



Worship Service – 9:30
May 3, 2020

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Shepherd God, we desire a place in the fold where your sheep find rest. Left to ourselves, we lose our way, get in trouble, experience needless pain, suffer from loneliness, and grieve over an absence of hope. We want to be obedient servants, sheep that enter the fellowship of your fold through the door of grace. As members of your flock, make us submissive to your will, responsive to your call, and faithful in our fellowship of the one who promises abundant life. 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 Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Petoskey 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 – Nancy Holderread

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

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke
Crystal Collins, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter, Carol Kinney
Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney
Linda McClellan, 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

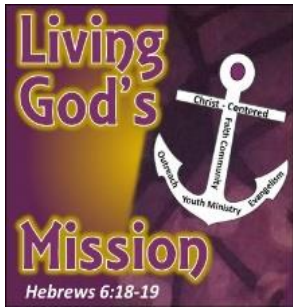
TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY Feeding our community has never been more important as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor's stay-at-home order. Although physical donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items are not possible at this time, we can contribute to the Food Pantry through the BELC website. Click [HERE](#) to make your monetary contribution.

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.

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.

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:

Youth Ministry

Goal: Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church will nurture, develop, and support all young people, while engaging them in the faith community. We will help young people grow in their discipleship by:

- Providing engaging educational programs
- Participation in camping ministries and synod and national youth gatherings
- Creating family and multigenerational opportunities for young people to engage with others in the faith community

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 221 people viewed the 4/26 service,

Go to BELC Worship and join the groups

Needed through April 26 to meet 2020 Budget: \$128,157.73

Received through April 30 to meet 2020 Budget: \$99,059.83

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP Even as we pass through shadowed paths of uncertainty our Good Shepherd blesses us with participation in God's mission of compassion and mercy. Through our prayers, loving words, generous offerings and caring actions we pass on the love that is being given to us. Thank you for your faithfulness.

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.

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.

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!

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 3 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting

SUNDAY, May 10 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

Mother's Day

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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sheep
follow
him
because
they
know
his
voice.

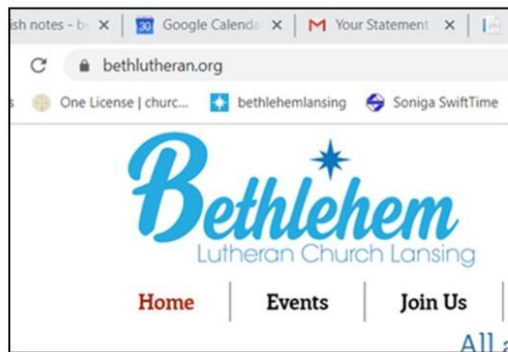
John 10:4, NRSV



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 the header, it 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 located at the bottom of the form.

5. Create your profile.

The 'Profile' form has a blue header. It contains several input fields, many of which are marked as '(required)'. The fields are: '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 screenshot shows a 'Thank you for creating a profile' message. Below the message are two buttons: 'Add Transaction' and 'Edit Account'. A large red arrow points from the text in step 6 to the 'Add Transaction' button. Below these buttons is a section titled 'My Scheduled Transactions' which states 'You do not have any transaction scheduled.'

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 corresponding input fields for amounts: '-GENERAL OPERATING:', '-ENDOWMENT:', '-FOOD BANK FUND:', '-MISSION FUND:', '-OTHER FUND:', and '-DEBT RETIREMENT:'. The 'GENERAL OPERATING' field is pre-filled with '0.00'. Below the fields, there is a note: '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 preview of a check from 'Joe Smith' for the amount '1234'.

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

The screenshot shows a reCAPTCHA verification step. It includes a green checkmark and the text 'I'm not a robot'. Below this is a 'Note' about reviewing information and a 'Process' button. A large red arrow points from the text in step 9 to the 'Process' button.