

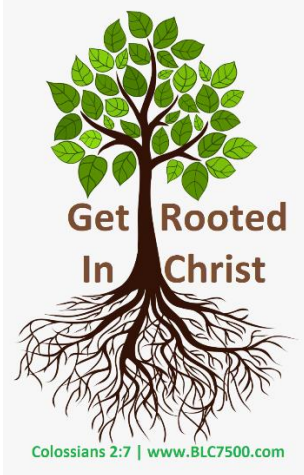
BLC Newsletter – May 2025

Be Informed and Faithfully Receive God's Gifts

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Service and Study Schedule

Let's get rooted in Christ!



- Services – **Saturdays** at 4; **Sundays** at 9
- Weekend Classes – **Saturdays** at 3; **Sundays** at 10:30
- Weekday Classes – **Wednesdays** (every other) at 1:00; **Thursdays** at 10:00

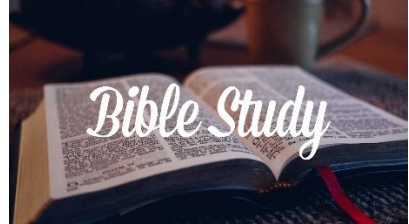
Men's Group – 5/3 at 9:00



Resumes on **Saturday, May 3**, as Dr. Giessler unpacks the important book of Isaiah. *All men are welcome! Invite a friend!*

- Gather at 9:00 – Free Breakfast
- Study Begins at 9:15

Classes – Join Us and Benefit



Sat at 3:00 and Sun at 10:30:

- Four Views of the Millennium

Sisters of Light: *Strengthening Fellowship Bonds; No-Homework, Women's Bible Study*

- **Every other Wednesday at 1:00: 5/7 & 21**
- Call/Text Rhonda: 330-260-5194

Living the Lutheran Lectionary: *Benefit even more from the weekly Scripture readings!*

- **Thursdays at 10:00** (In person and online)
- Call/Text Harold: 440-454-2139

Ascension Day, 5/29 – Join Us



Ascension Day Free Meal and Service:

Thursday, May 29: Meal 6:00; Service 7:00

- Ascension is important (*1 of the BIG 5*).
- Planning to attend the meal? Please tell us on your church attendance slip.
- Consider bringing a dessert to share!

Blessings on Your Month!

Stay Close to Jesus!

- ➔ **Talk** to God through prayer.
- ➔ **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 at 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 “**Serve the LORD with Gladness**” bro. (*by main entrance*).
- ➔ **Gather** here each Saturday / Sunday!
- ➔ **Listen** to The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 AM on WTAM 1100; Sundays at 8:00 AM on WHKW 1220

Prayer Multiplier



Prayers are sent by text message. **Would you like to pray?** **Have a prayer request?** Call or text Kathy G. 440-785-3802

Grief Share – at 6:30

- ➔ Pick up a brochure with the Spring schedule: *see the main bulletin board*.
- ➔ You can begin attending at any time. Interested? Contact Norma to let her know: 216-406-4871
- ➔ Register – call Norma or follow this link: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/257034>

Huge Blessings are Promised

- ➔ **To those who honor the Lord in their giving:** “...your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine” (Proverbs 3:10 NAS).
- ➔ **To those who tithe:** “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it” (Malachi 3:10 NIV).
- ➔ **To those who use a large measure:** “Give, and it will be given to you... For with the [same size] measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Luke 6:38 NIV).
- ➔ **To those who give generously:** “Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6 NAS).
- ➔ **To those who give freely:** “One man gives freely, yet gains even more” (Proverbs 11:24 NIV).

Don't miss out!

God will keep all His promises!

Volunteers Needed Will You Serve?

- **BLC Pictorial Directory** – help us make it happen. An outside company will guide us every step of the way. That company will take the pictures, produce the directories, etc. Volunteers are needed to schedule us to have our pictures taken, etc. Call/text Kathy: 440-785-3802
- **Altar Guild** – prepare/clean up after the Lord's Supper – receive training, then serve. Call/text Kathy: 440-785-3802

- **Saturday Greeter** – give attendees a warm welcome. Call/text Rhonda: 330-260-5194
- **Outreach Teammate** – serve under Rhonda, the Team Leader: call/text: 330-260-5194
- **Thank You** – to Will Mild for his willingness to make the repairs by the main entrance.

Christians Read, Live, and Share

Continuing in the Bible is very important:

“...Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘**If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine...**’” (Jn. 8:31). What about you, are you continuing in God’s word? Y N How? _____

Those who do the word reap GREAT benefits –

prosperity and success: “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth [so don’t stop reading it and talking about it], but you shall meditate on it day and night [Why?], so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it [Why?]; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success” (Joshua 1:8).

Are you producing fruit? “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit” (John 15:1-2).

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!* Contact Norma to find out more: 216-406-4871

Keeping You Informed

Through calls or text messages:

- Calls will show this number: **440-845-2230**
- Texts will show this number: **440-298-2791**

If you put those numbers in the Contact list on your phone under “BLC Info”; then you will be the source of those calls and texts!

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.

LOANS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- ➔ **Elementary Scholarship Fund** – Established to provide financial assistance to our members who choose to send their children to schools operated by other LCMS Churches. If you want to apply for the first time, contact the church office for an application. Deadline is May 31
- ➔ **Barrick Nursing Scholarship** – Contact the church office for an application. Deadline is June 30
- ➔ **Loans for College Bound Students:** Visit www.Pierstorf.org and complete the 2025-2026 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

May Physical Birthdays

5/2 Paul Moyer Jr.
5/6 Trudy Fischler
5/16 Caleb Hlavacek
5/19 Zachary Blaha
5/19 David Liddy
5/20 Pastor Green
5/25 Heather Hilliker
5/27 Phillip Giessler
5/27 Joann Kissinger
5/29 Janice Martinez
5/31 Emma Rohman



May Baptismal Birthdays

5/6 David Rohman
5/6 Susanna Tischler
5/9 Ashley Kovachic
5/15 Tim Chilton
5/15 Susan Shust
5/17 Matthias Moyer
5/25 Doris Chmielewski
5/31 Eileen Kovach
5/31 David Liddy



May Wedding Anniversaries

5/18 Jim & Eillen Kovach (29th)
5/19 Don & Tracy Crites (35th)
5/20 Mike & Hilda Kaderle (64th)
5/26 Noel & Janice Martinez (46th)
5/27 Scott & Lynne Sala (36th)
5/29 Alan & Linda Blaha (49th)



Pictorial Directory



We have many new faces at BLC, so we could use a **NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!** It's easy!

An outside company will help you make it happen! Contact Kathy 440-785-3802

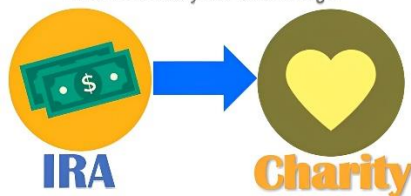
Parking Lot Church

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.

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.

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!**



Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ⇒ Wed., **June 25** at Noon – for July NL
- ⇒ Wed., **July 23** at Noon – for August NL

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