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Worship Service – 10:00
April 14, 2024

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Father God, you sent Jesus the Christ to show us the way, the truth, and the life. When our trust falters, you offer the example of Jesus' works, his words, and his life. In this time of worship, O God, send us your comfort and quiet assurance; give us strength and courage to live faithfully as your people. In Jesus name we 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, place it in the basket in our prayer corner, or hand it to an usher to bring forward.

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

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 April - June 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 Harbor of Grace Lutheran Church in Muskegon Michigan, Rev. Jake Ferra.

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 – Susan Mahoney
ACOLYTES – Faith & Annabel Halbakken
LAY READER – Nancy Holderread
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Kris Burow, Mila Thompson
GREETERS – Jim & Liisa Whitman
USHERS – Phil Hassler
ALTAR GUILD – Kris & John Burow, Cheryl Thompson
A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, David Westover

Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

John Nelson in Grand Haven Living Center-Senior Care in Lansing

Rhoda Hunter in Prestige Way on Keller Road in Holt

Marilyn Bass-Huysen in Independence Village, Grand Ledge

Betty Strother in Independence Village, East Lansing

Joe & Audrey Skidmore, in Assisted Living, Sedona, AZ

Kurt Kollmeyer, Addie's Acres, DeWitt

Michael Mahoney, in Mary Free Bed, Lansing

Those at home: *Kaye Alden, John Bartel, Virginia Bauman, Tosha Brisbo, Crystal Collins, Joann Dyer, Keith Ferguson, Emma Hicks, Nancy Jackson, Mike (Ferris) Kosloski, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Sandy Rollis, Carol Roush, Connie Scott, 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, D.J. Rudd, Interim.

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)

THRIVENT MEMBERS You can designate your choice dollars to go to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Thank you!

PARISH NOTES

TODAY WE CELEBRATE Bethlehem's 3rd Quarter in History!

Enjoy special music and guest preachers, former pastors, Jim Schalkhauser and Jim Lichtenberger. Following the service, we will gather for a potluck reception in the fellowship hall. The entrée' will be furnished along with your table service.

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. If you are viewing this bulletin electronically, click [HERE](#) to make your monetary contribution.

PINE RIDGE RECONCILIATION CENTER UPDATE Thank you for your support of this mission and ministry through your Mission Offering for youth ministry and job training at the center! Due to the increased use of the kitchen at the center because of the greater need for food, the floor was recently replaced. Six days per week, meals are prepared for the shelter as well as snacks for the recovery groups, Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous. That totals 150 meals a day.

You can find this and more information at the Reconciliation Center's Facebook page. For a more in-depth look at life on the reservation, be sure to check out Pastor Dan's blog at DANINSOUTHDAKOTA.COM.

LUTHER LEAGUE CAN/BOTTLE FUNDRAISER FOR THE GATHERING We want your returnable cans and bottles! We are collecting cans and bottles throughout the month of April to help raise funds for our trip to New Orleans. When bringing in cans/bottles, please make sure they are in a closed plastic bag and placed under the stairs in the gym. We appreciate your support!

LIVING LUTHERAN This wonderful magazine is now available in digital form only. You can find it at: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/edigest-signup/>



MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION On Wednesday, April 10, from 1:30-3:00, more than 22 volunteers converged on our parking lot to distribute food for 200 households. Thank you for your ongoing support of our feeding ministries at Bethlehem! Join us on May 8 for our next distribution.

GREATER LANSING
foodbank



STONY LAKE REGISTRATION Elementary, Confirmation and Senior High Camp is Week 4 of the camping season this year (July 7-12). Log on to <http://www.elcalivingwater.com/> and complete your camp registration.

FLOWER CHART Thank you to all who sponsor the flowers for Bethlehem's Worship on Sunday Mornings. The beautiful arrangements enhance the worship experience for all. The 2024 Flower Chart is now posted. Many like to commemorate a special person, date or event with altar flowers. If you have a special date in mind, sign up to save that Sunday. The cost for each arrangement is \$40. The flower order is submitted one month at a time so please sign up by the 15th of the month for the flowers to be ordered for the next month. Payment may be made in advance or on the Sunday for which the flowers are ordered. Checks should be made payable to Kris Burow.

COMMUNION 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. Our Communion Bread in worship is gluten free. Now, everyone in our congregation will receive the Body of Christ from the same loaf.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's bulletin cover is the cover of a 1980s brochure for Bethlehem that outlined God's mission and ministry to the Lansing community through our witness.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 75 in-person, 42 people viewed the 4/7/24 Live worship and the recorded service on YouTube.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS We live out Jesus' call to be his witnesses in our individual lives through our words and actions. The Holy Spirit weaves together this generosity and service into our congregation's 100-year witness to God's forever love in Christ. Thank you for all the ways you give, and you serve.

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.

THRIVENT MEMBERS You can designate your choice dollars to go to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – David & Keitha Snider

USHERS – Ron Miller, David Westover

ACOLYTE – Sabrina Prowdley

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Keitha Snider, Sherry Bass-Pohl

LAY READER – Don Telles

ALTAR GUILD – Carrie Rice, Dorothy Martin

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Apr. 14	8:45a	Children's Sunday School
<i>Third Centennial</i>	9:00a	Adult Forum
<i>Celebration</i>	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
	11:30a	Meal
MONDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:30p	Friendship Circle
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	1:00p	Rainbow Circle
	6:30p	Handbell Choir
	7:30p	Senior Choir
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:15p	T.N.T.
	6:30p	Congregation Council
FRIDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	7:00p	Narcotics Anonymous
		Women's Retreat (19-21)
SUNDAY, Apr. 21	8:45a	Children's Sunday School
	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion

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 God,

SERVE all people,

and, where I fall short of his expectations,

Jesus always offers me his love and forgiveness!

POWER Gifts

**Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran
Church**

*... Your Neighbor in the
Lansing Community.*

