

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pemberville, Ohio

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Mission Statement

Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.

Vision Statement

Called by the Holy Spirit, we are a fully-devoted fellowship of believers, called to GROW AS DISCIPLES and sent to MAKE DISCIPLES, who are engaged in spiritual growth by:

1. **Praying** daily.
2. Reading the **Bible** daily.
3. **Worshiping** weekly.
4. Connecting regularly in **small groups**.
5. **Giving** generously.
6. **Serving** others.
7. **Witnessing** at every opportunity.

Core Values

1. Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:11: ...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2. We seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit first.

John 14:26: But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

3. God's Word, recorded in the Bible, guides and directs our faith and life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17: All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4. Worship is central to our life together as the church.

Acts 2:42: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

5. We are members, one of another, called to invite others to Jesus.

Romans 12:5: So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.
Matthew 28:19-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

6. God richly provides all we need. We reflect this generosity in our management of God's resources.

Psalms 24:1: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

7. We serve all people, following the way of Jesus.

Luke 10:36-37: Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."