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

Worship Service – 7:00 pm
March 2, 2022

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear God, watch over us with tender love, as today we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of this Lenten season. We sign with a cross –ashes on our foreheads to remind us that there is a part of ourselves that is of this earth and that one day will return to dust. 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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES This custom begun in the Christian Church during the Middle Ages. The use of ashes on the first day of Lent reminds believers of their mortality and of their heavenly destiny in Jesus Christ. It is really two symbols; the ashes to remind us that we have come from the dust and shall return to the dust, and the sign of the cross to remind us of our new life in Christ. If you want to experience this Lenten tradition, please come forward, after the pastors have received the ashes. Come up the center aisle, keeping distance between you and those from different households. After you have received the ashes you may kneel at the altar rail for prayer as you wish and return down the side aisles. Whether you receive this symbol or not, put your full faith and confidence in Christ your Lord—for He came to lift you from the dust and ashes of this earth and bring you at last to live with God in heaven forever.

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER January - March 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.

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

PASTORS – Rev. Matthew Smith, Rev. John Burow

ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble

USHER – Don Telles

ACOLYTE – Madelyn Smith

ALTAR GUILD – Kris & John Burow

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Kevin Peckham, Jon Holderread

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 6

LAY READER – Mary Bartel

ACOLYTE – Amaya Fernandez

GREETERS – Ralph & Margaret Sergent

USHERS – Susan Mahoney, Tom Armstrong

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 Holt Rehab and Care Center in Holt

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke
Tosha Brisbo, Marv Cole, Crystal Collins, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks
Amy Hunter, Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Nancy Jackson*

Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan

Yvonne Nelson, Don Olson, Tharin Palmer, Gloria Robbins

Carol Roush, Connie Scott, Audrey Skidmore, Ken Teter

Betty VanConant, Cheryl VanPatten, Emily Viele, 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.*

SEMINARY STUDENT Jason Mills, from BELC, is studying at
Gettysburg Theological Seminary. Please keep him in your prayers.

MISSION PARTNERS Pray for the people and ministry at Pine Ridge
Reservation in South Dakota. Pray for the Baker Neighborhood Partners
and Officer Sam Kandel, 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP The Gospel of
Matthew tells us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but
store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust
consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your
treasure is, there your heart will be also." Thank you for investing your
treasure in God's mission and ministry through Bethlehem and thank
you for sharing your heart in this place.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 179 – 58 in-person and 44 on YouTube and 77 on
Facebook.

Income received through January 31, 2022 ***\$23,468.30***

Expenses through January 31, 2022 ***\$32,569.30***
(\$9,101.00)*

**This includes an annual insurance bill of \$8,501.50, taking only
\$708.46 of this bill for the month of January our balance is only
(\$1,307.96)*

STONY LAKE We will be going to Stony Lake for Elementary,
Confirmation and Senior High Camp the week of July 17 – 22. This is
one week later in the summer than we have normally gone in the past -
Week 5 in the LWM camping year. Camp registration began **January
15, 2022**. Log on to <http://www.elcalivingwater.com/> and complete
your camp application. You will need to create a new account when
registering. **CAMP IS FREE THIS YEAR, SO THERE IS NO
DEPOSIT REQUIRED.** All campers will get a free t-shirt and
complimentary snacks. And all campers are required to be vaccinated. If
you have any questions, speak with Pastor Matt as soon as you are able.
See the Luther League page on our website for a link.

WORSHIP FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS The 2022 Flower Chart is
posted in the Lobby. If you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers for a
Sunday, please 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 morning worship service. Thank you to all who sponsor Altar
Flowers!



LIRS

80 Years of Welcome

LENTEN OFFERING Proceeds from the Lenten Offering Envelope include in your March *Bethlehem Star* newsletter will go to support Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS). The invasion of Ukraine by Russian President Vladimir Putin could potentially result in a massive refugee crisis, with between 1 and 5 million people displaced and seeking safety. We have already seen 500,00 people flee to Poland alone. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service stands in solidarity with our Ukrainian neighbors and is dedicated to supporting Ukrainian refugees and immigrants however possible. TAKE ACTION! Join us in urging the Biden administration to support Ukrainians here and abroad by:

- Providing humanitarian assistance
- Rebuilding a robust, well-resourced refugee program
- Designating Ukraine for Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to protect Ukrainians already in the U.S.
- Granting Special Student Relief (SSR) to allow eligible students from Ukraine to remain in the U.S.

After sending a message to the administration, join us in calling on Congress to urgently pass an emergency supplemental appropriations bill for foreign assistance to Ukraine, where a majority of the \$10 billion in emergency funding would go to helping Ukrainian refugees in Europe.

And, above all, PRAY.



LIVE STREAMING APPEAL The cameras and equipment arrived on Monday with installation work to begin on Thursday. As we have said, we are hoping that we can *Rise Up!* and go live before Easter. Our soft target is to have everything set up and the stream ready so that we can go live on Sunday, March 20, which will give us a few weeks to work out any kinks before Easter. Any additional money given for this project will be used toward the purchase of a new soundboard. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!** And thank you for your on-going support of the entire ministry of Bethlehem.

Let Go, Trust God, and Rise Up!

Laurey K. Wyble
Congregation President



March 9 – Letting go of Control – 7:00 pm
March 16 – Letting go of Fear and Anxiety – 7:00 pm
March 23 – Letting go of Failings – 7:00 pm
March 30 – Letting go of Past Hurts/Disappointments – 7:00 pm
April 6 – Letting go of Self Righteousness/Entitlement – 7:00 pm

Wednesday's devotional videos will premiere on YouTube at 7:00 pm with a link posted on Facebook. We encourage you to LIKE our page and use the comment section as we reflect and fellowship together.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, 4/2	7:00p	Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:15p	T.N.T.
SUNDAY, 4/6	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)
	6:30p	Friendship Circle
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting zoom
WEDNESDAY, 4/2	7:00p	Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)

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

But whenever you pray,
go into your room
and shut the door...
and your Father who sees
in secret will reward you.



Matthew 6:6

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