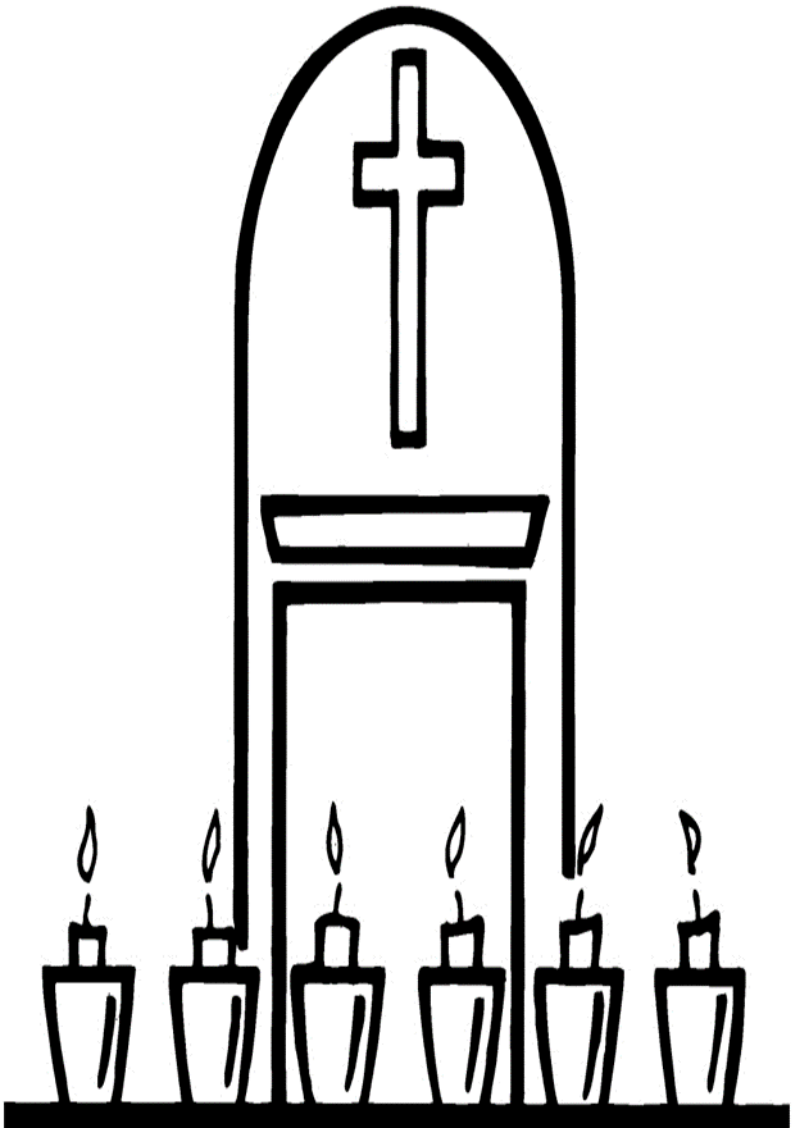
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



Bethlehem
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God's work. Our hands.

Worship Service – 10:00
Novmeber 1, 2026, All Saints Sunday

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my God, on this All Saints' Sunday, our thoughts are naturally drawn to those who are no longer with us except in spirit and in memory. Give me a new way to look both at life and death. As aware as I am of the absence of loved ones, let me also be attentive to your comforting presence. Let me hear more clearly than ever before our Savior say to me, "I am the resurrection and the life." In His holy Name I pray. Amen.

Welcome

We count it a privilege to receive guests into our worship service. The ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church exists to bring glory to God and to serve you. We hope you sense that Jesus is at the heart of all we do.

If you are a guest, and would like more information about our ministries, please call the church office at 482-3225.

Prayer Requests

Bethlehem Lutheran is a praying church; this is one of our Faith Practices/Marks of Discipleship. A white card is provided in the pew rack for requesting petitions of concern or thanksgiving to be included in the prayers of the congregation. Fill out the card and hand it to an usher during the Hymn of the Day. If you would like the person named on the card to be notified about the prayer offered on their behalf, please include an address on the card.

If you would like your concern to be prayed for every day this week, please fill out a blue card, place it in the basket in our prayer corner, or hand it to an usher to bring forward.

Silencing cell phones and handheld devices and keeping conversation to a minimum during worship is appreciated.

