



Worship Service – 9:30
April 12, 2020

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, during this past week I remembered the suffering and death of Jesus. It was at His cross that I realized the depth of my sin and guilt before you. Today, as I come to the empty tomb, I pray for victory over sin and death in my life. As I experience the power of the resurrection in this service of worship, make me ready to witness to the Risen Christ in the world. This I pray in Jesus' Name. 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 (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 on the card, 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 Bethany Lutheran Church in Northport 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

GUITAR – Laurey Wyble

ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow

ASSISTING MINISTER – Susan Mahoney

CANTOR – Katie 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.

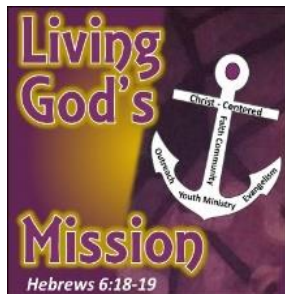
PARISH NOTES

TODAY 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. Please give electronically by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our website or mail your contribution to the church or by clicking here: (www.tinyurl.com/BELCGiving).

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 Taylor Halbakken or Joanna Taylor Alvera.

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

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:

Evangelism

Goal: Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church will actively seek opportunities to spread God's Word and welcome all people to the community of faith. We will do this by:

- Spreading God's Word in a way that helps people in practical ways
- Telling the story of what God is doing through the mission and ministry of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church and its people
- Inviting and welcoming all people to participate in our faith community
- Adapting the experience at Bethlehem in an effort to help meet diverse needs
- Challenging our comfort zones and helping our faith community to be more "evangelical"

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 137 people viewed 4/5 service on Facebook Live

Go to BELC Worship and join the group

Maundy Thursday Attendance: 103 people viewed 4/9 service on Facebook Live

Go to BELC Worship and join the group

Needed through April 5 to meet 2020 Budget: \$105,541.66

Received through April 10 to meet 2020 Budget: \$84,971.83

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP During this highly unusual Easter Season we do well to celebrate all the signs of new life in creation, our prayer lives, our relationships and the loving deeds of others. May we experience new life in our gratitude and generosity. Thank you for your serving and giving.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 12 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

Easter Sunday

TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting

SUNDAY, April 19 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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