



## Monthly Meditation

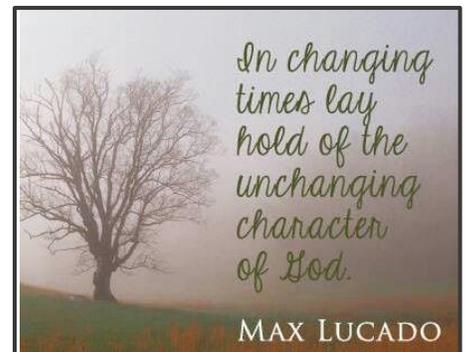
The Attributes of God are usually taught in Confirmation Classes or Christian Day Schools. They tell us that God is immortal, omnipresent, and omniscient (all-knowing) to name a few. One that is usually forgotten is that He is immutable – never changing. God tells us, “For I the Lord do not change (Malachi 3:16)” and Hebrews tells us, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (13:8).” With the arrival of September, we start to notice the brilliant changes in color and soon the barren trees appear to prepare for winter. Yet, we know that spring will follow winter

and soon the trees will change into their lush greens of summer once again.

We see this in our bodies, our children, grandchildren, and even our communities. We mostly marvel at technology as we think about microwaves, cell phones, and all of the medical advances that are available to us. Yet, we mourn many of fond memories of the past and the “When I was a kid” moments that we treasure. We are changeable and so is everything around us.

In a world where everything changes, it is good to know that the Lord never changes. As things come and go, it is a comfort to know that the Lord remains the same. We have the certainty of His love given to us in His Holy Word and in the outpouring of the atoning blood of Jesus on the cross. This promise was first given to Adam and Eve and continues until God will bring the last of His chosen home.

Unlike changing leaves, the stormy waves of Lake Michigan which can rearrange geographical structures, or even our changing bodies, God is unchanging in Word and in His promises!



## New Members

Please welcome Laura Pomerville who joins us from Immanuel in Monroe, Michigan. We are also pleased to welcome Margaret Hodges and John Rude to BLC by Reaffirmation of Faith.

On September 22, we will rejoice in the Baptism of Travis Sheffer who will join Sophia McCreedy in the Rite of Confirmation in October. May God bless them all and welcome to the family!



### Tea Cup Tea

On September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM, Mary Martha will be hosting the third annual tea with finger sandwiches and sweets for the women of Bethlehem and the surrounding area.

In addition to the tea, entertainment will be provided with an emphasis on teacups and teapots. Once again, attendees are invited to bring a donation for the Seniors Personal Care Pantry in Leelanau County.

RSVP is requested by September 16<sup>th</sup> to Cindy Rosiek or Laurel Peterson. A signup sheet is also available in Fellowship Hall.

### Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Please join us Wednesday afternoons starting September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM for an in-depth study of the Book of Ruth. Although only having four chapters, Ruth's ancestral connection to the Messiah is presented; the book also introduces us to many legal aspects of Jewish life which continued through Jesus' time. It is a fascinating book for so many reasons and you are encouraged to bring a guest.



### Elder Contact



The Elders and Pastor work together to see that the spiritual needs of the parish are being met. Every member or family has an Elder assigned to them and soon you will be

contacted by mail by your Elder to introduce himself. Your Elder is a man of faith, prayer, and Bible study. He is eager to be of

assistance to you should you desire to meet with a brother in Christ.



BLC was blessed with many good gifts from God this summer. They include:

- Several Sundays with attendances that resembled the former days of filled pews
- Air conditioning on the hot and humid Sundays
- an architect who volunteered his services to redesign our first floor restroom configuration
- Some pretty exceptional choral and organ music
- Several local citizens who have started to attend on a frequent basis
- And You!



- To host Fellowship after church
- To serve as ushers
- To volunteer to be a lector

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