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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

Worship Service – 10:00
October 16, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of John & Chris Ransom.

TAKING FAITH HOME Find a copy on Facebook in the BELC Worship Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/belcworship/>).

PORTALS OF PRAYER October - December booklets are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby. If you would like a copy, call the church office at 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 Peace Lutheran Church in Sparta Michigan, Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas.

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.**



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day and the hand of your loving kindness powerfully, yet gently, guides all the moments of our life. As we render you the worship you so greatly deserve this morning, we pray that your Spirit will lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience. Indeed be with us and help us to rejoice in your presence and to be the people you created us to be, through your Son, Jesus Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 send Pastor Matt a message at pastormattsmith@gmail.com or call the church office at 482-3225.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bethlehem Lutheran is a praying church; this is one of our Marks of Discipleship. For prayers that you would like included in Sunday worship, please visit www.bethlutheran.org or click [HERE](#) for a direct link to send a prayer request to Pastor Matt.

Include an address if you'd like the person named in your request notified of the prayer offered on their behalf.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

PASTORS – Rev. Matthew A. Smith, Rev. John W. Burow
ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers
CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble
ASSISTING MINISTER – Nancy Holderread
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matthew A. Smith
LAY READER – Candy Barnes
ACOLYTE – Allie Fernandez
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Kris Burow,
GREETERS – Cloyd & Candy Barnes
USHERS – Don Telles, Don Cairns
ALTAR GUILD – Karren Reish, Eliot Nutt
A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Paul Schmidt, David Westover

Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos

John Nelson in Grandhaven Living Center-Senior Care in Lansing

Rhoda Hunter in Prestige Way on Keller Road in Holt

Pat Lebsack in The Willows, East Lansing

Those at home: *John Bartel, Virginia Bauman, Tosha Brisbo*

Crystal Collins, Joann Dyer, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks

Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Nancy Jackson, Carole Kienke

Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson

Tharin Palmer, Carol Roush, Connie Scott, Audrey Skidmore

Betty VanConant, Cheryl VanPatten, Matthew White

If you know of a member you would like us to include on this list or remove from this list, please call the church office.

MISSION PARTNERS Pray for the people and ministry at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Pray for the Baker Neighborhood Partners and our LPD Community Police Officer.

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)

Tyler Barnes – U.S. Marines (Candy & Cloyd Barnes' nephew)

Andrew Devine – U.S. Nat'l Guard (Margo Devine's nephew)

Darian Doan – U.S. Army (Marv & Laura Halbakken's nephew)

Carson Kosloski – U.S. Marines (Jeff Kosloski's great nephew)

Joshua Kosloski – U.S. Army (Laura Halbakken's cousin)

Rusty Landry – U.S. Air Nat'l Guard (Don & Audrey Olson's grandson)

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)

PARISH NOTES

DISCOVERING DISCIPLESHIP AT BETHLEHEM Pastor Matt will be offering a study of the Christian faith and the teachings of the Lutheran Church next Saturday, October 22, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. This class is a prelude to people joining the church (which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 20). We will be taking a long look at living the Marks of Discipleship (Spiritual Practices), that we hope all our members to live. Saturday will also include lunch provided by our Congregation Council, so this will be an opportunity for potential new members to meet some of the folks in leadership at Bethlehem. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, call the church office (517) 482-3225.

ADULT FORUM: "Befriending Mark's Gospel" Today we will begin a three-week dive into Matthew's testimony to Jesus, Immanuel "God with us?" All are invited to join this journey at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

WEAR RED ON REFORMATION SUNDAY! Red is a liturgical color reserved for special days (Pentecost, etc.), and for Martyrs' Days. **Reformation Sunday, October 30**, is one of those special days. The focus of Reformation Sunday is not on Martin Luther, but rather on justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. That is the heritage of the Reformation, which is the heart of the Bible and the Church.

Lansing SAVE October 30 is our 5th Sunday offering. There are now 116 children in our group of students, 7 from BELC and 109 from the Baker Neighborhood. Please give electronically by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our website or mail your contribution to the church or by clicking here: (www.tinyurl.com/BELCGiving).

