

Parents are Important

Children are gifts from God to parents!

All parents are called to love their children by providing their physical needs of food, clothing, and shelter. Children are also in great need of spiritual nourishment; Jesus said that “**Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God**” (Matthew 4:4 NAS).

So it is very important for parents to impress God’s Holy Word upon their children!

Notice the beginning of the passage to the right, **FIRST** God’s Word is to be upon our hearts as parents; **THEN** we will be equipped to impress it upon our children.

At Bethlehem, we desire to equip parents so they can function as the **primary faith-shapers of their children**. PARENTS, *please make YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL GROWTH a top priority!* Study with us; see our “Daily Devotion” brochure for some other good ideas!

NIV Deuteronomy 6:6
These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.
⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.
⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



Other Learning Opportunities

Bible Basics Course – for Youth and Adults:

- ⇒ Youth normally begin in 6th grade; Older Youth and Adults cover similar material in a shorter time.
- ⇒ Parents of Youth – Request our *Youth Confirmation Prerequisites* brochure for more information.

Other Studies: Thursdays at 10 AM; also, see our current Participation Guide or Monthly Calendar for more opportunities. *Everyone is welcome; bring a friend!*

Our Church Library



It’s located outside our church office. Make it a family adventure to choose a book each Sunday! *There are resources for all ages!*

We also have a DVD library! Find your selection on our list; then ask our Church Secretary to retrieve your selection.

Connect With Us

- Website:** BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com
Location: 7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134
(Just South of Pleasant Valley Road)
Schedule: See our “Join Us” brochure
Facebook: “Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma”
Podcast: “Benefit from the Bible”
Contact: 440-845-2230; pastor@blc7500.com

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Bible Class



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Why Should You Attend?

All who know Jesus as Savior and Lord are spiritually alive, so they need to feed on the Bible for their spiritual nourishment! That should take place at home each day with family worship, but also each week in Divine Service and in Bible Class / Sunday School.

Everyone is welcome at Bethlehem to attend, listen, participate, and benefit! The Bible is God’s Word of Truth; God enables us to understand it, believe it, apply it, and benefit from it both now and forever!

Our SUNDAY Classes

Virtually Every Sunday: 9:30 – 10:30

Bible Class

- ♦ We meet in our Christian Life Room.
- ♦ It's for all adults, as well as youth who are in seventh grade or older.
- ♦ Bring your own Bible, or use one from our Bible shelf.
- ♦ Please sign-in at the Bible shelf.
- ♦ Enjoy our Refreshment Time (9:10-9:30).
- ♦ Sit wherever you like.

Sunday School

Basics:

1. **Classes:** We meet on our lower level; children are welcome to begin attending as soon as they turn 3 years old.
2. **Teachers:** They are people who ♦love Jesus, ♦are growing up in God's Word, and ♦want children to grow in knowing Jesus! We thank God for our current teachers and pray that the Holy Spirit will move others to volunteer!
 - a. September – May: Regular classes.
 - b. June – August: Summer program, classes combined.
3. **Parents:** Please be faithful in bringing your children every week; it is also very important to work with them at home – reading them the Bible, and praying with them and for them every day!



Teacher Preparation:

1. Please note the four steps in this verse; then follow them: “For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel” (Ezra 7:10 NAS).
2. Please also do the following:
 - a. Receive and prepare your lesson in advance; any questions, please ask.
 - b. Gather all needed supplies.
 - c. Prepare your classroom.
 - d. Pray for the Lord's blessing on your teaching, your students, and their families.

Classes:

1. Welcome the students.
2. Take attendance.
3. Begin with a prayer.
4. Teach through the assigned lesson.
5. Do a craft – if one has been provided.
6. Close with a prayer.
7. Stay until the students are picked up.
8. Leave your room in good order.

Teacher Follow-Up:

1. Leave a note and the needed lessons in the secretary's mailbox so she can mail a lesson to any absent student.
2. Continue to pray for your students and their families.

Parent Follow-Up:

1. Pickup your children at 10:30.
2. Receive their lesson (and craft).
3. Go over the lesson during the week; *repetition is the mother of learning.*

4. With a Children's Bible or an Adult Bible, read through the lesson again; then discuss what it means and how it applies to our daily lives.

Conclusion:

Please join us in faithfully participating in this important work of helping children grow in ♦knowing God's Word, ♦trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior, and ♦living for Him in all their ways!

Our FREE Resources

At Bethlehem we offer these free resources to all who will gladly receive them and faithfully use them to spiritually bless their children.

Bibles:

- ♦ **Children's Bible** (3 years – 2nd grade)
- ♦ **Faith Alive Bible** (3rd grade and older)

Catechism:

- ♦ **Luther's Small Catechism** (4th grade and older)

If you want any of those resources for your child, please contact our church office: 440-845-2230; secretary@blc7500.com