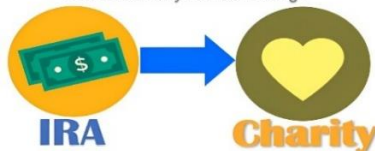
9/8 Larry and \*Gwynne Haslem (35<sup>th</sup>)  
9/9 Mike and Sue Coufalik (54<sup>th</sup>)  
9/12 Greg and Cindy Slepko (38<sup>th</sup>)

9/16 John and Helga Haller (64<sup>th</sup>)  
9/30 James and \*Victoria Ford (58<sup>th</sup>)

## 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.

## Online Giving – To BLC

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



## Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ⇒ Wednesday, **September 24** at Noon
- ⇒ Wednesday, **October 22** at Noon

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