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

Worship Service – 10:00  
July 17, 2022

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of all the July birthdays.

**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 Hope Lutheran church in Rhodes Michigan, Rev. Roger Bauer.

**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  
**LAY READER** – Mel White  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** – Dorothy Martin, Mary Jakubiak  
**GREETERS** – Kelly Carpenter, Carol Kinney  
**USHERS** – Don Cairns, Tim Stanley  
**ALTAR GUILD** – Dorothy Martin, Candy Barnes  
**A/V PRODUCTION** – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Paul Schmidt, David Westover

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*I come to this place of holy welcoming to receive your welcome, O God, in the name of Christ. In turn, I welcome your presence in my life. May this welcoming become contagious as I share love, acceptance, and appreciation with others. Give me a heart that is ready to receive all the gifts you have for me in your Word and in the Sacrament. In Jesus' name. 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@burow@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn@burow@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](http://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, Lois Cairns, Crystal Collins, Gina DeWitt, Doug Griffin  
Emma Hicks, Marilyn Bass-Huysen, Nancy Jackson, Carole Kienke  
Marilyn Kostrzewski, 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.*

**SEMINARY STUDENT** Jason Mills, from BELC, has graduated from  
Gettysburg Theological Seminary. Please keep him in your prayers.

**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

**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 1-9." Part two will follow or can  
be viewed another time.

**BISHOPS MESSAGE** Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has issued a pastoral  
message on the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v Wade. She  
summarizes the ELCA's position on this contentious and difficult issue.  
You can read it by entering "Bishop Eaton on Roe v Wade" in your  
search engine.

**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.

**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!

### **STEWARDSHIP PONDERING**

Without spending time at the "feet of Jesus," our efforts to be of service might lack clear direction and have diminished impact. It is not either prayer or service. It is the two in proper portion.

### **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY JULY 10**

GREETERS – David & Keitha Snider

LAY READER – Joe Shreffler

USHERS – Ron Miller, Matt Marsh

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Joe Shreffler, Sherry Bass-Pohl

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

In its own way, the conjunction of the stories about the good Samaritan and the female disciple voice Jesus' protest against the rules and boundaries set by the culture in which he lived. As (Luke) develops seeing and hearing as metaphors for the activity of the kingdom, the twin stories also expose the injustice of social barriers that categorize, restrict, and oppress various groups in any society. ~ R. Alan Culpepper

### **MICHIGAN PARKINSON FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING**

**WALK** In lieu of funeral services, Marv Cole's life will be honored by his family during the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's fundraising walk on September 17th in Lansing at the MSU Campus Auditorium Building at 542 Auditorium Road in East Lansing. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:30 a.m.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, July 17 10:00a**    **Worship – Holy Communion**  
**Worship (YouTube)**  
TUESDAY                    8:00a    Family Growth Center  
WEDNESDAY                8:00a    Family Growth Center  
THURSDAY                 8:00a    Family Growth Center  
                                      6:30p    Congregation Council meeting  
**SUNDAY, July 24 10:00a**    **Worship – Holy Communion**  
**Worship (YouTube)**

Mary

has chosen  
the good part,  
which will  
not be taken away  
from her.

LUKE 10:42

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**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**