These are some key Bible verses:

- **Isaiah 40:8** The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.
- **Psalm 119:160** The sum of Your word is truth…
- **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is inspired by God…
- **2 Peter 1:21** for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is how we interpret the Bible:

- We use the Historical-Grammatical method. To explain that in simple terms, *we take the Bible to mean what it says*. For example, the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). So, we believe God created the heavens and the earth.
- We use Scripture to interpret Scripture. Much of the Bible is easy to understand; however, when a passage is difficult to understand, we use other passages on that same topic / doctrine to help us understand the one that is difficult. By using that method, God tells us the proper meaning.

Our Congregation

We have about 200 members of all ages. The majority gather to ◆receive God's gifts, ◆study God's Word, ◆rejoice in God's gift of salvation, ◆support God's work in and through our congregation, and ◆serve as gifted! You are invited to get to know us by joining us in ➧a service or ➧a Bible Class or ➧any of our other events!

If you have your own Bible-believing congregation, be faithful in attending, listening, growing, and being sure *through Jesus* that your sins are forgiven.

If you want to join us for a service or a class, this is our schedule:

Saturdays:

- ➧ Bible Class: 3:00
- ➧ Divine Service: 4:00

Sundays:

- ➧ Divine Service: 9:00
- ➧ Bible Class and Sunday School Classes: 10:30

To learn about our festival services, pick up a "Join Us" brochure by our main entrance or visit our website: www.BLC7500.com

The Scripture Passages are from the New American Standard Bible, 1995.

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Schedule: Saturday 4; Sunday 9; 440-845-2230
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Welcome to Grief Share

Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

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Introduction

Dear Friend: I pray that our Grief Share Program will be used by the Almighty God to bring you ➧comfort, ➧healing, ➧guidance, and ➧encouragement to move you from grief to a place of peace and joy in your daily life.

My name is Robert, I'm the pastor of Bethlehem, Parma. Most call me "Pastor" – like a first name. If you have a prayer request or a Bible question, please let me know:

- In Person: Whenever I'm available
- Email: RevRLGreen@aol.com
- Text or Call: 440-292-5915

I invite you to keep reading to discover more about ➧myself, ➧our Grief Share Program, ➧the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and ➧Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Rev. Robert Green

I'm a 1996 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I have served as the pastor of Bethlehem since 1996. I'm married to Kathy, who is the secretary of Bethlehem; we have three children and seven grandchildren.

Except for the years when I was a seminary student in Indiana and a vicar in Iowa, we have lived in Ohio.

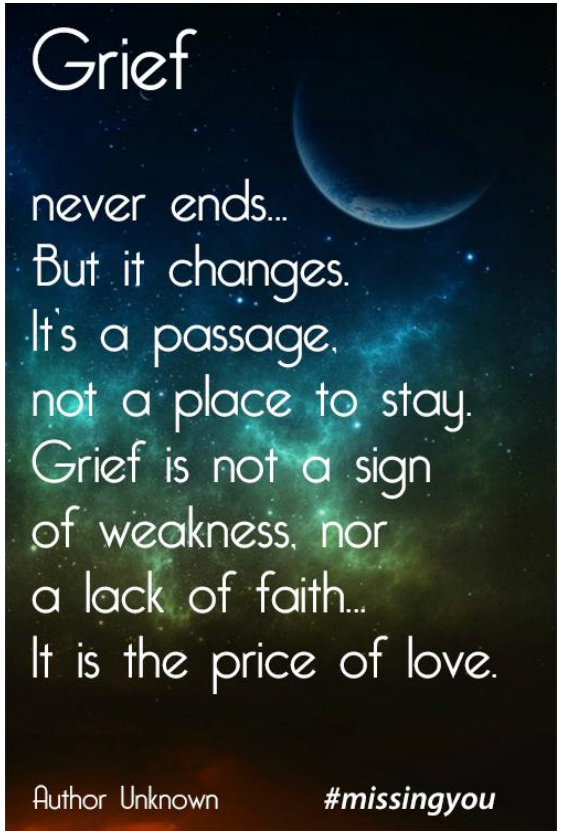
I'm a second-career pastor; I went to college when I was in my 20's, then to seminary in my 30's. It is my desire for everyone to ➧learn and believe the Bible, ➧trust in Jesus for eternal life, and ➧be with God forever. If you desire my help, please let me know.

Our Grief Share Program

From the Bible we know that ➧all have sinned, ➧sin leads to death, and ➧death can be very painful and difficult. Therefore, with the guidance and encourage of Norma Sweeny, our Grief Share Leader, we began our Grief Share Program in 2022.

Alan and Linda are our Lead Facilitators, so they lead our weekly gatherings. Other facilitators – including Alan, Nancy, Inez, and Kathy – assist with the setup, welcoming, refreshments, etc. All participants are volunteers who serve for your benefit – to ➧get to know you, ➧care about you, ➧reflect Christ's love to you, and ➧try to help you through this time of grief in your life.

It is our prayer that the program will be a special blessing to you in many ways! If you need help, please talk to me or any of the people listed in this section.



Our Church Body

Bethlehem is a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which is the oldest and second largest Lutheran body in the United States.

In summary: We believe the Bible is the word of God, *so we take it to mean what is says and invite everyone to learn and grow with us!*

Note: Christianity has become very confusing in today's world. There are literally tens of thousands of Christian denominations, with each holding to similar but different beliefs.

I believe there are true Christians throughout the world in every denomination, but it is important for every person to know and believe the Bible. Jesus said, "…you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). The *truth* refers to the contents of the Bible.

The Bible teaches that God moved men, *by the Holy Spirit*, to write down His very words. Here is the order: God the Father ➡ God the Holy Spirit ➡ Prophets and Apostles ➡ Bible.

God breathed out His word in the languages of Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

Regardless of your denomination, I encourage you to ➧keep reading the Bible, ➧keep growing in your understanding, ➧keep clinging to God's unshakeable promises, and ➧keep looking forward to God's eternal blessings in Christ.