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

Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30
October 27, 2019

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of history, of the past, we celebrate today the lives of men and women everywhere who followed you and sought to reform your church. God of history, of the present, we thank you for your spirit that works among us today. God of history, of the future, inspire your whole church; inspire us to be ever sensitive to your calling and to the needs of those around us. May we each be willing, for your sake and the sake of your church, to reform our very lives. 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 by Sandy, Noah, Katelyn and Vanessa Crambell, in honor of Theresa Salas.

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 – Cheryl & Joe Shreffler, Rebecca Jordan,
Michelle Smith

FLUTE – Cindy Marsh

TRUMPETS – Jillian Bowe, Joel Burns

ASSISTING MINISTER – Susan Mahoney

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith

ACOLYTE – Amaya Fernandez, Megan Jones

LAY READER – Dorothy Martin, Carol Kinney

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Ralph & Margaret Sergent, Mary

Jakubiak / Mary Bartel, Michelle Smith, Sharron Drake

GREETERS – Ralph & Margaret Sergent / Kelly Carpenter, Carol
Kinney, Carole Kienke

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

Pat North, Judy Pardee, Tom Armstrong, Jim Koessel

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
Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos
(Barbara) Jean Collins in The Willows of East Lansing
Donna Clarizio in Sparrow 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 Nancy Miesner, Stephanie Money Penny, 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

WE CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION

Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God", is traditionally sung on this day. The official day of the Reformation is on October 31. The fact that Reformation Day coincides with Halloween may not be mere coincidence. Halloween, being the Eve of All Saints' Day, might have been an entirely appropriate day for Luther to post his 95 Theses against indulgences; since the castle church would be open on All Saints' Day, specifically for people to view a large collection of relics. The viewing of these relics was said to promise a reduction in time in purgatory, similar to that of the purchase of an indulgence. Dr. Luther may have been shrewd in his choice of that day to post his Theses. Today, we no longer emphasize the differences between the Lutheran Church and the Roman Catholic Church. However, we do seek to consider how reform is necessary in our individual lives and in the life of the Church.

TRUNK OR TREAT Join in the fun on Halloween night for Trunk or Treat. Volunteers, arrive at the church by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31. Come in costume if you want. Trick or Treaters will arrive at 6:00. Plan to give out at least 300 pieces of candy. **If you are unable to volunteer, please donate candy.** Leave in the basket in the social hall or in the basket outside of Laurey Wyble's office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS! Set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 a.m.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Next Sunday, November 3, we will remember the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us in the faith and lift up those who have been baptized into the body of Christ, in the past 12 months. If you have a friend or family member who has been baptized or if you are grieving the loss of a friend or family member, call the church office by Sunday, October 27. We would like to remember them by including their name during the November 3 worship service.

LUTHER LEAGUE CARE PACKAGES Next Sunday, November 3, after worship, we will be assembling care packages for eight freshmen college students from the congregation. Among the items needed for the packages are snack foods, small sizes of toothpaste, soap, candy, mouthwash, etc. Contributions are needed! Items can be left in the basket provided on the table in the social hall or outside of Laurey Wyble's office.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY Canned goods and other non-perishable items and gifts of money can be brought to the altar during the “Offering of Gifts.” This special offering will be used to feed hungry people in our community through the Food Bank pantry in our church. Items needed are jello, rice dinners, hamburger helper, egg noodles, cake mixes/frosting. Personal items such as bath soap, deodorant, toothpaste, hair shampoo, etc.

Lansing SAVE Bethlehem is extending Lansing SAVE deposits to our BELC members. The criteria for inclusion:

1. Recipients must be either a member or actively involved in BELC activities.
2. Recipients must be in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade and currently attend school in the Lansing School District. (Note: students in 3rd grade that attend Lewton School, Post Oak Academy or Wexford Montessori won't be included in the program until the 2020-2021 school year.)
3. The child's name, address and school must be submitted to the BELC office to be cleared for inclusion. (This happens with the help of the City of Lansing.)

Submit your child's/grandchild's information and we'll get the ball rolling for the next 5th Sunday offering on **December 29th**.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS Your generous support in food and monetary donations makes our Outreach ministry possible. Signup 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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP November 3, *All Saints Sunday*

Assisting Minister – Bob Meeker

Children's Sermon – need someone

8:15: Acolyte – Easton Matteson **Lay Reader** – Susan Mahoney

Communion Assistants – Candy Barnes, Vicki Leighton, Margaret Sargent

Greeters – Joe & Cheryl Shreffler

Ushers – John Ransom, Susan Mahoney, Brian Pickford, Jeff Kosloski

10:30: Acolyte – need someone **Lay Reader** – Carole Kienke

Communion Assistants – Kris Burow, Kyra Pohl, Sherry Bass-Pohl

Greeters – Bob & Connie Meeker

Ushers – Don Cairns, Judy Pardee, Tom Armstrong,
Dick & Sandy Rollis

Thought for the Week

Jesus said to [those] who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

John 8:31-32

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: *Last Sunday* – 168; 8:15 - 51, 10:30 - 117

Church School Attendance: 36; adults 17, children 19

Church School Offerings: \$10.00

See monthly financial updates in The Bethlehem Star Newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP In the Gospel for this Reformation Sunday, Jesus declares that we are both free and have a place in God's household. God grant that we be faithful stewards of both our freedom and our opportunities to serve in God's household.

