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

Worship Service – 10:00  
November 6, 2022

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Gloria Robbins in celebration of their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** October - December 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 Resurrection Lutheran Church in Saginaw 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. **Scan this QR Code by putting your cell phone camera up to the code and follow the link to give electronically to Bethlehem.**



## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Almighty and gracious God, I thank you for the many gifts that you give me and especially, now, the privilege of being in this sacred place to worship and praise you. Bless me in this hour so that I may be renewed in spirit, empowered and ready to serve you in the days and week ahead. In Jesus' name I 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 a message at [pastormattsmith@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

## **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 – Don Telles  
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matthew A. Smith  
LAY READER – Joe Shreffler  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Dorothy Martin  
GREETERS – need someone  
USHERS – Otto Kern, Susan Mahoney  
ALTAR GUILD – Bob & Sue Christiansen  
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  
*Pat Lebsack* in The Willows, East Lansing

**Those at home:** *John Bartel, Virginia Bauman, Tosha Brisbo*  
*Crystal Collins, Joann Dyer, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks*  
*Marilyn Bass-Huysen, Nancy Jackson, Michael Mahoney*  
*Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, 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)

**ADULT FORUM - BEFRIENDING LUKE** We will continue our overview of the Gospel of Luke. This presents an opportunity to join in the journey as we have two Sundays on Luke; two on John's Gospel, then a Sunday or two on wrap-up. This seems a small investment to enrich a lifetime relationship with the Spirit inspired witnesses to Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Savior.

## PARISH NOTES

**TODAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** On this day we remember those members of our congregation who died since All Saints' Day 2021 and who are now with our Lord in the church Triumphant:

<i>Tom Armstrong</i>	<i>October 31, 2022</i>
<i>Carole Kienke</i>	<i>October 17, 2022</i>
<i>Bettie Wall</i>	<i>October 3, 2022</i>
<i>Mary Ann Allen</i>	<i>September 26, 2022</i>
<i>Marilyn Kostrzewski</i>	<i>August 11, 2022</i>
<i>John Ransom</i>	<i>June 2, 2022</i>
<i>Amy Hunter</i>	<i>May 14, 2022</i>
<i>Marian Wilford</i>	<i>April 24, 2022</i>
<i>Mary Brenke</i>	<i>April 10, 2022</i>
<i>Marv Cole</i>	<i>March 23, 2022</i>
<i>Jean Chandler</i>	<i>February 3, 2022</i>
<i>Ruth Ferguson</i>	<i>December 20, 2021</i>
<i>Art Alvera</i>	<i>November 27, 2021</i>

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Tom Armstrong, husband of Debbie Armstrong, who died October 31, 2022. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

**TODAY 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.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** On Sunday, November 13, after our service of worship, we will meet as a congregation to discuss changes to our Food Pantry and the future of our Mission home.

**CHARGE** Today, 7 of our 9 Confirmation students will be returning from the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, along with Michelle Smith, and Ralph Sargent, from our Charge Gathering for Youth Grades 6-12. Thank you for your continued prayers for our confirmation ministry.

## STEWARDS LIVING WITH PURPOSE.

Week 1 (10/23): “Do All to the Glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Week 2 (10/30): “Be My Witnesses” (Acts 1:8)

**Week 2.5 (11/6): “Destined According to the Purpose” (Ephesians 1:11)**

Week 3 (11/13): “Serve One Another” (Galatians 5:13)

Week 4 (11/20): “Be Generous in Every Way” (2 Corinthians 9:11)

## LYONS ELEMENTARY CLOTHING COLLECTION IS

UNDERWAY! Have you noticed the tubs that are in the church entryway next to the stairs going down? We are ready to start collecting boots, snow pants, waterproof gloves, and underwear for nearby children in need at Lyons Elementary School! Check out the sign by the tubs to see what sizes the students need. If you would like to donate, just drop your item(s) in the tub. Clothing will be removed to make room for more, but it will all be delivered. Last year the school distributed everything we donated, and they are looking forward to our continued ministry toward keeping children warm and dry.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET VOLUNTEERS The Board of Outreach is recruiting volunteers to help prepare the food baskets, pick up perishable food items, make reminder phone calls, and deliver to families who can’t pick-up. We will distribute baskets Saturday morning, November 19th. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby for those who would like to help. Thank you for supporting this Bethlehem ministry!

REVITALIZATION LISTENING SESSIONS Signup sheets will be available next Sunday for Revitalization Listening Team sessions on:

- Wednesday, November 16 6:30-8:00 PM
- Sunday, November 20 11:15 AM-12:45 PM
- Tuesday, November 29 4:30-6:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 6 (if necessary) 4:30-6:00 PM

*A letter will be mailed this week with more information.*

## BELCW THANKOFFERING SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 13

Please bring your offerings you have been saving to church. You can bring it in the containers you use or write a check, made payable to BELCW. Or you can mail your donation to Peggy Teter at 6044 W. Beard Rd, Perry, MI 48872. Thank you.

## Stewards Living with Purpose

### Week 2.5: “Destined According to the Purpose”

**TODAY WE ARE TAKING A PAUSE FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE SINNER-SAINTS WHO HAVE DIED IN CHRIST. EACH, IN THEIR OWN WAY, HAS MODELED FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP FOR US.**

*“In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will” (Ephesians 1:11).*



## ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 108 – 79 in-person and 29 people viewed the 10/30/22 Live worship.

T.N.T. *Thursday* Night Thriller, our confirmation program for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students happens on Thursday with 9 students. We are looking forward to a great year of learning (Old and New Testament this year) and service!

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!

POINSETTIAS – November 30 is the deadline for ordering a RED poinsettia to be used for Bethlehem’s Christmas Worship. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Entry Lobby or orders may be submitted to the church office or sent to Kris Burow. The plants are \$12.50 each, with checks payable to Kris Burow. Plants may be taken home after the latest Christmas Eve Worship Service. Thank you for sponsoring plants for Bethlehem’s Christmas Worship!

**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, Nov. 6**    **8:45a**    **Sunday School (Lower Social Hall)**  
*All Saints Sunday*    **9:00a**    **Adult Forum (Library)**  
                                 **10:00a**    **Worship – Holy Communion**  
                                                    **Worship (YouTube)**

**MONDAY**            6:30p    BELCW Board Meeting

**TUESDAY**           6:00a    Election Polling  
*Election Day*        8:00a    Family Growth Center  
                                 9:30a    Staff Meeting  
                                 4:00p    Board of Outreach  
                                 6:30p    Bell Choir  
                                 7:30p    Senior Choir

**WEDNESDAY**      8:00a    Family Growth Center  
                                 9:00a    Quilting Day  
                                 TBA      Bible Study Leaders Meeting

**THURSDAY**        8:00a    Family Growth Center  
                                 1:00p    Community Partners Meeting  
                                 6:15p    T.N.T.

**SUNDAY, Nov. 13**    **8:45a**    **Sunday School (Lower Social Hall)**  
*Thankoffering*      **9:00a**    **Adult Forum (Library)**  
*Sunday*                **10:00a**    **Worship – Holy Communion**  
                                                    **Worship (YouTube)**  
                                 **11:30a**    **Special Meeting of the Congregation**

**THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

**GREETERS** – Mary Bartel, Carol Pride  
**LAY READER** – Sherry Bass-Pohl  
**ACOLYTE** – Adreanna Fernandez  
**USHERS** – Phil Hassler, Joe Skidmore  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANT** – Sherry Bass-Pohl

**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**

# *All Saints' Sunday*



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