PARISH NOTES

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On this day in the Chistian Church, we remember those members of our congregation who died in the past year and who are now with our Lord in the church Triumphant:

Peggy Gaspersohn	November 25, 2025
Marcia Cummings	March 7, 2026
Mike "Ferris" Kosloski	March 14, 2026
Sharron Drake	April 27, 2026
Clifford Frey III	May 16, 2026
Emma Hicks	June 4, 2026
Kurt Kollmeyer	June 22, 2026
Janet Gonda	July 25, 2026
Larry R. Bauman	October 5, 2026

Loved ones (not members)
Linda Kosloski, Jerry Wright, Trina Spitzley, Stephen Post

TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY This special offering will be used to feed hungry people in our community. Monetary gifts will support the Greater Lansing Food Bank and our Mobile Food Distribution. If you are worshipping with us electronically, click **HERE** to make your monetary contribution.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOV. 8
Immediately following worship a very important meeting is a requirement to elect a **Call Committee** to lead the search for a new pastor. As with all other congregational meetings, we require a quorum of **fifty members** in order to conduct the meeting. It is imperative that we have a quorum for the election, or the meeting will be rescheduled with a 2-week advance notice. **Please make every effort to attend so we don't have to reschedule.** The Call Committee election and a brief review of responsibilities and a potential timeline will be the only items on the agenda. There will be a Town Hall meeting immediately following the Special Meeting in order to provide an update on the pastoral transition process. The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to hear where we are in the process and ask questions that may not have been addressed previously. Church leadership is making every effort to include everyone in this process with communication and allow for input at this meeting. To be conscious of everyone's time, the meeting will be 45 minutes to allow people to enjoy the rest of their Sunday afternoon. Thank you in advance, *Jim Whitman Congregation President.*

BELLRINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY The Salvation Army needs a small group of members to volunteer and ring a bell at a nearby store. Our group would select the day, and The Salvation Army takes care of logistics. Bellringing is from November 2nd - December 24th. Ringing is Monday- Saturday (no Sundays) from 10 am - 8 pm, it varies with each store. Our group can choose work shifts for any length of time. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

BAKERS NEEDED! If you have a flair for baking, Bethlehem has an opportunity for you! The Altar Guild needs several volunteers to make communion bread. It is being made with a gluten-free bread mix which the church provides. Please contact Kris Burow if you are willing to help!

THANKSGIVING FAMILY FOOD BASKETS Bethlehem will be supporting the *Christian Services of Lansing* Thanksgiving Food Basket program, providing baskets for up to 20 families. Additional support will be provided with gift cards from *Thrivent Financial.* The infamous RED and TURQUOISE shopping bags will be available on Sunday Nov. 1st for those who wish to support this program, with several options of what to purchase and dates of when items need to be returned to the church. The Sunday School children will also be collecting items to include in the baskets. ***THANK YOU*** to all who generously support this program.

LYONS ELEMENTARY CLOTHING PROJECT 2026-27 The collection area for the clothing will be set up in the church entryway from **Sunday, November 1 until Sunday, December 20**.

Here is what the school needs this year:

Waterproof gloves - preferably not pink or purple **(need to be new)**
Snow pants, sizes 6 -12 - preferably not pink or purple (can be new or gently used)
Winter coats for girls and boys, sizes 6 -14 (can be new or gently used)
Tennis shoes, kids' sizes 12, 13, and 1- 4 (can be new or gently used) for gym class
Winter outdoor boots, kids' sizes 12, 13, and 1- 4 (can be new or gently used)
Girls' sweats or stretchy pants, sizes 6 -10 (gently used is best or new)
Boys' sweats, sizes 6 -10 (gently used is best or new)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS TRAINING After worship next Sunday, November 1st those wishing to continue or to begin serving as communion assistants are asked to participate in a brief training. The purpose is to have a refresher so that we are more uniform in how we serve; to recruit and train new communion assistants, and to protect our fragile altar linens. If you are unable to make this training we will schedule another in the coming weeks, so that you may continue to serve.

MENS THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY Has been paused until spring!

Thoughts for the Week

Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. ~ Isaiah 43:4a

The peacemakers whom Jesus pronounces blessed in 5:9 are best regarded as agents of God who are actively establishing Shalom. ~ Brian Stoffregen

ATTENDANCE Worship Attendance: 10/25/26, 102 in-person, with 19 views on YouTube with an average viewing duration of 41:58, 13 peak concurrent viewers for the live worship and the recorded service.

STEWARDSHIP NUGGET Faithful stewardship can begin with an honest examination of how you are responding to God's blessing and to the needs of others. And then being led by the Spirit to identify opportunities for growth. Might this be more an adventure than a burden?

NEXT SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY Gifts received in a special mission offering will be given to the Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center in South Dakota.

KIDS ACTIVITY NIGHT ***Things to donate for kids night***: fruit (whole or cut), snackable veggies, drink mixes-lemonade/fruit punch, hot dogs/buns, disposable plates/bowls, disposable silverware (esp. spoons), paper napkins, a kid-friendly meal (serving about 20; see Shannon or Eliot) please no chips or candy, a <$5 unisex toy (e.g. a squishy) for good behavior drawing prize.

