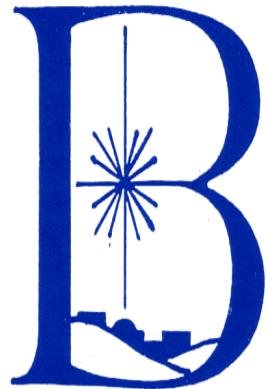
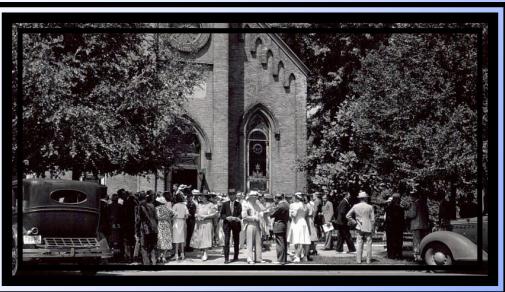


Shine God's Light



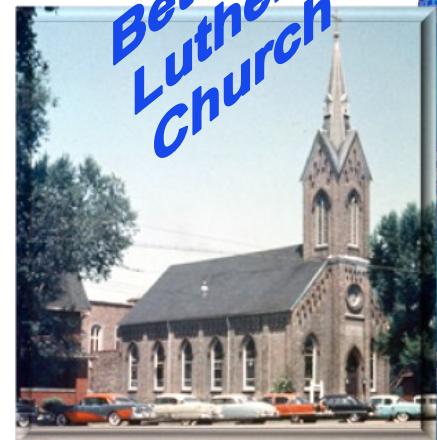
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WELCOME

to
*Bethlehem
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Message From Pastor Michelle Terry

It has sincerely been my pleasure to serve at a church that is so rich with the history of Lutheran Church of America. I have the privilege to minister to members of the church of Bethlehem Lutheran here in Middletown, Ohio, and some can trace their families back to the late 1800's and early 1900's. It is encouraging to realize, as a young parent and minister . . . that when God tells us to "raise up our children in the ways of the Lord and they will not depart from it" — that I am able to witness that personally with our members who have such a rich heritage. This is truly a blessing.

Our mission is to shine God's light. We worship together here at *Bethlehem Lutheran Church* each Sunday at 10:30 am. We have a mid-week Bible Study. The Women of the *Bethlehem Lutheran Church* have two (2) circles—**Afternoon**—meets first Thursday of the month—and an **Evening** circle that meets the first Monday of the month.

Bethlehem has a free dinner for the neighborhood on the 2nd Saturday of the month. We feed between 40 to 60 people at the 2nd Saturday dinners. Our Youth collect dollars for worldwide missions and are active in Sunday School class. These are just a few ways we share God's love with others. We invite you to join us and learn more.

If you have any questions you can call the church office at 513-423-1191.

God's blessings to each of you.

In Christ,

Pastor Michelle Terry

Historical Highlights of Bethlehem's First 162 Years . . .

1854:

Bethlehem was founded. Services were held at Frederick Siebert's harness shop.

1862:

Members moved to present location.

1882:

Construction of a new church building was completed. The stained glass from this building is now in the Lounge.

1923:

The Parish House opened its doors.

1959:

Dedication of the new sanctuary.

1980:

The Lounge was dedicated and now houses many of our historical pieces,

The **Heritage Hall** includes Confirmation pictures of our Classes since 1907, as well as portraits of early church leaders and pastors who have led our congregation. The quilt was handmade and includes the names of many families in BLC's past.



LEADERS/PASTORS AT Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Frederick Siebert—Founder 1854

J. A. Schulze—1854-1855

G.H. Trebel—1857—1867

J. G. Theiss—1867-1869

C. E. Bucholz—1870-1876

C. Huebner—1877-1882

T. Jaeger—1882-1892

T. H. Kuhlman—1892-1899

Dr. Hugo G. Schmidt—1900-1950

Rev. Bernard E. Huer—1950-1952

Rev. Paul Bergdall—1953-1983

Pastors Gary & Sharon Hilfiger

1984-1990

Rev. Gene Leiter—1991-2007

Pastor Michelle Terry—2009 to Present

