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

Worship Service – 9:30
May 17, 2020

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Loving God, by your Spirit, fill us with holy joy in this time
of worship, that we may be able to offer you something far
brighter than duty and much livelier than religious solemnity.
Let us worship you with love and love you with our worship.
This we pray through Christ Jesus our ever living inspiration.
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 that 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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Our Children's Worship Bulletin is available for Download on the BELC Worship Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/belcworship/>).

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 Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Portage Michigan.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

PASTORS – Rev. Matthew Smith, Rev. John Burow
ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers
CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble
ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow
ASSISTING MINISTER – Bob Meeker
CANTOR – Caitlin McDougall

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos

Those at home: Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke, Crystal Collins, Ernie Hassell, Nancy Holderread, Rhoda Hunter, Carol Kinney, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Margaret Nelson, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley, Cheryl VanPatten, Ron Wescott

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 and the Baker Neighborhood Partners.

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)

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)

Jake Sonnenberg – U.S. Army (Ed & Ellie Sonnenberg's grandson)

Eric Wheeler – U.S. Army (Laurey Wyble's cousin)

If you know of others in the service that you would like to have put on our prayer list, please call the church office.

PARISH NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Janenne Grinnell, who died Wednesday, May 13, 2020. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

CONFIRMATION Today was scheduled to be Confirmation Sunday. Our one Confirmand this year has elected to wait until we can worship together in person before making her Affirmation of Baptism. We are all most certainly looking forward to that day.

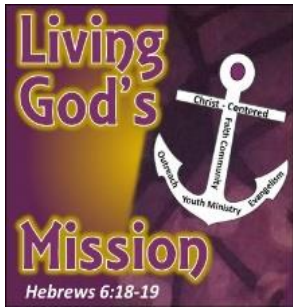
Lansing SAVE Our next 5th Sunday offering is May 31. There are now 137 children in our group of students from BELC and the Baker Neighborhood. To give electronically – click on the “Online Giving” link on our website.

THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES Graduates will be recognized at the 9:30 service of worship on Sunday, June 14. Names of graduates connected with Bethlehem and the schools and colleges from which they are graduating should be given to the church by Wednesday, June 10.

BIBLES FOR GRADUATES Now is the time when the congregation would normally be asked to begin signing Bibles for each of our high school graduates: **Kyra Pohl** and **Jeffrey Quinn**. This year we invite you to send an email (bethlehemlansing@gmail.com) and write a note to encourage them in their faith. Maybe even list your favorite Bible verses. The emails will be compiled into sheets of paper, printed, and placed in the Bibles. Please send your messages no later than Wednesday, June 10. The bibles will be presented to them virtually on Sunday, June 14, at the 9:30 service of worship, and then delivered to their porches.

SMALL BUSINESSES Bethlehem has been fortunate to have local greenhouses, Smith Floral and Greenhouse on Mt. Hope in Lansing and Christians Greenhouse in Haslett and Williamston, provide beautiful flowers for our weekly worship and seasonal celebrations. As you plan your summer gardens, please consider these and all small, local businesses during this challenging economic time in our country.

LIVING GOD'S MISSION



Our theme for the 2020 program year is "Living God's Mission." We will be exploring each of the five areas in our Mission Plan; focusing on the stated objectives in each area. We will also emphasize how our Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles tie in, as well as the faith practices that are our Marks of Discipleship. And we will even fit in some of the Building Blocks for A Lifetime of Stewardship along the way! This week; our area of emphasis in our Mission Plan is:

Caring for our faith community

Goal: At Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we will invite, accept, and support all people, as we build attentive, respectful relationships. We will do this by:

- Welcoming, accepting, and encouraging all people to participate in our faith community
- Attending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all
- Strengthening relationships among all in our faith community
- Equipping all in our faith community to live out the Marks of Discipleship

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 206 people viewed the 5/10 worship service, 151 on Facebook Live and 55 on You Tube

Needed through May 10 to meet 2020 Budget: \$143,235.11

Received through May 15 to meet 2020 Budget: \$115,727.61

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

...because I live, you also will live. ~ Jesus of Nazareth

Our living God's mission is glimpsed in this promise that Jesus gives in today's Gospel passage. May God grant us the courage, compassion, creativity and generosity in being faithful stewards in these challenging weeks. Thank you for your serving and giving.

