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Worship Service – 10:00
November 5, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Betty Bonney in loving memory of her mother Bettie Wall.

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER Oct. – Dec. 2023 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 St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids Michigan, Rev. Galen Knutson, Intentional Interim.

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

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 send Pastor Matt Smith 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 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 notified about the prayer offered on their behalf, please include an address on the card.

If you would like your concern prayed for every day this week, please fill out a blue card and place it in the basket in our prayer corner.

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

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
ACOLYTES – Mila Thompson, Sabrina Prowdley
LAY READER – Vicki Leighton
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Peggy Teter, Mary Bartel
GREETER – Christina Raia and family
USHERS – Don Cairns, Cloyd Barnes
ALTAR GUILD – Bob & Sue Christiansen
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 Grand Haven 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: *Kaye Alden, John Bartel, Marilyn Bass-Huysler, Virginia Bauman, Tosha Brisbo, John Burow, Lois Cairns, Crystal Collins, Joann Dyer, Emma Hicks, Nancy Jackson, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Sandy Rollis, 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, Morgan Shafer.

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)
Isaiah Castellanos – U.S. Army (Margo Devine's Great. nephew)
Andrew Devine – U.S. Nat'l Guard (Margo Devine'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)
Dayton Tucker – U.S. Marines (Friend of the Devine family)

FIRST NAMES (ONLY MOST OF THE TIME) The complete names of people for whom we're praying will no longer be used in the prayers of intercession during worship. This change will help to preserve individual privacy in online streaming. If you submit a prayer card with full names, the entire name is likely to be prayed.

PARISH NOTES

Today is All Saints Sunday

On this day in the Christian 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:

Patrick Dolan	<i>February 3, 2023</i>
Ron Raulin	<i>February 12, 2023</i>
Otto Kern	<i>April 29, 2023</i>
Doug Griffin	<i>May 5, 2023</i>
Laurie Freed	<i>June 5, 2023</i>
Emily Viele	<i>September 4, 2023</i>
Carol Kinney	<i>September 15, 2023</i>

TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY A offering will be received today to support our mobile food distribution and the Greater Lansing Food Bank. You can also give through the BELC website. Also, **The FAMILY GROWTH CENTER has started their own food pantry and resource center.** FGC is in need of individually wrapped items of food to hand out to families and the homeless; bottled water, can openers, applesauce, canned fruits, canned veggies, Hamburger or Tuna Helper. Anything would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

COMMUNION BREAD With the help of the Board of Worship Life, we have begun using Communion Bread that is totally gluten free, so, there will be no more gluten free wafers. Now, everyone in our congregation will receive the Body of Christ from the same loaf.

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. Click [HERE](#) to make your monetary contribution.

POINSETTIAS November 30 is the deadline for ordering a RED poinsettia to be used for Bethlehem's Christmas Worship. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Lobby or orders may be submitted to the church office or sent to Kris Burow. The plants are \$14.50 each, with checks payable to Kris Burow. Plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Worship Service. Thank you for sponsoring plants for Bethlehem's Christmas Worship!

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET VOLUNTEERS The Board of Outreach is recruiting volunteers to help pick up perishable food items, make reminder phone calls, and deliver to families who can't pick-up. We will distribute baskets Saturday morning, November 18th. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby for those who would like to help. The food bags will be available for Thanksgiving donations at the top of the stairs. Thank you for supporting this Bethlehem ministry!

TIME & TALENTS On the table in the Social Hall are additional Time & Talents forms. After you fill one out, please place in the basket.

ADULT FORUM – “IT’S ABOUT JESUS” Join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. to explore and share our experiences of Jesus. We have shared the music and people who nourish our faith and usher us into God’s loving presence. In the coming weeks we will explore obstacles, favorite Gospel stories, moments of faith and so much more. Perhaps, if we act as if we are eager for these loving conversations, we will discover how significant and beautiful they can be.

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

PRAY & GO On the display board in the lobby you’ll find the map of our progress, instructions on joining the effort, stakes and yard signs. If you’d like to join us in prayer, we are asking for 45 minutes of your time on a Sunday afternoon (or any other time that works in your schedule). Help us bless our community with the light and love of Christ through revitalizing prayer.



AUDIO VISUAL ASSISTANCE Are you willing to be trained to fill in as an Audio/Visual Assistant? We need people to assist on Sundays, but especially during the week for funerals and other mid-week services as needed. If you are retired and looking for a new way to serve, here is your chance! Contact David Holderread if you are interested.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER GRID Posted on the wall in the lobby by the phone is the GRID for November and December. There are copies on the table in the gym labeled for you to pick up. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today we are taking a pause from our stewardship program to give thanks for all the sinner-saints who have died in Christ. Each, in their own way, has modeled faithful stewardship for us.