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY On All Saints Sunday, November 6, we will remember the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us in the faith and lift up those who have been baptized into the body of Christ. In the past 12 months, if you have a friend of family member who has been baptized or if you are grieving the loss of a friend or family member, call the church office by Sunday, October 30. We would like to remember them by including their name during the November 6 worship service.

STEWARDS LIVING WITH PURPOSE Next week, we begin our four-week stewardship emphasis, **Stewards Living with Purpose**. When we as God's stewards faithfully use our time, talents, and money for God's purpose, God is praised and honored. By God's grace through Word and Sacrament, we are enabled to live God-centered rather than self-centered lives, lives that seek to please our Lord Who has created and redeemed us. We become God's instruments through which God's purpose is fulfilled of seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10). We are God's hands, feet, and mouth to reach out to all people. The four weekly themes are as follows:

- Week One (10/23): "Do All to the Glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Week Two (10/30): "Be My Witnesses" (Acts 1:8)
- Week Three (11/13): "Serve One Another" (Galatians 5:13)
- Week Four (11/20): "Be Generous in Every Way" (2 Corinthians 9:11)

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE Over the last several weeks, disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones: Hurricane Ian in Puerto Rico, Florida, and the East Coast, Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and Nova Scotia, Typhoon Merbok in Alaska, Typhoon Nanmadol in Japan, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Papua New Guinea, 6.8 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes in Mexico, and summer monsoon flooding in Pakistan. These are just the disasters that made the biggest headlines. There are countless smaller disasters that don't make the news. With your gifts to the Lutheran Disaster Response general fund, we can respond to as many as possible – whenever and wherever they strike.

Again and again, you show up for our neighbors impacted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Thank you. Please join me in prayer and partnership to support all those impacted. Mark checks payable to Bethlehem with 'Disaster Response General Fund' in the memo.

IN THE OCTOBER LIVING LUTHERAN This month we are offered intriguing glimpses of the ELCA in mission in all the expressions of the Church: globally in Nigeria, El Salvador, Columbia and Bolivia; at the Churchwide Assembly last August; in Synods and congregations throughout the country, and in the lives of individual believers. Plus, there is an intriguing article connecting the ELCA to Detroit baseball history. Finally, the piece on Martin Luther's perspective on the New Testament is worth reading twice, even thrice. Pick up a copy of the Living Lutheran on the Welcome table.

Thought for the Week

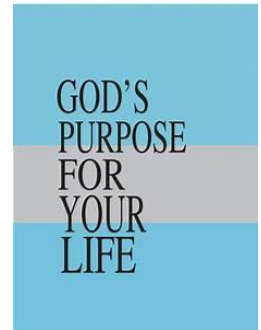
"Work diligently. Diligently. Work patiently and persistently. Patiently and persistently. And you're bound to be successful. Bound to be successful."

~ S.N. Goenka

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF US UNIQUE GIFTS, AND HAS CREATED US TO PLAY SPECIFIC ROLES IN GOD'S KINGDOM PLANS AND PURPOSES.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).



ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 114 – 72 in-person and 42 people viewed the 10/9/22 Live worship.

T.N.T. *Thursday* Night Thriller, our confirmation program for 6-8th grade students happens on Thursday with 9 students. We are looking forward to a great year of learning (Old and New Testament this year) and service!

WORSHIP FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS The 2022 Flower Chart is posted in the Lobby. If you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers for a Sunday, sign your name on that date with notes for the bulletin announcement. Please sign up at least one month in advance of the date requested. The arrangements are \$35 and may be taken home after the Sunday worship service. Thank you to all who sponsor Altar Flowers!

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 16	8:45a	Sunday School (in person)
	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)
	11:30a	Special Council Meeting
MONDAY	6:30p	Friendship Circle
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	1:00p	Rainbow Circle
	6:30p	Handbell Choir
	7:30p	Senior Choir
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:15p	T.N.T.
	6:30p	Congregation Council Meeting
SATURDAY	9:30a	Discovering Discipleship
SUNDAY, Oct. 23	8:45a	Sunday School (in person)
	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Don & Amy Romain
LAY READER – Jessica Martin
ACOLYTE – Faith Halbakken
USHERS – Jim Koessel, Ken Teter, Ron Miller
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Jim Whitman, Michelle Smith

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus expects me to...