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 letters in the social hall that will be mailed to the congregation for which we prayed.

LIVING LUTHERAN Beginning with Pastor Honeycutt's profound words about digging into Scripture and ending with Bishop Eaton's reflections on the Church-Wide Assembly, there are wonderful treasures to explore about how we together are doing God's mission. There is a piece on the history of the Crop Walk; an unusual service dog; 62 new pastors in El Salvador courageously making a difference, and the impact of Norwegian Lutheran missionaries in America. There is much, much more, including a summary of the ELCA church-wide Assembly. Copies are available at the Welcome Table. Discover for yourself the treasures within and share with others something that nourishes you spirit.

BBC- BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB Our next meeting is November 19th, in the library, at 6:00 pm. 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!

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 27	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
	11:45	Eucharistic Ministers' Luncheon
MONDAY	5:30	Board of Worship Life
	6:00	Board of Congregational Care
TUESDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	9:30	Staff Meeting
	7:00	T.N.T. – Movie, Paris to Pittsburgh
WEDNESDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	7:30	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
<i>Halloween</i>	11:00	Volunteer/Office help Luncheon
	6:00	Trunk or Treat in the gym
FRIDAY	7:00	N.A. Meeting
SATURDAY	9:30	F.A.B. meets
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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

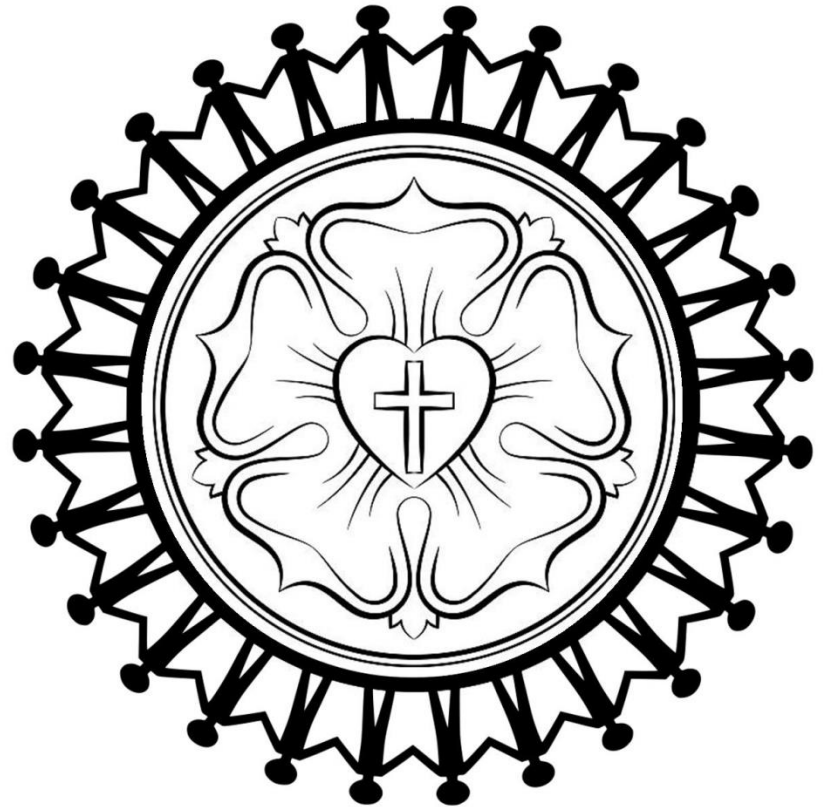
INVITE others to know Him

SERVE all people

*...and where I fall short of his expectations,
Jesus always offers me his love and forgiveness!*

POWER Gifts

Reformation Sunday



Reforming As One

Living God's Mission



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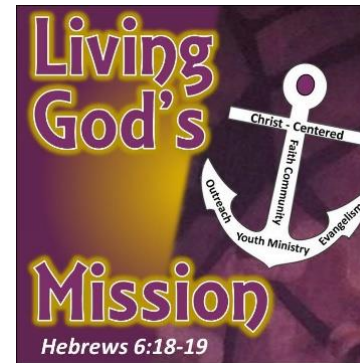
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This week our area of emphasis in our Mission Plan is:

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
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