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

Worship Service – 10:00
October 23, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Paul Jakubiak, by his wife Mary Jakubiak.

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 New Life Lutheran Church in Spruce Michigan, Rev. Chrissy Bright.

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

Gracious and loving God, we come to you this day to praise and thank you for all your blessings. May you open our hearts to receive your word for us. Grant us servant hearts and minds so that we might bring your love and care into the world. In Jesus' name we 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 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 – Susan Mahoney
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matthew A. Smith
LAY READER – Jessica Martin
ACOLYTE – Faith Halbakken
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Jim Whitman, Michelle Smith
GREETERS – Don & Amy Romain
USHERS – Jim Koessel, Ken Teter, Ron Miller
ALTAR GUILD – Michelle Smith, Cindy Marsh
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-Huysen, Nancy Jackson, 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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Carole Kienke, mother of Pamela Butts & Rhonda Slazinski, who died October 17, 2022. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

ADULT FORUM - BEFRIENDING LUKE: Next Sunday we will start a two session overview of the Gospel of Luke. This presents an opportunity to join in the journey as we have two Sundays on Luke; two on John's Gospel, then a Sunday or two on wrap-up. This seems a small investment to enrich a lifetime relationship with the Spirit inspired witnesses to Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Savior.

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 Next Sunday; 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 This is the first week of our stewardship emphasis. Our theme for this week is “Do All to the Glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31) How devoted are we to give God the glory that God deserves? Because God is at work within us, we have power to live our lives in devotion to God, and, by God’s grace in Jesus, we are enabled to live lives that glorify the Lord. So how do we express our devotion to God? Our devotion is seen through the time we spend in deepening our relationship with Jesus by reading and studying God’s Word, attending worship regularly, and participating in the Sacraments. As Christians, we show our desire to give glory to Jesus through the faithful stewardship of our time, talents, and money. We give God glory when we use our lives, gifts, and resources in service to others and to advance the kingdom. May God be glorified through our devotion. 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.

LYONS ELEMENTARY CLOTHING COLLECTION IS UNDERWAY! Have you noticed the tubs that are in the church entryway next to the stairs going down? We are ready to start collecting boots, snow pants, waterproof gloves, and underwear for nearby children in need at Lyons Elementary School! Check out the sign by the tubs to see what sizes the students need. If you would like to donate, just drop your item(s) in the tub. Clothing will be removed to make room for more, but it will all be delivered. Last year the school distributed everything we donated, and they are looking forward to our continued ministry toward keeping children warm and dry.

Stewards Living with Purpose

Week 1: “Do All to the Glory of God”

WHEN WE RECEIVE GOD’S GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE AND USE THEM TO HONOR GOD, WE GIVE GOD GLORY

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).



ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 92 – 60 in-person and 32 people viewed the 10/16/22 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. 23 **8:45a** **Sunday School (in person)**
 9:00a **Adult Forum**
 10:00a **Worship – Holy Communion**
 Worship (YouTube)

TUESDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center
 9:30a Staff Meeting
 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.

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THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Bob & Sue Christiansen
LAY READER – Rich Rollins
ACOLYTE – need someone
USHERS – Jim Whitman, Don Romain
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Ralph & Margaret Sergent

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

“... FOR ALL WHO
exalt
themselves
WILL BE HUMBLLED,
but all who
humble
themselves
WILL BE
exalted.”

LUKE 18:14, NRSV