PRAY fervently

WORSHIP faithfully

ENCOURAGE one another

READ the Scriptures daily

GIVE freely of the gifts I have received from God

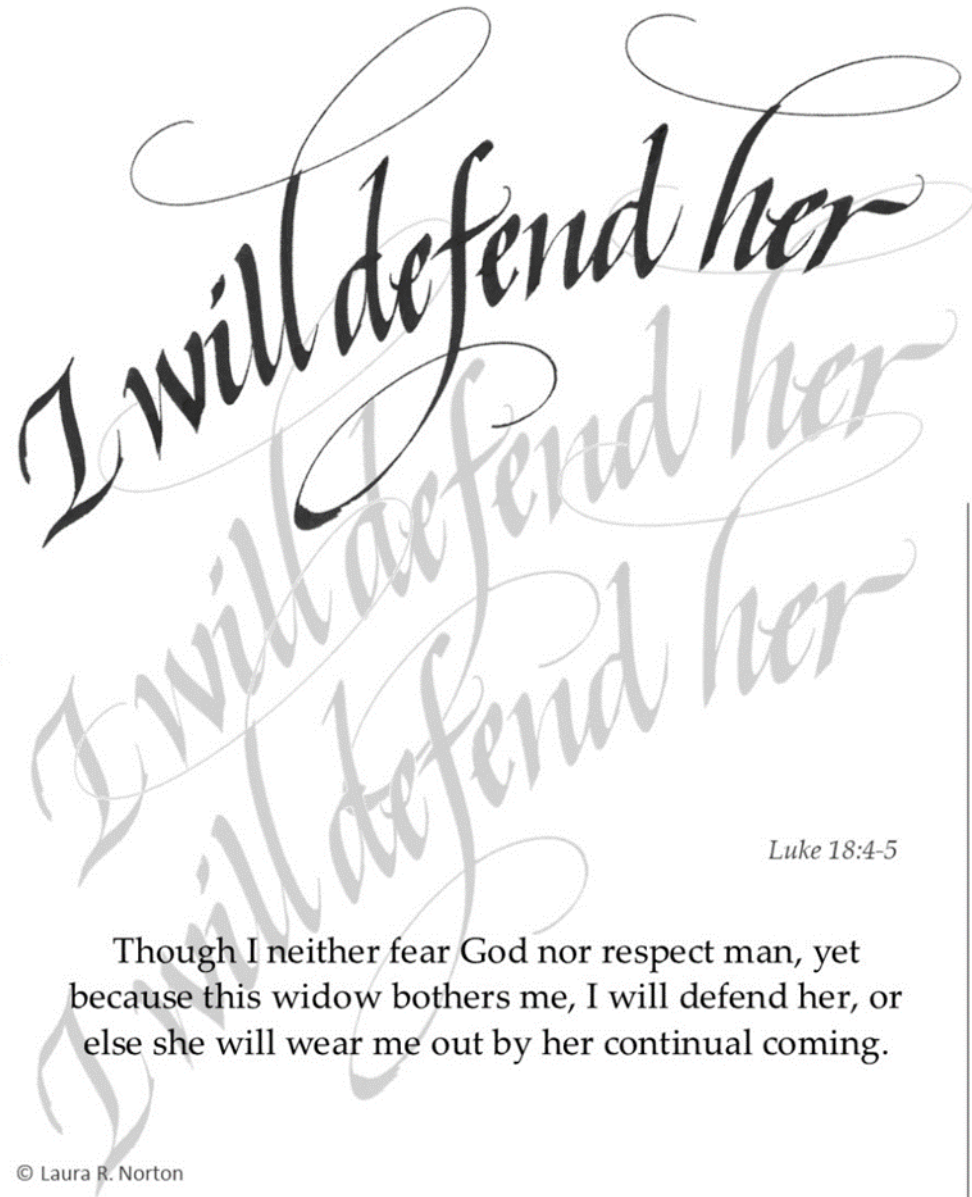
INVITE others to know Him

SERVE all people

...and where I fall short of his expectations,

Jesus always offers me his love and forgiveness!

POWER Gifts



Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will defend her, or else she will wear me out by her continual coming.

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