



Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30
January 26, 2020

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Quiet me and help me, gracious God, to focus. I have been busy, too busy, and I have not always been faithful or effective in all that I do. Help me, now, to attend to matters of the spirit, that I might make good choices in my life this week and bear witness to the gospel, the good news of your Son, and my Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. 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

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers on the altar 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 a copy of this week's Bible readings from the ushers or the usher table in the social hall.

PORTALS OF PRAYER January - March booklets are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

PASTORS – Rev. Matthew Smith, Rev. John Burow

ORGANIST – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble

DRUMS – Kim Walker

ALTAR GUILD – Cheryl & Joe Shreffler

Michelle Smith, Rebecca Jordan

ASSISTING MINISTER – Bob Meeker

CHILDREN'S SERMON - Pastor John Burow

ACOLYTE – Thalia Centeno, Ava Meeker

LAY READER – Ron Miller, Mel White

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Dorothy Martin, Candy Barnes

Sharon Drake, Kris Burow, Susan Mahoney

GREETERS – Ron & Diane Miller, Ellie Ibarra, Otto Kern

USHERS – Bob Christiansen, Joe Shreffler, David Snider

Pat North, Judy Pardee, Tom Armstrong

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Peckham



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, Ray Kenger, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Kevin Meeker, Nancy Miesner, 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)

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.

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 Victory Trinity Lutheran Church in Ludington Michigan and the Southwestern Washington Synod in Tacoma Washington.

PARISH NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John Wild, father of Susan Lichtenberger, who died January 19 and Deanna Darling, wife of Ben Darling and daughter of Nancy Jackson who died Wednesday, January 22. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The meeting is today after the second service. We would like to begin promptly at 11:45 a.m. The agenda will include reviewing Pastor Matt's sabbatical, adoption of the budget for 2020 and election of Voting Members to the Synod Assembly in May. Please plan on attending!

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB (a.k.a.-BBC) Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m. We'll be discussing "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

STONY LAKE REGISTRATION Elementary, Confirmation and Senior High Camp is the week of July 12–17. Camp registration began on **January 15, 2020**. Log on to <http://www.elcalivingwater.com/> and complete your camp application. **No deposit is required.** If you need any financial assistance, speak with Pastor Matt as soon as possible, so that your deposit can be mailed after you complete the online app.

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 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.

THE 2020 GRID The 2020 January through March "GRID" (the schedule for those assisting in worship services) is available on a table in the social hall. If you don't see your name on one, please pick up an unlabeled copy for your convenience.

JANUARY LIVING LUTHERAN: A good place to begin is "Unwrap the Gifts of Discipleship" p.26. Then explore the connections between discipleship and white privilege p.11; the testimony of one whose vocation is theatre, p.18, and an initiative of the Rocky Mountain Synod that seeks to develop excellence in leadership, p.16. There are also glimpses of what it means to be a Lutheran disciple in Russia and how our friendships can enrich discipleship. Pick up your copy from the Welcome Table in the lobby.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Your gifts make it possible for the ELCA to provide fast and effective support to communities in need, whenever and wherever a disaster may strike. You may choose to designate your gift to a specific disaster (Australia Wildfires, Puerto Rico Earthquakes) or give where the need is greatest; make your choice known at the time of your donation. If you decide to give to a specific disaster, your gift will be used 100 percent for that disaster unless more funds are received than what is needed to fully fund a specific disaster response. If this happens, your gift will be used to address a similar effort. Please make your check out to BELC and note "Disaster Relief" on the envelope.

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

Thought for the Week

Yet at its fullest, biblical lament expresses sorrow over losing a world that was once good alongside a belief that it can be made good again. Lament isn't giving up, it's giving over. When we lift up our sorrow and our pain, we turn it over to the only one who can meet it: our God - *Josh Larson*

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 8:15: 21, 10:30: 90, total: 110

Church School Attendance: 32; adults 17, children 15

Church School Offerings: \$23.00

Needed through Dec. 31 to meet 2019 Budget: \$386,591.00

Received through Dec. 31 to meet 2019 Budget: \$336,872.17

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP *From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 4:17 CEB* This change or repentance to which we are called is an ongoing journey to greater wholeness marked by growth in generosity, compassion and witness. May our lives proclaim the nearness of God's reign in and through us.

2020 FLOWER CHART Do you have a special date, event or person that you would like to commemorate with altar flowers? Sign up to provide flowers on the 2020 Flower chart, displayed on the lobby wall. Cost per arrangement is \$25.00. Please make checks payable to Kris Burow. Payment does not have to accompany order.

OFFERING ENVELOPES The 2020 envelopes are available in the lobby.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP February 2, 2020

Assisting Minister – Phil Frame

Children's Sermon – Pastor Matt Smith

8:15: Acolyte – Chris Boyd

Lay Reader – Don Telles

Communion Assistants – Nancy Holderread, Don Telles

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

10:30: Acolyte – Kyra Pohl

Lay Reader – Jim Schalkhauser

Communion Assistants – Carol Kinney, Carole Kienke, Peggy Teter

Greeters – Ron & Marilyn Clark

Ushers – Art & Joanna Alvera, Dee Bernard

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Jan. 26	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
	11:45	Congregational Meeting
MONDAY	5:30	Board of Congregational Care
TUESDAY	6:30	Board of Worship Life
	8:00	Family Growth Center
	9:30	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Book Club
WEDNESDAY	6:15	T.N.T. Class
	8:00	Family Growth Center
	6:30	Handbell Choir
	7:30	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
FRIDAY	7:00	N.A. Meeting
SATURDAY	9:30	F.A.B.
SUNDAY, Feb. 2 <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
	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



that
there be
NO DIVISIONS
among you

1 Corinthians 1:10

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