COMMUNION CARDS Fill out a communion card from the pew rack before you come forward to receive communion. Keeping track of who has attended worship allows us to provide better pastoral care for our members.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY All are welcome for Sunday Night Bible Study on the First and Third Sundays of every month at 7:00 pm.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GUEST PASTOR – Rev. John Burow
ORGANIST – James Schippers
ASSISTING MINISTER – Don Telles
GREETERS – Bob & Sue Christiansen
USHERS – Ron Miller, Ralph Sergent
ACOLYTE – Adreanna Fernandez
LAY READER – Sherry Bass-Pohl
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Sherry Bass-Pohl, Bob Meeker
ALTAR GUILD – Kris & John Burow

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:
Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Independence Village, Grand Ledge
Virginia Bauman, 5214 Evergreen Ridge Dr. Cincinnati, OH
John Nelson, Grand Haven Living Center-Senior Care in Lansing
Betty Strother, Independence Village, East Lansing
Joe Skidmore, 475 Jacks Canyon Road, Apt. 229, Sedona, AZ
Julie Clark, Burcham Hills Residential, East Lansing

Those at home: *Kaye Alden, John Bartel, Tosha Brisbo, Ron Clark*
Crystal Collins, Margo Devine, Keith Ferguson, Tom Finn
Carl Gallagher, Nancy Jackson, Bruce Large, Michael Mahoney
Linda McClellan, Mark Nelson, Don Olson, Tharin Palmer
Bob & Gloria Robbins, Sandy Rollis, Connie Scott, Dana Stevens
Ken Teter, Betty VanConant, Cheryl VanPatten

If you, as a member, would like to be included on this list or removed from it, please call the church office.

MISSION PARTNERS Pray for the people and ministry at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Pray for the Baker/Donora Neighborhood Association and our Community Police Officer, Bridget Voisin.

THOSE WHO SERVE Please pray for those who are on active duty in the United States Military Services:
Chris Browne – U.S. Air Force (Member of the Kern family)
Isaiah Castellanos – U.S. Army (Margo Devine's great nephew)
Andrew Devine – U.S. National Guard (Margo Devine's nephew)
Anthony Erb – U.S. Army (family of Mary Jakubiak)
Carson Kosloski – U.S. Marines (Jeff Kosloski's great nephew)
Joshua Kosloski – **U.S. Army** (Laura Halbakken's cousin)
Christopher Morgan – U.S. Marines (friend of The Darling family)
Ben Painter – U.S. Air Force (Laura Halbakken's cousin)
Ryan Schiffner – U.S. Air Force (Rick & Jean Peckham's nephew)
Nicholas "Leo" Snow – U.S. Navy (cousin of Ferguson & Snider families)
Dayton Tucker – U.S. Marines (Friend of the Devine family)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PORTALS OF PRAYER October - December 2026 booklets are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby. If you would like a copy, call the church office, 482-3225, and we will send you one.

PRAYER PARTNERS Each Sunday we pray for a congregation in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod to offer our support and to emphasize the ministry that we share. This week we pray for Trinity Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, Michigan, Supply Pastors.

ONLINE GIVING Did you know that you can contribute via our website and not create an account? Clicking on the online giving link and filling out the donation form is all you need to do to make an online contribution. If you would like to create an account, go to the 'Printables' page on the BELC website for instructions. **Scan this QR Code by putting your cell phone camera up to the code and follow the link to give electronically to Bethlehem.**

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ORGANIST – James Schippers
CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson
PRAISE TEAM COORDINATORS – Debbie Simmons, Laura Halbakken
ASSISTING MINISTER – Nancy Holderread
GREETERS – Cloyd & Candy Barnes
USHERS – Don Cairns, Cloyd Barnes
LAY READER – Debbie Simmons
ACOLYTE– Sabrina Prowdley
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Mary Bartel, Mel White
ALTAR GUILD – Bob & Sue Christiansen
A/V PROUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Marvin White, David Westover

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Nov. 1	**8:30a**	**Sunday School**
Rev. John Burow	**10:00a**	**Worship – Holy Communion**
All Saints Sunday	**7:00p**	**Sunday Night Bible Study-Library**
Foodbank Sunday		
MONDAY	6:30p	BELCW Board Meeting
TUESDAY		**ELECTION DAY** (office closed)
WEDNESDAY	9:00a	Election Equipment pick-up
	10:00a	Capital Area Baby Café
	5:30p	Kids Night
FRIDAY	7:00p	N.A. meets
SATURDAY	9:30a	F.A.B. meets
SUNDAY, Nov. 8	**8:30a**	**Sunday School**
Mission Sunday	**10:00a**	**Worship – Holy Communion**

Baptismal Blessings for the **life of faith**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- ✢ *to live among God's faithful people,*
- ✢ *to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,*
- ✢ *to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,*
- ✢ *to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,*
- ✢ and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.[1]

[1]*Evangelical Lutheran Worship,* Affirmation of Baptism, Page 237.