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

Worship Service – 10:00
August 21, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ray & Denise Kenger in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER July - September 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 Messiah Lutheran Church in Roscommon Michigan.

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 – Don Telles
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith
LAY READER – Keitha Snider
ACOLYTE – Adreanna Fernandez
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Mary Bartel, Mel White
GREETERS –
USHERS – Kelly Carpenter
ALTAR GUILD – Karren Reish, Eliot Nutt
A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Paul Schmidt, David Westover

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, we have come to this place of worship to be renewed, for we are tired and we are weary. Speak to our minds through the reading of your Word that we may be reminded of your promises of life. Sing to our hearts through the hymns that our spirits might soar into the heavens above. Help us to focus upon you, the living God, so that we may be revitalized for the living of these days. Let us leave with your song of grace upon our lips this day and this week. 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 pastorjohnburow@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.

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, Gina (Bauman) DeWitt, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks, Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Nancy Jackson, Carole Kienke, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Andrea Norman, 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 Marilyn Kostrzewski, mother of Karen Howland, who died Thursday, August 11, 2022. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION Our own Jason Mills will be ordained and installed on August 27 at 3:30 pm to Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Austin Texas. Please, send him words of encouragement to 1019 Terra Street, Round Rock, TX 78665.

PRAYER WARRIOR MEETING There will be a meeting today immediately following worship at the front of the sanctuary to answer questions about what being a prayer warrior is all about. We will be distributing prompts for your prayers to give you thoughts about how you can empower the congregation to be in prayer. We will also determine next steps for the team to meet to brainstorm ideas of how you can encourage the congregation to be in prayer.

PASTOR MATT'S OFFICE HOURS As we move forward into this new program year of opportunity, my office hours (the hours I will normally be physically in the church) will be Monday afternoon (12:00 - 4:00 pm) and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Unless I am in a meeting, I should be available. I will be working from my fully equipped home office Monday morning and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons, or out on appointments. Then I will be back at the church for meetings and classes. 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 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.

SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SNACKS On the table in the narthex is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to provide after service snacks throughout the summer.

LUKE OUTLINED ON YOUTUBE Since most of our Sunday Gospel readings through November will be from Luke, it is worthwhile to invest 16-18 minutes on a delightful, clear overview. Just go to YouTube and search “Overview: Luke 10-24” for an overview of the second half of the Gospel of Luke or click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26z_KhwNdD8.

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!

SABBATICAL THANK YOU! Thank you for providing me with a dedicated time for study and prayer to enrich the ministry here at Bethlehem. This time has been even more rewarding and energizing than I hoped it would be. My areas of focus were Prayer, Health and Wellness, and Church Revitalization. A report on all these areas will be included in future newsletters with electronic and print copies available. Stay tuned!



LUTHERAN DIASTER RESPONSE IN KENTUCKY Major flooding has devastated several counties in Kentucky after 14-16 inches of rain fell over a five-day period last week. The mountainous terrain and ravines made it almost impossible to escape the flood waters that killed at least 37 people. The three hardest hit counties will take years to rebuild. As the waters recede and the full scope of the damage is assessed, Lutheran Disaster Response will work with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and local communities to focus on long-term needs. We anticipate that the response will include rebuilding homes, replacing lost household items and providing emotional and spiritual care to survivors. This is in addition to our ongoing response to the December 2021 tornadoes in western Kentucky. You can give directly here (<https://community.elca.org/usflooding2022>), or if you make a check payable to Bethlehem please note “U.S. Flooding” on the memo line.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*“God does not call the qualified.
God qualifies the called.”*

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 107 – 64 in-person and 43 people viewed the 8/14/22 Live worship.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Dave & Nancy Holderread

LAY READER – Ron Miller

USHERS – Bob Christiansen, Joe Shreffler, David Snider

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Jim & Liisa Whitman

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Psalm 103:2

Good and faithful stewardship begins with acknowledging all we have received from God from unconditional love to what we ate for breakfast. A grateful listing of our many blessings may well bring increased joy to our serving and giving.

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

We must have enough volunteers signed up by September 14th. We still need volunteers to help, especially on Friday, September 30th, without volunteers there will be no sale. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. This year we will not be accepting computers, printers and components, televisions, VCR's, and speakers. We will still accept furniture. **You may begin to drop off rummage on Friday September 23 after 9:00 a.m., no earlier! Do not put rummage on stage.** (The reason for this is in case we need to cancel the sale.) The last day to drop off is Tuesday, September 27th. When dropping off rummage, if you can, please put your rummage out – all the tables will be labeled. If you have any questions you can contact any of the Rummage Sale Committee – Kelly Carpenter, Candy Barnes, Joanna Alvera, Laura Halbakken, Sue Leimenstoll, Peggy Teter and Sandy Rollis. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Aug. 21 10:00a **Worship – Holy Communion**
Worship (YouTube)
MONDAY 6:30p Friendship Circle
TUESDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center
 9:30a Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center
THURSDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center
SUNDAY, Aug. 28 10:00a **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

Women

You are set free from your sickness

Luke 13:12