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

Worship Service – 10:00
October 2, 2022

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of heaven and earth, we praise you because you have set us apart for important work. You have chosen us to be disciples after the fashion of Jesus Christ. We know that he is the way, and the truth, and the life. Open our hearts and ears to Jesus' heavenly message so that we, too, might partake in the food from heaven. 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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God 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 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 Faith Lutheran Church in Sidney Michigan, Rev. John Autio.

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

ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers
CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble
ASSISTING MINISTER – Bob Meeker
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor John Burow
LAY READER – Jim Whitman
ACOLYTE – Allie Fernandez
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Joe Shreffler
GREETERS – Cindy & Matt Marsh
USHERS – Dick & Sandy Rollis
ALTAR GUILD – Susan Mahoney, Linda Telles
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
Bettie Wall in Eaton County Palliative Care

Those at home: *John Bartel, Virginia Bauman, Tosha Brisbo
Crystal Collins, Joann Dyer, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks
Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Nancy Jackson, Carole Kienke
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)

PARISH NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the
family and friends of Mary Ann Allen, who died Monday September 26,
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.

ADULT FORUM: "Befriending Mark's Gospel" Today and next
Sunday (October 2 and 9) we will get better acquainted with the Good
News of Jesus Christ according to Mark. We will explore the purpose,
personality, structure, themes, mysteries, quirks, and impact of this first
and briefest of the four Gospels. In preparation you may wish to open
YouTube and type in "Overview of Mark" for a 9-minute introduction
to Mark's story of Jesus.

2022 CROP WALK The Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk will be
Sunday October 9th. It is sponsored by Church World Services. 25% of
the funds raised help local organizations. 75% helps people in other
states (the areas of Kentucky suffering from tornados and flooding) as
well as around the world (people affected by the Ukrainian war). Please
help those who are hungry and hurting by participating in the CROP
walk or supporting a walker. If you have any questions contact Nancy
Holderread (Nancy.holderread@gmail.com).

IN THE OCTOBER LIVING LUTHERAN: This month we are
offered intriguing glimpses of the ELCA in mission in all of the
expressions of the Church: globally in Nigeria, El Salvador, Columbia
and Bolivia; at the Churchwide Assembly last August; in Synods and
congregations throughout the country, and in the lives of individual
believer. Plus, there is an intriguing article connecting the ELCA to
Detroit baseball history. Finally, the piece on Martin Luther's
perspective on the New Testament is worth reading twice, even thrice.
Pick up a copy of the [Living Lutheran](#) on the table in the Welcome
Center.

PASTOR MATT'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday*	12:00 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday**	9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:30 pm

*Monday mornings are set aside for planning for the week ahead.

**Tuesdays we have our staff meeting from 9:30 am until 11:00 am.

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 continue to 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.

I am here for you. ~ Pastor Matt

SUPPORT MY RIDE FOR LIVING WATER MINISTRIES Below is



RUN THE RACE
2022 TEAM BASECAMP

the link to sponsor me in Team Basecamp to support our camping and retreat ministry (Stony Lake) through Living Water Ministries' Ragnar race September 23 & 24. Though my rides have now been completed, the fundraising page will remain open

through October for anyone interested in sponsoring me. At last check I was about at about 2/3 of my \$2,000 goal! Click 'Donate Now >' and be sure to select Pr. Matt Smith from the drop-down menu. Thank you for your sponsorship and prayers! <https://bit.ly/MattSmith4LWM>

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE Over the weekend, several disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones: Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Typhoon Merbok in Alaska, Typhoon Nanmadol in Japan, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Papua New Guinea, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake in Mexico on Thursday (on top of a 7.6 magnitude earthquake on Monday), and summer monsoon flooding in Pakistan. These are just the disasters that made the biggest headlines. There are countless smaller disasters that don't make the news. With your gifts to the Lutheran Disaster Response general fund, we can respond to as many as possible – whenever and wherever they strike.

Again and again, you show up for our neighbors impacted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Thank you. Please join me in prayer and partnership to support all those impacted. Mark checks payable to Bethlehem with 'Disaster Response General Fund' in the memo.

Thought for the Week

*Though the fig tree doesn't bloom,
and there's no produce on the vine;
though the olive crop withers,
and the fields don't provide food;
though the sheep are cut off from the pen,
and there are no cattle in the stalls;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
I will rejoice In the God of my deliverance.
~ Habakkuk 3:17-18*

*Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well
but the certainty that something makes sense
regardless of how it turns out.
~ Victor Havel*

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

The prophet Habakkuk was struggling with the disaster and unjust suffering that was looming over the nation. Yet even though his questions were not resolved he remained committed to praising and serving God. Thank you for your steadfast faithfulness in serving and giving through thick and thin.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 142 – 96 in-person and 46 people viewed the 9/25/22 Live worship.

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

NEXT SUNDAY 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. Click [HERE](#) to make your monetary contribution

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!

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 2	8:45a	Sunday School (in person)
	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)
MONDAY	6:30p	BELCW Board Meeting
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	5:00p	Board of Worship Life
	6:30p	Handbell Choir
	7:30p	Senior Choir
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	TBA	Bible Study Leaders Meeting
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:15p	T.N.T.
SUNDAY, Oct. 9	8:45a	Sunday School (in person)
<i>Blanket Sunday</i>	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Ken & Peggy Teter
LAY READER – Dorothy Martin
ACOLYTE – Adreanna Fernandez
USHERS – Ralph Sergent, Matt Marsh
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Peggy Teter, Christina Raia

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



FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF FEAR
BUT OF POWER LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL
have **FAITH** like a
GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF FEAR
mustard seed
BUT POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL

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Luke 17:6 & 2 Timothy 1:7

*Yet I will rejoice in the Lord.
I will exult in
the God of my Salvation.*

~ Habakkuk 3:18