



Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30
November 17, 2019

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Blessed Father, you who cause all things to exist and give us all things to enjoy and to use well in your service, attend our worship this day, and grant that we may so hear you and learn from you that we may be strengthened in our faith and bring praise and glory to your name. We ask it through Jesus Christ our brother and our savior. 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, you are encouraged to use a "WELCOME" card in the pew rack and hand it to the pastor as you leave. You are also invited to sign the Guest Book in the main lobby. If you would like more information about our ministries, please talk to Pastor Matt or Pastor John or call the church office at 482-3225.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bethlehem Lutheran is a praying church; this is one of our Marks of Discipleship. There are two opportunities for your petitions to be shared with our prayerful community. Prayer cards are in the pew rack and are color coded.

- **The White Card:** provided for petitions of concern or thanksgiving to be included in the prayers during the worship service. Include an address if you'd like the person, named on the card, notified of the prayer offered on their behalf. Hand the card to an usher during the Hymn of the Day. **If you attend the 8:15 service, please indicate if you would like the prayer repeated at both services.**
- **The Blue Card:** provided if you would like your concern prayed for every day this week. Please fill out this card and place it in the basket in our prayer corner, located in the back of the church.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES Available for those who have difficulty hearing; these are wireless receivers with a small earphone. Contact one of the people at the sound system area if you are interested.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Small chairs and tables are located at the front of the church to keep little ones occupied (and present) during worship. Adult sized chairs are provided for parental supervision. Activity bags, filled with coloring/activity books, crayons and sewing cards can be found on the front pew and in the Narthex at the back of the church. If you need to leave with your child, please use the exit door to the left of the keyboard. The unstaffed nursery, located at the northeast corner of the lower level, is available as a crying room. Diaper changing stations are located in each of the main level restrooms and in the nursery.

TAKING FAITH HOME After worship, pick up this week's copy from the ushers or the usher table in the social hall.

PORTALS OF PRAYER October - December booklets are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

PASTORS – Rev. Matthew A. Smith, Rev. John W. Burow

ORGANIST – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

HANDBELL DIRECTOR – Amanda Schneider

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble

ALTAR GUILD – Candy Barnes, Dorothy Martin, Carole Kienke,
Karren Reish, Connie Scott

ASSISTING MINISTER – Don Telles

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith

ACOLYTES – Justyn Prowdley, Megan Jones

LAY READERS – Candy Barnes, Jim Schalkhauser

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Vicki Leighton, Mary Jakubiak

Michelle Smith / Joni & Jim Schalkhauser, Mary Bartel
GREETERS – Carol Wank, Dorothy Martin, Candy Barnes
Jim & Joni Schalkhauser

USHERS – Steve Viele, Liz Viele, Ralph Sergeant, Tim Stanley
Kelly Carpenter, Joanne Dyer, Carol Kinney

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Peckham

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

Janenne Grinnell in Ingham Co. Medical Care Facility

Donna Clarizio & Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos

(Barbara) Jean Collins in The Willows of East Lansing

Nancy Miesner in McLaren Hospital

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Cloyd Barnes, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke, Pam Butts, Crystal Collins, Deanna Darling, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter, Ray Kenger, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Stephanie Moneypenny, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Paul Schmidt, Audrey Skidmore, Ken 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)

Jim Church – U.S. Navy (Ron & Diane Miller's nephew)

Darian Doan – U.S. Army (Marv & Laura Halbakken's nephew)

Ty Doan – U.S. Army (Marv & Laura Halbakken's nephew)

Carson Kosloski – U.S. Marines (Robin & 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 Ben & Deanna Darling)

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

A ROSE The BELC Women, have placed roses on the Altar to celebrate the birth of twins; a son and daughter, Wesley and Saylor to Nicole and Matt Armstrong, born October 30, 2019. They are also the nephew and niece of Susan Sterling. Congratulations!

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY Today, BELCW members will gather their Thankofferings during worship. You may bring them in the container you have been using, write a check to BELCW or give a cash donation. The Women of the ELCA Thankofferings support the total outreach of the churchwide organization.

