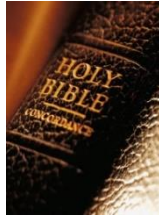


## Our Classes

Just as we need bread for our bodies, so we need God's Word for our souls (Matt. 4:4).

We study the Bible to understand *what it means* and *how it applies to our lives today*.



Growing in our *knowledge of God's Word*:

- ⇒ Increases the assurance of our salvation!
- ⇒ Increases our peace in every circumstance!
- ⇒ Carries us through difficult times!
- ⇒ Helps us know God's will for our lives!
- ⇒ Blesses our relationship with others!

See our [Bible Class and Sunday School](#) brochure.

**Sundays: 9:30 – 10:30**

- ⇒ 3 Years & Up: Sunday School Classes
- ⇒ Youth & Adults: Bible Class

**Weekdays:**

- ⇒ Thursdays at 10 AM.
- ⇒ Other Classes: See our current [Participation Guide](#) or Calendar.

## Our Africa Mission Work

**Lutherans in Africa:** Rev. James May, a member of Bethlehem, lives in Kenya with his family and travels to 20 countries on the continent of Africa to teach Lutheran



pastors, evangelists, and seminary students to better understand and teach God's Holy Word to others. LIA is building the Lutheran School of Theology in Kenya. Click here for [more info!](#)

- ⇒ Website: [www.lutheransin africa.com](http://www.lutheransin africa.com)
- ⇒ Rev. May: [ProLiturgy@me.com](mailto:ProLiturgy@me.com)

**Team Jesus for Africa:** Dr. Phillip Giessler, a member of Bethlehem, lives in the US but has taught in Africa each of the last nine years.

- ⇒ Dr. Giessler: [pbgbnt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbgbnt@sbcglobal.net)

## Our Childcare Center



Our childcare ministry is called "[Bethlehem Family Childcare](#)." We have a 3 star Step-Up-To-Quality rating.

We provide safe, loving, Christian care; the children also *learn* and *develop* through a preschool curriculum, interaction with each other, and the study of God's Holy Word.

- ⇒ Director: Miss Tricia Wise
  - [ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com](mailto:ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com)
  - 440-884-0430
- ⇒ Open: M – F, 6:45 AM – 6:00 PM
- ⇒ Ages: Infants – Pre-Kindergarten
- ⇒ Food: Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack
- ⇒ Older Children, 6-12 Years Old:
  - School Holidays and Snow Days
  - Summer Camp, June-August

Visit us: Stop by, tour our center, or visit us on Facebook: "Bethlehem Family Childcare"

## Conclusion

At Bethlehem everyone is invited to be *part of the family of God at Bethlehem!*

If you ♦have spiritual questions or concerns or ♦want to find out more about God's love for you through Jesus, Pastor Green would be glad to discuss your questions / concerns! Contact him today using the information below!

## Connect With Us

- Website:** [BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com](http://BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com)
- Location:** 7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134  
(Just South of Pleasant Valley Road)
- Facebook:** "Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma"
- Podcast:** "Benefit from the Bible"
- Contact:** 440-845-2230; [pastor@blc7500.com](mailto:pastor@blc7500.com)

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Grow in Knowing the Bible  
Excel in Christ-Like Living**



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## Introduction

**Dear Friend:** Since all have sinned, all are in need of Jesus – *come and find out how much God loves us!* The Bible is the history book of the universe, including what has happened and what will happen – *study with us!* Can we help you with ♦a baptism, ♦a wedding, ♦prayer for a special need, or ♦being certain of heaven? Let us know. *Join us in being blessed now and forever!*

## Bethlehem's Pastor

My name is Robert Green; since graduating from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1996, I have served as the pastor of Bethlehem. I'm married to



Kathy, who works as the secretary of Bethlehem; we have three children: Stacey (Jason), Andrew (Sara), and Hannah (Matthew), and six grandchildren.

Except for my years as a seminary student and vicar, we have lived in Ohio. My wife and I live in Parma; our children and grandchildren also live in the area. To learn more about what is important to me and our congregation, see the "[Important Passages](#)" brochure.

## Our Church Body

Our congregation is a member of the [Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod](#); that means we are a Bible-believing Christian congregation! Our beliefs are not based on thoughts or feelings, but on God's Word, the Holy Bible!



## Our Congregation

We are about 220 people of all ages, from infants to those in their 90's, who gather together to ♦get better acquainted, ♦receive God's eternal blessings, ♦support God's work in and through our congregation, ♦study God's Word together, ♦rejoice in God's gift of salvation, and ♦serve as gifted! Get to know us; then join us!

## Our Services

We call them [Divine Service](#), thus *God's Service*, because Jesus is present to teach us the Word and feed us His body and blood! You can get dressed up or come as you are, but please join us!



Our services are easy to follow. When you attend receive a Service Folder, which will make each part easy to understand and spiritually beneficial.

## Regular Services Schedule

### Sundays:

- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): **8:00**
- ⇒ [Refreshments](#): **9:10**
- ⇒ [Bible Classes & Sunday School](#): **9:30**
- ⇒ [Divine Service & Nursery](#): **10:45**



### Mondays: [Divine Service](#): **7 PM**

[Meditations](#) (3/10/15):  
"The early Christians chose to Sabbath-rest on **Sundays**:"



- ⇒ To honor **God the Father**, who began creation on a **Sunday**;
- ⇒ To honor **God the Son**, who rose from the dead on a **Sunday**; and
- ⇒ To honor **God the Holy Spirit**, who gave birth to the New Testament church on Pentecost **Sunday**.

Sabbath [Rest] doesn't have to be on a Sunday, Christian liberty allows flexibility. But it doesn't allow the liberty to despise preaching and the Word. Paul wrote, "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature" (Galatians 5:13 NIV).

## Special Services Schedule

*No Mondays: Thanksgiving week – New Year's week!*

### THE SEASON OF ADVENT – Before Christmas

#### Wednesdays:

- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): 11 AM
- ⇒ [Free Meal](#): Noon
- ⇒ [Free Meal](#): 6
- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): 7 PM



### THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

- Christmas Eve:** [Divine Service](#): 6 PM
- Christmas Day:** [Divine Service](#): 10 AM
- New Year's Eve:** [Divine Service](#): 6 PM

*No Mondays: Week of Ash Wed. – Easter Monday!*

### THE SEASON OF LENT – Before Easter

#### Ash Wednesday:

- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): 11 AM
- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): 7 PM



#### Other Wednesdays:

- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): 11 AM
- ⇒ [Free Meal](#): Noon
- ⇒ [Free Meal](#): 6
- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): 7 PM



#### Holy Week:

- ⇒ [Holy Thursday Divine Service](#): 11 & 7
- ⇒ [Good Friday DS](#): 11 & 7



#### Easter Sunday:

- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): **7:00**
- ⇒ [Free Breakfast](#): 8:15
- ⇒ [Bible Class & SS](#): 9:30
- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): 10:45



#### Ascension Day (40 Days after Easter, on Thursday)

- ⇒ [Free Meal](#): 6 PM
- ⇒ [Divine Service](#): 7 PM

**Thanksgiving Eve:** [Divine Service](#): 7 PM  
*No Monday Service – the Week of Thanksgiving!*