



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

### May 2023 Newsletter

Bethlehem Family and Friends,

During Lent we had several cottage meetings where we heard about your priorities and focus you would like for us to have as we move forward. Thank you to all who participated in the cottage meeting process! Also thank you to the church council for continuing to work on coming up with ways that we can best encompass all that they learned from those cottage meetings.

The values that you named as your top 5 were:

- 1.Faith/Worship
- 2.Relationships
- 3.Service/Outreach
- 4.Generosity
- 5.Education

Because of this learning in these cottage meetings, the Education Team wanted to let you know about an exciting opportunity! This year, during our Vacation Bible School time, we are trying an experiment called F5-Refresh, an opportunity for ALL ages! **The F5-Refresh, which stands for-Faith, Family, Fun, Fellowship and Food, will be happening June 25-28, and will be a chance for all ages to learn and grow and focus on exactly what you asked for in your cottage meetings!**

Each evening of F5-Refresh will have a different theme...from Generosity to Relationships to Faith/Worship and beyond. I hope you and your family will come and find your faith refreshed with us! We encourage you to invite other families to join the fun as well! Registration forms can be found on the church website. Deadline to register is June 9th so that we can ensure that we have all the supplies and food that we need to make F5 a blast for all involved!

If you would like to be a part of making F5 happen, join us for our next planning meeting on Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 pm! Still have questions or want to know more? Call the church office at 319-266-3541.

Another way we have been checking in is a **Family Ministry survey for anyone with youth ages 0-18**. If your family has not received a link to this survey, please let me know. As always, thank you for all the ways that you make Bethlehem a wonderful church family. We truly are blessed to be on the road together!

Your partner on the journey, *Pastor Amy*





Mother's Day is May 14. To honor the important women in our lives: mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or sisters, we invite you to submit pictures of these individuals for a power point to be shared during worship. **Please submit your pictures to Pastor Amy at [pastoramyblccf@gmail.com](mailto:pastoramyblccf@gmail.com) by Monday, May 8 at noon.**



**Our last Education Hour of the school year will happen on May 7!** We hope you will join us and bring a friend! Thanks to all who helped teach and plan lessons for this school year! We appreciate you!



**Come and join the fun, Sunday, June 11, 2:35pm, for our 2nd Annual Bethlehem at the Bucks game!**

All ages welcome! **Tickets: \$9.** Watch for more info and sign up coming in May!



### Make a Difference Monthly-Love INC

You may have noticed a new box in our narthex. Love INC has started a program called "make a difference monthly." Each month they suggest things that would help them with their programming that we can donate. This month they are asking for: **fans**. Please consider bringing these items and placing them in the box in the narthex in order to support the wonderful ministry that Love INC does!



### New Church Directory in the Works!

We are asking you to please submit a photo of your family for the new directory to the church office email. You can email your pictures to: [officeblccf@gmail.com](mailto:officeblccf@gmail.com) Questions? Call the office at 319-266-3541. Thanks for helping us to update our directory!





## Important dates to know for the summer of 2023 at BLC

Looking for more info or updates on any of these events?  
Updates will be posted on the church calendar and on the church  
Facebook and Instagram pages!

May 7, 10:15 am	Last Sunday of Education for 2022-23 School Year
May 25, 6:30 pm	Wine, Women, & the Word @ location TBD
June 7, 10:30 am	Coffee & Chat with the BLC Staff
June 11, 2:35 pm	Bethlehem at the Waterloo Bucks Game
June 22, 6:30 pm	Wine, Women, and the Word @ location TBD
June 25-June 28	F5-Refresh (All Ages Learning and Laughing together!)
July 2, 9:00 am	Community Worship @ Overman Park w/ St. John's Lutheran
July 19, 10:30 am	Coffee & Chat with the BLC Staff
July 22-23	Overnight Campout at Bethlehem Soccer Fields
July 23, 9:00 am	Outdoor Worship at Bethlehem
July 27, 6:30 pm	Wine, Women, and the Word @ Pastor Amy's House
Aug 20, 9:00 am	Blessing of the Backpacks in Worship
Aug 24, 6:30 pm	Wine, Women, and the Word-Location TBD
Aug 30, 10:30 am	Coffee & Chat with the BLC Staff
Sept 10, 10:15 am	Event Fair & Picnic-Fall Kick-Off!





## ENDOWMENT FUND

### Endowment Fund 1st Qtr 2023 Results

US Bank	\$674,093
MIF	\$218,002
CID	\$201,936
Checking	\$5,425
Out check	\$200
Total Balance	\$1,099,667
Value Chng YTD	\$1,244

Principal increased from  
Joan Bond Memorial: \$200  
**Total Principal: \$981,395.90**

*Worship*  
**WITH US ONLINE**

Not able to join us for worship in person on Sundays? No problem! All of our worship services can be found online on our church YouTube Page at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BethlehemLutheranCF>

Or catch the most recent worship offerings on our church website here:

<http://www.bethlehemcf.org/online-worship.html>

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### GIVING MADE EASY!

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to share your offering with Bethlehem.



**All confirmed members of Bethlehem are invited to join us for our congregational meeting on Sunday, May 21 at 10:05 am. Come and vote in our newest council and team members and hear an update on the remodel project!**

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