



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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## Bethlehem Family Childcare

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

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### Weekly Thoughts from Your Pastor Regarding the Coronavirus April 23, 2020, Issue 2

**Dear Members and Friends of Bethlehem:**

*Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior!*

#### Some Good News:

- ❖ Ohio has hopefully reached the peak of new cases! But please continue to pray for God’s blessings upon
  - ♣all who are infected, ♣all healthcare workers, ♣all businesses and employees, ♣all who are making decisions, ♣all who are living in fear, and ♣all who are working on a vaccine!
- ❖ The offerings at Bethlehem are up; *thanks so much for your faithful and generous giving!*

#### How We Are Proceeding at Bethlehem:

- ❖ We are operating in full compliance with Governor DeWine’s official orders. Even though many businesses were required to close, churches are allowed to remain open and are not restricted on how many can gather, but churches must follow the social distancing requirements as much as possible.
- ❖ These newer practices at Bethlehem were put in place to keep us healthy and in compliance:
  - We are maintaining social distancing with reserved pews.
  - We are not shaking hands, not passing the offering plate, not gathering at the altar for the Lord’s Supper, and not using the common cup.
  - We have changed our class locations: BC in the Worship Area and SS in the CLR.

#### Parking Lot Plans:

- ❖ We are hoping to begin broadcasting our services to the parking lot on an FM radio channel, starting on Sat, May 9 at 4:00 and Sun, May 10 at 9:00:

- Some will come in; others are welcome to remain in their cars.
- Just pick up a service folder when you arrive, adjust your radio, and then listen, and even participate, from your car.
- To receive the Lord’s Supper, pull up to the side door of the Worship Area – right after the service is over.



The equipment should be received and setup by May 8; to check our status, call the church and listen to the message; if everything is ready to go, then the message will advertise our parking lot services.

**Ways I am Trying to Be Your Shepherd:** Offering multiple opportunities each week to safely gather for Divine Services and Classes (*by the way, the number of people attending at Bethlehem on Sundays is small, and much smaller on Saturdays; also, our worship area seats over 300, so there is plenty of room to be far away*):

- ❖ If you are healthy and feel comfortable attending: Please do.
- ❖ If you are uncomfortable attending:
  - Carefully read what is being mailed.
  - Contact me or the church office if you ♣have a question, ♣have a prayer request, and/or ♣desire a pastoral visit.
  - Attend our parking lot services, hopefully beginning on May 9.

Sincerely,  
Pastor