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

Worship Service – 10:00
August 14, 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 Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lansing Michigan, Rev. Jan Hite.

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 – Jim Whitman
ACOLYTE – Allie Fernandez
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Christina Raia, Kris Burow
GREETERS – Jim Whitman
USHERS – Otto Kern, Ralph Sergeant
ALTAR GUILD – Kris & John Burow
A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Paul Schmidt, David Westover

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, we struggle to hear your call in our lives. Open our ears, eyes, hearts and minds to be the hands and feet you need. 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-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

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).

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.

THE BELCW RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK – SEPT. 28-30 The sale
is back with a few changes, so please read carefully. We will need
volunteers to help, without them there will be no sale. Sign-up sheets
will be available in the Fellowship Hall. We must have enough
volunteers signed up by September 14. Also, if COVID numbers rise we
might have to cancel. This year we will not be accepting computers,
printers and components, or televisions, VCR's, and speakers. You may
begin to drop off rummage no earlier than Friday, 9AM, September 23.
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 27.
When dropping off items please put your rummage out on the tables –
all 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, or
Sandy Rollis.

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!

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.

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!



PRAYER WARRIORS Are you feeling called to serve as our lead prayer warrior for Bethlehem or to serve as a prayer warrior on the team? Please speak with me after worship (or call if you are online) after you have taken time to pray over this calling God is placing in your life. We will provide training and prompts for your prayers, to give you thoughts about how you can empower the congregation to be in prayer and encourage you to come up with other ideas in prayer. .

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

*“We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.”
- Charles R. Swindoll*

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 100 – 56 in-person and 44 people viewed the 8/7/22 Live worship.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Otto Kern & Ellie Ibarra

LAY READER – Keitha Snider

USHERS – Kelly Carpenter

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Mary Bartel, Mel White

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING *So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. ~ Hebrews 12:1-2a*

Whose life in Christ do you find inspiring, uplifting, worthy of praise and imitation? Their examples may provide a significant boost to our own level of faithful stewardship and guide our own journey into revitalization.

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) 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 as needed 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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Aug. 14 10:00a		Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Mission Sunday</i>		Worship (YouTube)
MONDAY	6:30p	Friendship Circle
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	1:00p	Rainbow Circle
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	4:30p	BELCW Project Day
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:30p	Congregation Council Meeting
SUNDAY, Aug. 21 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

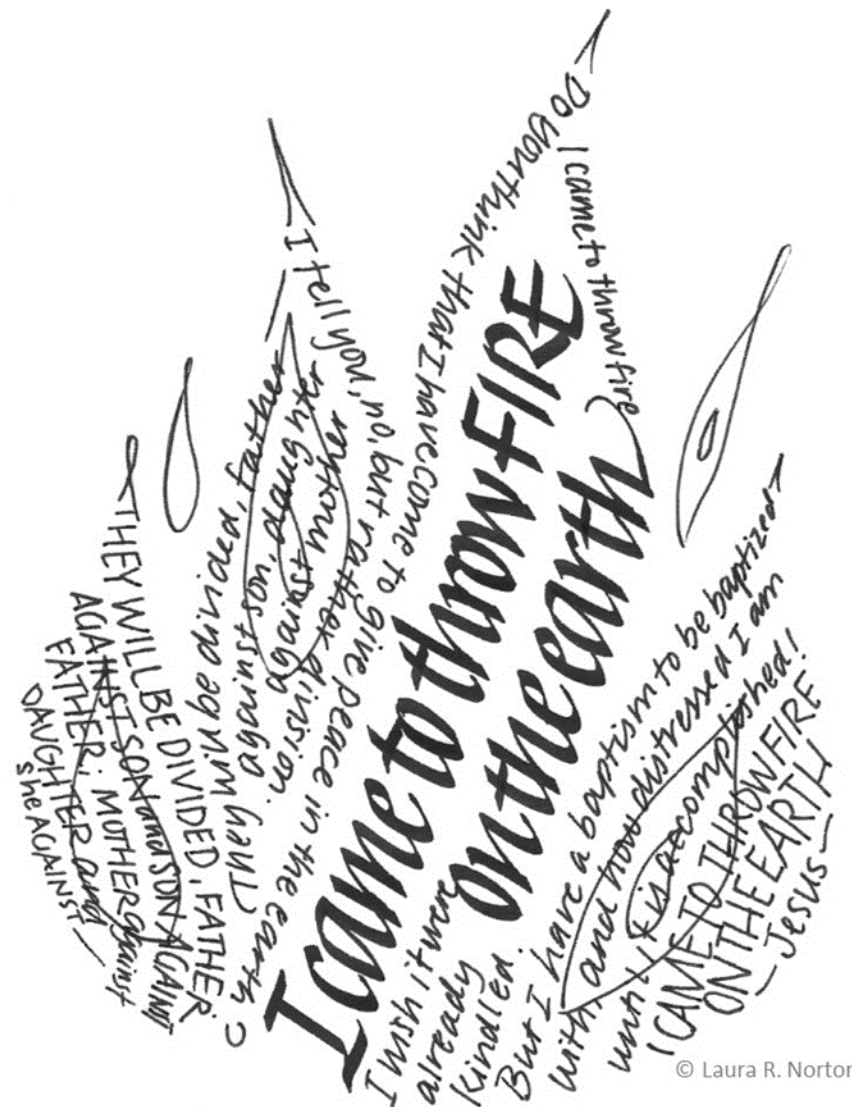
GIVE freely of the gifts I have received from God

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



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I wish it were already kindled
from Luke 12:49-53