



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

JOIN US TO: *Know Jesus, *Grow in the Bible, and *Excel in Loving God and Others

7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134 ♦ 440-845-2230

Rev. Robert Green: RevRLGreen@aol.com ♦ Mrs. Kathleen Green: Secretary@blc7500.com



Bethlehem Family Childcare

Infants – Pre-k ♦ M – F ♦ 6:45 AM – 6:00 PM

Facebook: Bethlehem Family Childcare ♦ Miss Tricia Wise: ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com ♦ 440-884-0430

Weekly Thoughts from Your Pastor Regarding the Coronavirus April 16, 2020, Issue 1 of 1

Dear Members and Friends of Bethlehem,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior!

Due to current circumstances related to the Coronavirus, these are some of my thoughts:

- ❖ Thanks so much to all who are supporting our congregation with prayers, offerings, service, and words of encouragement!
- ❖ Thanks to our Stephen Ministers, who are calling those who are currently staying home!
- ❖ Since various people have given money to support the cost of sending mailings, now, each week, we plan to send the *service folder, *sermon, *Participation Guide, and some words of encouragement. May God bless you to read, understand, and benefit!
- ❖ If you have any of the following, please let us know:
 - Prayer request or Bible question
 - Desire a pastoral visit
 - Have a need with which your church could assist you
- ❖ Clarification: Based on the orders of our Ohio governor, *churches are allowed to remain open and are not limited to how many can attend*; however, they must follow the social distancing requirements as much as possible. For more details, *see the other side* which contains all of the pertinent

information. Also, please see the service folder for the various ways in which we are proceeding legally and responsibly.

At a time when many are being overwhelmed by bad news, let me give you some good news. These stats apply to the United States regarding the virus, were slightly updated on 4/18/20, and are similar to most countries around the world:

- ✓ **99.8% do not have it** (based on total cases of 712,000 divided by the total US population of 328,200,000, which equals 0.2%).
- ✓ **2 of every 1,000 do have it.**
- ✓ **5 out of every 50,000 have died from it** (based on the current estimate that less than 5% of those infected will die).

For those who become infected or die, *it is certainly a serious matter*; therefore, let's keep our distance when we can, wash our hands often, not rub our eyes, etc.

However, let us also keep our focus on the Almighty God, who made us, loves us, sustains us, and saved us! Since God the Father gave His only Son to the cross for our eternal salvation, He will certainly carry us through this time of the Coronavirus!

Sincerely,
Pastor

Regular Schedule: Saturdays: Class 3:00; Service 4:00; Sundays: Service 9:00; Classes 10:30 ♦ Festivals: *See our Festival Services Schedule!*

Connections: Web: BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com ♦ Podcast: Benefit from the Bible ♦ Facebook: Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma

Church Body: Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, lcms.org ♦ **District:** Ohio, oh.lcms.org