



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Bethlehem Family Childcare



COVID-19 Vaccine Exemption Request

To Whom It May Concern:

The members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio are Bible-believing Christians, *so they believe what the Bible says*. For example:

- God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1).
- The people were tempted and sinned (Gen. 3).
- God promised to send His Son, the Savior (Gen. 3).
- Jesus lived sinlessly and died sacrificially; then He was raised to life on the third day to show His victory over sin and death (Matt.; Mark; Luke; John).
- God is calling all people to be sorry for their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior (Acts 2; Luke 24).
- Jesus will return at the end of the world to joyfully welcome the repentant and sadly send away the unrepentant (1 Thess. 5:2; John 5:28-29; 14:2-3; Matt. 25:31-46; Revelation 20:10-15).

Furthermore, we believe all human life ♦begins at conception (Psalm 51:5), ♦is personally given by God (Psalm 139:13), and ♦has been redeemed by Jesus (1 Peter 3:18). So, we oppose ♦abortion, ♦the use of aborted baby parts, and ♦the receiving of aborted baby parts.

This is part of a recent statement from Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, the President of our church body, which is the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod:

“Life, not death, is the goal of humanity. History testifies that death is never the means through which justice and human rights prevail. We do not advance on the graves of our children. Germany, which sought eugenics as the solution to problems, now has strict abortion laws. To defend and support life is the goal of every just government, and the right to life is the hallmark of a good society. ...

We live as citizens in this world, and we seek to be obedient to our nation’s laws. ...

We are, however, bound by our conscience to speak against those laws that are unjust and, especially, those laws that violate God’s law and the natural law that binds all mankind. Abortion and other means through which humans kill humans violate these natural and moral laws that form the foundation of society.”¹

Furthermore, based on a report by the Charlotte Lozier Institute,² abortion derived cell lines have been used in the development and/or production and/or testing of all the COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States.

In addition, many have died from the COVID-19 vaccine,³ some have had adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine, and some could be harmed due to pre-existing medical conditions.

Therefore, if this document is being presented for exemption from receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, I encourage you to give due consideration to this request based on *the contents of this form and the personal and sincerely held religious, moral, and ethical beliefs of the person making the request*.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert Green, Pastor

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**As such, I, \_\_\_\_\_, in full agreement with the stated beliefs of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio, am requesting a religious, moral, and ethical exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine policy mandate based on my personal and sincerely held religious, moral, and ethical beliefs.**

Signature

Date

<sup>1</sup> <https://reporter.lcms.org/2019/lcms-presidents-statement-regarding-gubernatorial-actions-expanding-abortion-in-new-york-and-illinois/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://freedomheadlines.com/freedom-wire/vaccine-death-explosion-in-2021-this-chart-says-it-all/>