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Worship Service – 10:00  
June 5, 2022

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The Altar Geraniums are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Holy Spirit Alive in our Lives!

**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 Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Petoskey Michigan, Rev. Sherry McGuffin.

**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: 68 – 43 in-person and 25 people viewed the 5/29/22 Live worship.

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

*\*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)*

### **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 – Kris Burow  
ACOLYTE – Allie Fernandez  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Mel White, Ron Miller  
GREETERS – Cindy & Matt Marsh  
USHERS – Phil Hassler, Joe Skidmore  
ALTAR GUILD – Susan Mahoney, Linda Telles  
A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Paul Schmidt, David Westover

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Almighty God, through the power of your Holy Spirit you enable us to do and be more than we can think or imagine. Come now, dwell within our worship, and make us strong to do your work and will and so, bring you praise and glory through Christ our Lord. 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](mailto: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](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.

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  
*Lois Cairns* in Sparrow Hospital, Lansing  
*Pat Lebsack* in The Willows, East Lansing

**Those at home:** *Mary Ann Allen, John Bartel, Virginia Bauman  
Tosha Brisbo Crystal Collins, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks  
Marilyn Bass-Huyser, 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, Emily Viele, 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

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** We extend our deepest sympathy to the  
family and friends of John Ransom, father of Rick Ransom who died  
Thursday, June 2, 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 PENTECOST SUNDAY!** Today, we celebrate the giving  
of the Holy Spirit. This event, known as the birthday of the church, was  
the impetus for the disciples to begin to take the gospel to all the world!  
Without the Holy Spirit, the disciples would have remained in the upper  
room, afraid and unequipped to share the gospel! **The white chasuble  
that will be worn during the Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy  
Communion has been signed by every church member to symbolize  
that the church began with the reception of the Holy Spirit.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY!** Please stay and attend.  
We will be voting to elect officers to the Boards. This is the time to  
discuss and bring up anything that concerns the congregation and the  
church." Opportunities are available, with various terms of commitment.  
Our Boards provide direction, based on input from all of us, to facilitate  
all aspects of our congregational life and service. Please pause to  
consider how you can contribute. Thanks!"

**BIBLES FOR GRADUATES** On the table in the lobby you will find  
Bibles for you to sign for each of our graduates: **Ava Meeker, Justyn  
Prowdley, Madelyn Smith.** Please sign your name and write a note in  
the Bibles to encourage them in their faith. Maybe even list your favorite  
Bible verses. The bibles will be presented to them on Sunday, June 12, at  
the 10:00 service of worship.

**THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES** Next Sunday we will recognize our  
graduates from Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the graduates  
connected with Bethlehem.

**GERANIUMS** If you bought a geranium for Pentecost, please take it  
home after the service

**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.

*The following members have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for election to offices in the congregation at the June 5<sup>th</sup> Congregation meeting:*

President: Laurey Wyble - 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-year term (incumbent)  
Secretary: Sherry Bass-Pohl – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> 3-year term (incumbent)  
Financial Secretary: Susan Mahoney – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> 3-year term (incumbent)

**Congregation Council:** 2-year terms  
Tom Armstrong (incumbent) – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Liisa Whitman (incumbent) – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 3<sup>rd</sup> term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Open seat – 2<sup>nd</sup> year of unexpired term

**Buildings & Grounds:** 2-year terms  
Open seat – 2<sup>nd</sup> year of unexpired term  
Open seat – 2<sup>nd</sup> year of unexpired term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term

**Education:** 2-year terms  
Sue Nelson – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Katie Niles (incumbent) – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Open seat – 2<sup>nd</sup> year of unexpired term

**Outreach Ministries:** 2-year terms  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term

**Stewardship & Finance:** 2-year terms  
Open seat – 2<sup>nd</sup> year of unexpired term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term (also on Memorial Fund Committee)

**Worship Life:** 2-year terms  
Mary Jakubiak (incumbent) – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Tim Nelson – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term

**Congregational Care: TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**  
**Cong. Life & Activities: TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

**Endowment Committee:** 3-year terms  
Dick Rollis (incumbent) – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Open seat – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church, He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day, He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

~ Martin Luther (Small Catechism)

## STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

*The same Spirit agrees with our Spirit, that we are God's children.*  
~ Romans 8:16

Not only does the Holy Spirit assure us that we are God's own beloved children, but the same Spirit inspires, empowers and equips us to participate in God's mission in our serving and giving.

**IN THE JUNE LIVING LUTHERAN:** Have questions about the seeming disconnect between Gen Z and the Church? There is a provocative article (p.17) that suggests these young people are looking for relationships, mentors, authenticity, and political engagement. There are two, helpful, inspiring articles about spirituality. Other great reads include wise words from Bishop Eaton and a reflection Isaiah 43:18-19 and the God who springs forth a new thing. Pick up a copy in the Welcome Center.

**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.

## THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Carol Pride, Mary Bartel

ACOLYTE – David Fernandez

LAY READER – Candy Barnes

USHERS – Jim Koessel

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Liisa Whitman, Kris Burow



**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

<b>SUNDAY, June 5</b>	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b>
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>		<b>Worship (YouTube)</b>
		<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
		<b>(After service)</b>
MONDAY	6:30p	BELCW Board Mtg.
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	5:00p	Board of Worship
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:00a	Quilting Day
	6:30p	Board of Buildings & Grounds
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
<b>SUNDAY, June 12</b>	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b>
<i>The Holy Trinity</i>		<b>Worship (YouTube)</b>
		<b>Graduate Recognition</b>

**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**

