



Worship Service – 9:30
April 19, 2020

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
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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 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

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

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 Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos 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:

Janenne Grinnell in Ingham Co. Medical Care Facility

Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos

Nancy Miesner in Sparrow Hospital

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke, Crystal Collins, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley, Ken Teter, Peggy Teter, 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

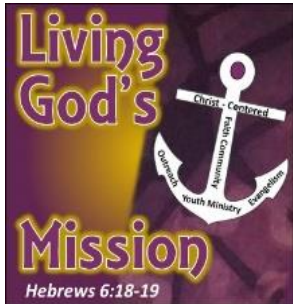
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Micki Leigh Teed, who died April 13 from the corona virus. She is the niece of Julie Teed. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

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.

2020 BELC SOFTBALL For those of you who love to play with and watch our BELC softball team, keep an eye out for announcements on whether there will be a season this year. Michael Kern has been in contact with the Lansing Department of Parks and Recreation; however, no plans have been solidified at this time.

Lansing SAVE Thank you Bethlehem Lutheran! \$495 was transferred to MSU FCU to be shared with 137 Baker Neighborhood and BELC students. \$3.43 will be deposited into each account. To date, BELC members have contributed a total of **\$7025** to this worthy cause! A note about Bethlehem from Ben Thompson, Financial Education Coordinator for Lansing SAVE: "When I feel cooped up, I think of your generosity and the weight lifts off my shoulders. Thank you for your giving. These dollars will move mountains!" Once again, thank you Bethlehem members!

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

Good Friday Attendance: 168 people viewed the 4/10 service on Facebook Live and YouTube

Go to BELC Worship and join the groups.

Easter Sunday Attendance: 172 people viewed 4/12 service on Facebook Live and YouTube

Go to BELC Worship and join the groups

Needed through April 12 to meet 2020 Budget: \$113,080.35

Received through April 16 to meet 2020 Budget: \$89,199.83

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP In today's Gospel anxious disciples seclude themselves behind locked doors. The Risen Lord brings peace and a sending. This morning this same Lord Jesus comes to us offering forgiveness, peace and participation in God's mission. May the Holy Spirit continue to empower our praying, our serving and our giving.

THE BELCW RETREAT Our 28th annual retreat has been **cancelled for this year.** Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions contact Laura Halbakken or Joanna Alvera.

RUMMAGE SALE The church rummage sale has been postponed to a later date yet to be determined.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 19 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting

SUNDAY, April 26 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

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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