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

Worship Service – 10:00
September 25, 2022

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious and loving God, you call us to be your people and share your love and peace in our world. I worship and ask you to bless me this day. Lift me up from the depths, from those places which are dark and frightening, into the sunlight of your presence where I might be blessed by your Word and grace, and praise and serve you forever and ever. 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 Don Telles in memory of Jan Telles.

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 Zion Lutheran Church in Saginaw Michigan, Rev. Sue, Hand.

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

ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble

ASSISTING MINISTER – Bob Meeker

CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith

LAY READER – Mel White

ACOLYTE – Faith Halbakken

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Sherry Bass-Pohl, Mary Jakubiak

GREETERS – Otto Kern & Ellie Ibarra

USHERS – Bob Christiansen, Joe Shreffler, David Snider

ALTAR GUILD – Cheryl & Joe Shreffler

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: *Mary Ann Allen, 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

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY Feeding our community has never been more important as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic. Although physical donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items are not possible at this time, we can contribute to the Food Pantry through the BELC website. Click [HERE](#) to make your monetary contribution.

ADULT FORUM: "Befriending Mark's Gospel" The next two Sundays (October 2 and 9) we will get 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.

2022 CROP WALK The Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday October 9th. 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).

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!

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 please call me a second time after my voicemail answers, and my phone will ring.

I am here for you. ~ Pastor Matt

SUPPORT MY RIDE FOR LIVING WATER MINISTRIES Below is



RUN THE RACE
2022 TEAM BASECAMP

the link to sponsor me in Team Basecamp to support our camping and retreat ministry (Stony Lake) through Living Water Ministries' Ragnar race September 23 & 24. Though my rides have now been completed, the fundraising page will remain open

through October for anyone interested in sponsoring me. At last check I was about at about 2/3 of my \$2,000 goal! Click 'Donate Now >' and be sure to select Pr. Matt Smith from the drop-down menu. Thank you for your sponsorship and prayers!

<https://bit.ly/MattSmith4LWM>

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE Over the weekend, several disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones: Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Typhoon Merbok in Alaska, Typhoon Nanmadol in Japan, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Papua New Guinea, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake in Mexico on Thursday (on top of a 7.6 magnitude earthquake on Monday), 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.

Thought for the Week

For the ***love*** of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ~1 Timothy 6:10

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

In Jesus' parable this morning, the wealthy man knew Lazarus by name, yet chose to ignore his suffering. Jesus gives clear warning to those who bypass their neighbor in need. All the ways we serve and give express both our faith and our compassion for others. Thank you.

Scan this QR Code by putting your cell phone camera up to the code and follow the link to give electronically to Bethlehem.



ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 93 – 60 in-person and 33 people viewed the 9/18/22 Live worship.

THE BELCW RUMMAGE SALE IS ON - SEPT. 28-30, 2022

We have enough volunteers signed up. We can still use more volunteers to help on Friday, 9/30 with clean up. We will not be accepting computers, printers and components, or televisions, VCR's, and speakers. We are accepting furniture. You may begin to drop off rummage no earlier than **Friday at 9AM, September 23.**

Do not put rummage on the stage. The last day to drop off is Tuesday, September 27th. When dropping off rummage, if you can, please put your rummage out on a table – **all tables will be labeled.** If you have any questions you can contact anyone from the Rummage Sale Committee – Kelly Carpenter, Candy Barnes, Joanna Alvera, Laura Halbakken, Sue Leimenstoll, Peggy Teter and Sandy Rollis.

T.N.T. Thursday Night Thriller, our confirmation program for typically for 6-8th grade students began on Thursday with 7 students. We are looking forward to a great year of learning (Old and New Testament this year) and service!

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Sept. 25	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
	5:30p	Rummage Sale
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:00a	Rummage Sale
	6:15p	T.N.T.
FRIDAY	9:00a	Rummage Sale
SATURDAY	9:30a	F.A.B. meets
SUNDAY, Oct. 2	8:45a	Sunday School (in person)
	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Matt & Cindy Marsh
LAY READER – Jim Whitman
ACOLYTE – Need someone
USHERS – Dick & Sandy Rollis
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Joe Shreffler

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