ADULT FORUM – THE LETTER OF JAMES Beginning today we will close the year with a discussion of James. Join us as we explore themes of faith and works; possessions and status; friendship with the world versus friendship with God and taming the tongue.

BBC- BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB Our next meeting is November 19th, in the library, at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing “*Sarah's Key*” by Tatiana Rosnay. Check your library, book store or favorite online bookseller for a copy of the book. Cheryl Shreffler will be leading our discussion. Join us please!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY Did you miss Commitment Sunday? It's not too late to submit your financial commitment card for inclusion in the 2020 budgeting process. Please find a blue card on the Welcome Table in the lobby or ask an usher. Once filled out, you may place it in the offering plate or slip under Laurey's door.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS Your generous support of food and monetary donations makes our Outreach Ministry possible. Sign-up sheets for items for this year's Thanksgiving Baskets are in the social hall. Sign-up for an item or two and be sure to take a reminder slip telling you that all donated items should be in on **Wednesday, November 20**. Distribution of the baskets will be Saturday, November 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PIE FEST FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE. Let us know if you're bringing a pie on Facebook, sign-up sheet in the social hall or by text/call to Rebecca Jordan 517-303-6701. All Pies are welcome! :)

“DECK THE HALLS!” The annual Church Christmas Decorating Party has been moved from the 6th to **Friday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the season of Christmas. Bring along your favorite Christmas treat to share after the work is done. Afterwards, we will go out to eat at Leo’s Outpost.

VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS All are invited to attend the Women's event on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. BELCW General Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will be celebrating the holiday with beautifully decorated tables and a Christmas performance by a husband and wife group. **Reservations are required** to allow us to have enough beautifully decorated tables. Sign-up will begin today in the Fellowship Hall and requested by November 24. Look for the Christmas display!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE All our children are important to this production. Children with spoken lines need to be at each of our rehearsals. Rehearsal schedule is as follows:
Sunday, November 17, 11:45 a.m. - rehearsal and Pizza Party!
Saturday, November 23, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 7, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 8 - rehearsal during 1st service. It is very important to arrive on time. The evening of the program is Sunday, December 8. Please arrive by 4:30 p.m. as the program will begin at 5:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED We need Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers for the 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. time slot. Even if you can only do half an hour, it would help. Saturday, November 30th at the Holt Kroger on the corner of Willoughby & Cedar Street. Sign-up in the gym or call Judy Pardee at (517) 281-9485. Thank you.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP November 24

Assisting Minister – Nancy Holderread

Children’s Sermon – Dave Holderread

8:15:

Acolyte – Amaya Fernandez

Lay Reader – Ron Miller

Communion Assistants – Don Telles, Susan Mahoney, Dorothy Martin

Greeters – Ron & Diane Miller

Ushers – Bob Christiansen, Joe Shreffler, David Snider, Don Olson

10:30:

Acolyte – Izabelle Smith

Lay Reader – Jim Whitman

Communion Assistants – Mel White, Jim Whitman, Otto Kern

Greeters – Ron & Marilyn Clark, Michelle Smith

Ushers – Pat North, Judy Pardee, Tom Armstrong, Jim Koessel

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, “But not a hair of your head will perish.”

~ Luke 21:18

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: *Last Sunday* - 126; 8:15 - 37, 10:30 - 89

Church School Attendance: 37; adults 20, children 17

Church School Offerings: mission

See monthly financial updates in The Bethlehem Star Newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.” ~Psalm 98:4.* Yes, this is clearly an invitation to worship, but consider all the other ways you and all creation glorify God bringing forth an abundant harvest or nourishment and good deeds. Thank you.

PRAYER PARTNERS Each Sunday we pray for another congregation of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod to offer our support and to emphasize the ministry that we share. Please sign the letter in the social hall that will be mailed to the congregation for which we prayed.

IN THE NOVEMBER LIVING LUTHERAN: Several of the articles relate to the Youth Ministry aspect of *Living God’s Mission*. “Lessons from Campus Ministry” on pages 35-41 explores the reasons that college students engage in worship, faith learning and service. An innovative art project for neighborhood youth is highlighted on page 17. There is a fascinating interview with an older youth on page 12. You can read about youth visiting the Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries at Pine Ridge or Holden Village deep in the wilderness of the Cascade Mountains. Pick up a copy of Living Lutheran at the welcome center.