“In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will” (Ephesians 1:11).

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 71 in-person, 30 people viewed the 10/29/23 Live worship and the recorded service.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS As we worship this All Saints' Sunday, let us be aware of the generations of God's faithful, generous and gifted people who have provided the setting for our encounter with God. We at Bethlehem Lutheran are richly blessed by the devotion of saints past and present. May our own gifts and generosity be a blessing to those who God gathers together for worship, service and witness.

SENSORY TOOL KIT To assist parents of children with sensory issues (on the Autism Spectrum) in worship, we now have a Sensory Tool Kit on the coat rack in the Lobby. If you cannot locate it, please ask an usher.

WORSHIP FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS Thank you for sponsoring the Altar Flowers for Bethlehem Worship services. Many do this to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, or other occasions. Sign up for your special date on the Flower Chart in the lobby. The 2023 price is \$40. The order for the upcoming month is placed on the 20th of the current month, so plan to sign up at least six weeks in advance!

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Carol Pride, Mary Bartel

USHERS – Phil Hassler, Jim Koessel, Ralph Sargent

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Peggy Teter, Mary Bartel

LAY READER – Tim Nelson

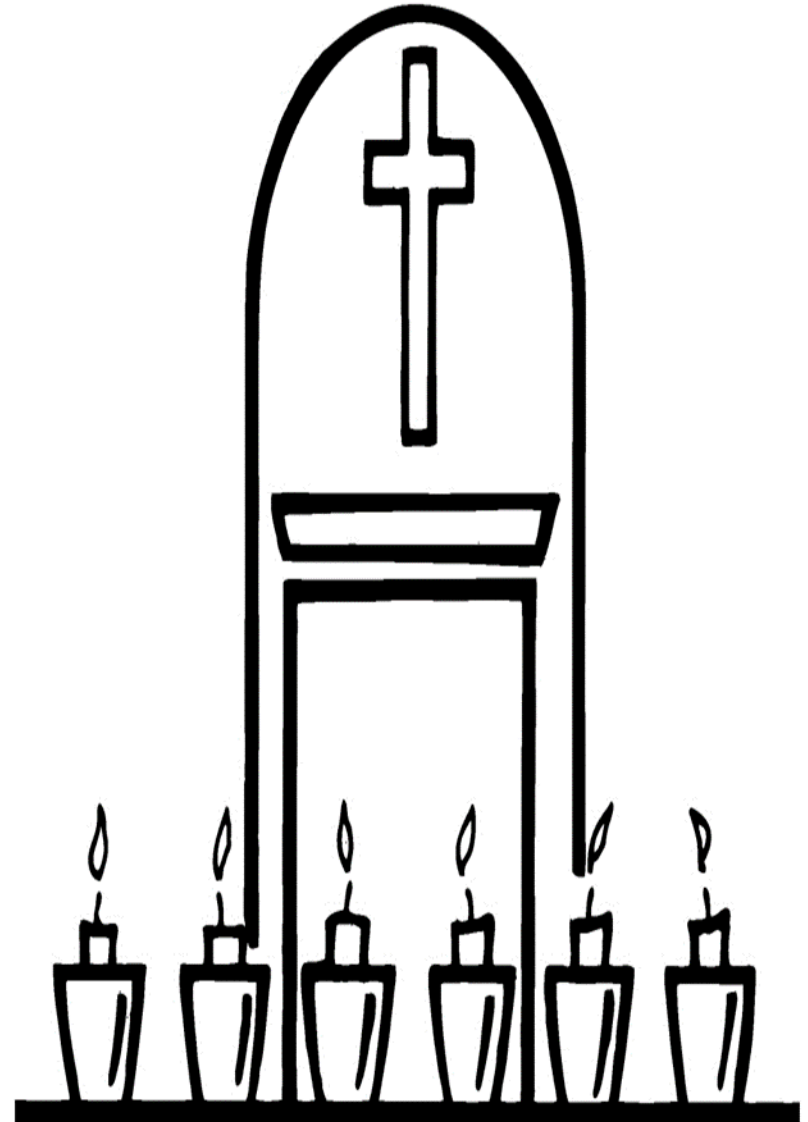
ACOLYTE – Alicia Fernandez

ALTAR GUILD – Kris & John Burow

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Nov. 5	8:45a	Sunday School
All Saints Sunday	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
MONDAY	6:30p	BELCW Board meeting - zoom
TUESDAY		City General Election polling center
	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	6:30p	Handbell Choir
	7:30p	Senior Choir
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:00a	Quilting Day
	1:00p	Mobile food pantry distribution
	6:30p	Board of Buildings & Grounds
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:15p	TNT
FRIDAY	6:00p	Narcotics Anonymous
SUNDAY, Nov. 12	8:45a	Sunday School
Thankoffering	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



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