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Worship Service – 10:00
April 24, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar flowers given to the glory of God Easter Sunday by The Kern Family in celebration of Otto Kern’s 90th birthday and today by Carole Kienke in memory of Ronald Kienke.

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 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 First Lutheran Church in Muskegon Michigan, Rev. William Uetricht.

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.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 262 – 159 in-person and 103 people viewed the 4/24/22 Live worship.

<i>Income received through March 31, 2022</i>	<i>\$76,167.21</i>
<i>Expenses through March 31, 2022</i>	<i>\$88,452.49</i>
	<i>(\$12,285.49)*</i>

**This includes an annual insurance bill of \$8,501.50. Taking only \$2,125.38 of this bill for the first quarter, our balance is (\$5,909.37)*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Come, Lord Jesus, come into our midst. We await you, filled with the fears and anxieties of life; anxious about our employment, fearful of our health, anxious about our family, fearful about things we see happening in our nation and our world. May we see your hands and side, may we hear again your words of peace, may we know the joy of your presence with us. Come, Lord Jesus, come and be with us in this time of worship. 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 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 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.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers
CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble
ASSISTING MINISTER – Bob Meeker
LAY READER – Rich Rollis
ACOLYTE – Allie Fernandez
GREETERS – David & Keitha Snider
USHERS – Ron Miller
ALTAR GUILD – Cindy Marsh
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

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Tosha Brisbo*

Crystal Collins, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks, Amy Hunter

Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Nancy Jackson, Carole Kienke

Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan

Yvonne Nelson, Don Olson, Tharin Palmer, John Ransom

Carol Roush, Connie Scott, Audrey Skidmore, Betty VanConant

Cheryl VanPatten, Emily Viele, Matthew White, Marian Wilford

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, is studying at 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 Officer Sam Kandel, 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

The trees in a diverse and healthy forest are excellent stewards of the land. They protect and enrich the soil; contribute to the wellbeing of neighboring trees and offer sanctuary and nourishment to all sort of animals. May our own stewardship be as faithful and creative.

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.

SABBATICAL BEGINS Pastor Matt's three-month Sabbatical begins on Monday and continues through July 11. During this time of renewal Pastor Matt will step away from Bethlehem to earn a certification in Congregational Revitalization from Church Answers and place emphasis on Prayer as well as Health and Wellness. Pastor John Burow will handle all pastoral needs in his absence. Pastor John can be reached through the church office or at (517) 614-4559. Please pray for Bethlehem and Pastor Matt during this time of education, restoration, and renewal, as he will be praying for you all.

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.

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!

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS These instructions are also in the Worship Bulletin. Communion will be served continuously. Individual cups are still available for use in the pews. Please come forward in an orderly fashion to the side on which you are seated and pick up an empty cup from the communion tray if you wish to receive wine. After receiving the bread from the presiding or assisting minister (gluten free wafers and fish crackers available on request), then proceed to the side on which you are seated to receive the wine or grape juice. After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar rail as you wish. Your empty cups may be left in the baskets on the stands as you return. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, but from the pastor rather than a pre-filled cup, just let the ushers know. The presiding minister will say the invitation to communion, which will include the words of distribution, “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Then you may consume Christ’s body and blood immediately if you have chosen a prefilled communion wafer and cup.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Everything belongs to the Lord your God, not only the earth and everything on it, but also the sky and the highest heavens.

~ Deuteronomy 10:14

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE They is accompanying our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an interfaith call for peace in the region. Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Gifts to “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Our prayers abound for the loss and devastation experienced in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY MAY 1

LAY READER – Mel White

ACOLYTE – David Fernandez

GREETERS – Diane & Ron Miller

USHERS – Otto Kern, Ralph Sergent

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 24 10:00a **Worship – Holy Communion**
Worship (YouTube)

TUESDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center
 9:30a Staff Meeting zoom
 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center

THURSDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center

SUNDAY, May 1 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

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.”

~ Martin Luther