SIMPLY GIVING Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs), through Vanco, are a great way to support the ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This program is a convenient, safe and simple way to make automatic contributions to the church. If you would like to participate in this program, please see Emily Viele or Laurey Wyble.

A service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Join with God’s people to offer Him your worship and praise to thank God for His love and blessings!

Thanksgiving Eve Service - November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Pie Fest to follow service.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Nov. 17	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Thankoffering Sunday</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
	11:45	Christmas Program
		Practice and Pizza Party
MONDAY	6:30	Friendship Circle
TUESDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	10:30	Staff Meeting
	1:00	Rainbow Circle
	6:00	Book Club
	6:15	T.N.T. Class
WEDNESDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	6:30	Board of Buildings & Grounds
	6:30	Handbell Choir
	7:30	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	10:00	Set-up for Thanksgiving Baskets
	6:30	Congregational Council Meeting
FRIDAY	10:00	Packing Thanksgiving Baskets
	7:00	N.A. Meeting
SATURDAY	9:00	Christmas Program Rehearsal
	10:00	Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets
	6:30	Bethlehem Night Out
SUNDAY, Nov. 24	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Christ The King</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus expects me to...

PRAY fervently

WORSHIP faithfully

ENCOURAGE one another

READ the Scriptures daily

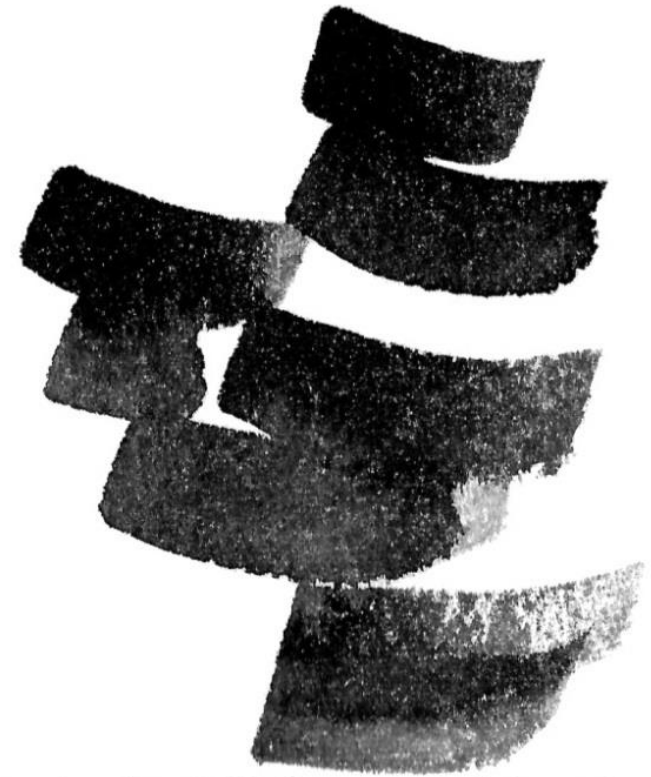
GIVE freely of the gifts I have received from God

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



I WILL GIVE YOU WORDS AND
WISDOM WHICH ALL YOUR
ADVERSARIES WILL NOT BE ABLE
TO WITHSTAND OR TO CONTRADICT

words and wisdom

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Luke 21:15

Living God's Mission



Our theme for the 2019-20 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:

Community Ministry (Outreach)

Goal: Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church will actively seek and develop community connections with residents, faith communities, schools, and other organizations and will be a resource for community activity. We will do this by:

- Expanding the use of the church building for community activities
- Emphasizing ministries addressing basic needs
- Working collaboratively with neighborhood organizations
- Encouraging members to increase engagement with neighborhood residents and our community

Family Growth Center Holiday Gift Workshop

Gifts given to this project will help low-income parents who attend the programs of FGC to select gifts for each of their children. Often these parents would not be able to purchase gifts to give their children. This is an important chance to build their self-esteem and make the holiday season joyful. There is a Christmas tree in the social hall with gift tags on it. Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift, return the unwrapped gift and tag to the church, place it in the container in the social hall.

The deadline is Sunday, December 15.