FREE ENERGY SAVER KITS The BWL is offering FREE Energy Saver Kits, by mail, that include efficient LED bulbs and nightlights! All BWL residential electric customers are eligible whether they live in a house or apartment. Request your free kit today by calling 800-573-3503 or visiting lbwl.com/hometownhelp. This is a limited-time offer.

COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) provides ministry to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need. To continue this important work, the church needs your help. With congregations and ministries across the country, and a network of companion churches and partners in over 70 countries around the world, we anticipate this crisis will affect us all. In the United States, unemployment has soared. We see rising demands on our food pantries, homeless shelters and social services. Around the world, millions of people living in poverty are facing this pandemic without reliable access to sanitation and health care. Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God. You can help by supporting Bethlehem Lutheran and making a gift to the ELCA's **COVID-19 Response Fund**. Your donation will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregations as well as local and church wide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. Click [HERE](#) to give directly to the ELCA Covid-19 Response Fund.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 17	9:30a	Worship Facebook Live Stream
TUESDAY	9:30a	Staff Meeting
FRIDAY		Church office closed
SUNDAY, May 24	9:30a	Worship Facebook Live Stream
MONDAY		Memorial Day, Church office closed

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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If you
LOVE ME
keep my
commandments.

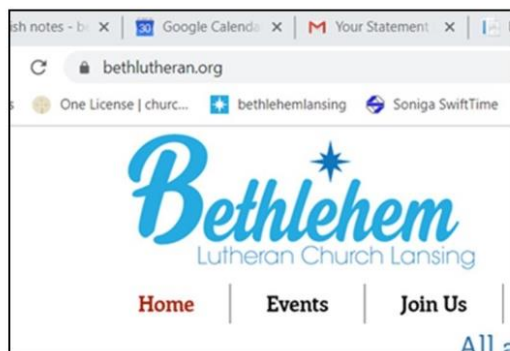
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John 14:15

HOW TO CREATE AN ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT

You need an email address and your checking/savings account routing and account numbers or your credit card number.

1. Go to bethlutheran.com



2. Click on the Online Giving link- bottom left.



3.

This will transfer you to the Online Giving page. Click on "Create Profile" on the upper right.



4. Enter and confirm your email address.

The 'Create Profile' form has a blue header. Below it, text says 'Enter a valid email address below. This will be used as your User ID.' There are two input fields: 'Email Address:' and 'Confirm Email Address:'. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom.

5. Create your profile.

The 'Profile' form has a blue header. It contains several fields with red '(required)' labels: 'First Name:', 'Last Name:', 'Address 1:', 'Address 2:', 'City:', 'State / Zip:', 'Phone Number:', 'Email Address:', 'Confirm Email Address:', 'Enter Password:', and 'Re-Enter Password:'. A 'Create Profile' button is at the bottom.

6. Add your transaction.

The screen says 'Thank you for creating a profile. To add a Donation, click the Add Transaction button.' There are two buttons: 'Add Transaction' and 'Edit Account'. Below them is a section titled 'My Scheduled Transactions' which says 'You do not have any transactions scheduled.' A red arrow points to the 'Add Transaction' button.

7. Enter your offering.

The 'Donations' form has a blue header. It is titled 'My Support to My Congregation'. It lists several offering categories with input fields for amounts: '-GENERAL OPERATING:', '-ENDOWMENT:', '-FOOD BANK FUND:', '-MISSION FUND:', '-OTHER FUND:', and '-DEBT RETIREMENT:'. A note says 'Specify where you would like your donation to go'.

8. Enter your checking, savings or credit or debit card information. NOTE: Using a credit or debit card will add extra transaction fees.

The 'Donation Information' form has a blue header. It contains fields for 'Decade Born (i.e. 1980)', 'I agree to share non-personal data with ELCA (About Sharing Data)', 'Account:' (a dropdown menu showing 'New Account - Checking'), 'Routing Number:', and 'Account Number:'. At the bottom, there is a cardholder information box showing 'Joe Smith', '1234 Anystreet Court', 'Anycity, AA 12345', and a card number '1234'.

9. Click process...and you're done! Thank you!

The screen shows a green checkmark and the text 'I'm not a robot'. There is a reCAPTCHA logo and a 'Privacy - Terms' link. Below this is a 'Note' that says 'Please review the information you entered carefully. Once you click the Process button, your donation will be processed and this organization will be debited from your account.' There are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Process'. A red arrow points to the 'Process' button.