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

Worship Service – 10:00
October 9, 2022

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Good and gracious God, we praise you for the ways you call us to work in carrying out your mission. You call us to Christ-like lives of discipleship. In Christ we live and move and have our being. Give us ears to hear and hearts to receive Christ's message of love and forgiveness, so that we, too, might celebrate in thanksgiving the banquet you have prepared for all creation. 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 John a message at pastorjohn@bethlutheran.org 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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Kris & John Burow in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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 South Haven, Rev. Travis Wilson.

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.**



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 – Don Telles
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matthew A. Smith
LAY READER – Dorothy Martin
ACOLYTE – Adreanna Fernandez
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Peggy Teter, Christina Raia
GREETERS – Ken & Peggy Teter
USHERS – Ralph Sergeant, Matt Marsh
ALTAR GUILD – Kris & John Burow
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

Bettie Wall in Eaton County Palliative Care

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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of June Loree Cheeney, mother of Ruth Shaar, sister of Audrey Skidmore & Betty VanConant, who died September 28, 2022, and Bettie Wall, mother of Betty Bonney, who died October 3, 2022. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

2022 CROP WALK The Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is today! It is sponsored by Church World Services, 25% of the funds raised help local organizations, 75% helps people in other states (the areas of Kentucky suffering from tornados and flooding) as well as around the world (people affected by the Ukrainian war). Please help those who are hungry and hurting by participating in the CROP walk or supporting a walker. If you have any questions contact Nancy Holderread (Nancy.holderread@gmail.com).

TODAY 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. 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).

ADULT FORUM: "Befriending Mark's Gospel" Today, we will continue getting better acquainted with the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark. We will explore the purpose, personality, structure, themes, mysteries, quirks, and impact of this first and briefest of the four Gospels. In preparation you may wish to open YouTube and type in "Overview of Mark" for a 9-minute introduction to Mark's story of Jesus. Next Sunday 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.

HELP... The grounds around our church look awful. Overgrown weeds are everywhere. The Board of Building and Grounds is setting aside Saturday, October 15 as the day to attack this problem. Please consider coming to help starting at 10:00 A.M. There will be more information in the October Bethlehem Star Newsletter. This will be a big project. We need all the help we can muster.

PASTOR MATT'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday*	12:00 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday**	9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:30 pm

*Monday mornings are set aside for planning for the week ahead.

**Tuesdays we have our staff meeting from 9:30 am until 11:00 am.

I am available by phone (517-881-9890) from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., and Sat. If I am not able to answer your call, I will call you back as soon as I am able. FRIDAY will continue to be my scheduled day off. If you need me in an emergency between 9:00 pm and 9:00 am, or on Fridays, please call me a second time after my voicemail answers, and my phone will ring.

I am here for you! ~ Pastor Matt

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.

DISCOVERING DISCIPLESHIP AT BETHLEHEM Pastor Matt will be offering a study of the Christian faith and the teachings of the Lutheran Church on 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 (and in some ways expect) 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.

Thought for the Week

“Healing does not mean going back to the way things were before, but rather allowing what is now to move us closer to God.” ~ Ram Dass

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

Research into human emotions and behaviors links gratitude, joy, and generosity. May our gratitude enrich our joy and undergird our generosity in serving and giving.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 96 – 67 in-person and 29 people viewed the 10/2/22 Live worship.

T.N.T. Thursday Night Thriller, our confirmation program for typically for 6-8th grade students happens on Thursday with 8 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!

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 9	8:45a	Sunday School (in person)
<i>Blanket Sunday</i>	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
		Worship (YouTube)
		Crop Walk
MONDAY	6:30p	Harmony Circle
	6:30p	Board of Stewardship & Finance
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	4:00p	Board of Outreach
	6:30p	Handbell Choir
	7:30p	Senior Choir
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:00a	Quilting Day
	6:30p	Board of Buildings & Grounds
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:15p	T.N.T.
	6:30p	Congregation Council Meeting
SATURDAY	10:00a	Church Clean up Outside
SUNDAY, Oct. 16	8:45a	Sunday School (in person)
	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
		Worship (YouTube)
	11:00a	Special Council Meeting

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Cloyd & Candy Barnes
LAY READER – Candy Barnes
ACOLYTE – Allie Fernandez
USHERS – Don Telles, Don Cairns
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Kris Burow

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



*Were there none found
who returned to*

*give GLORY
to GOD*

Samaritan

except this foreigner?



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Luke 17:18