



Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30
February 2, 2020

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O come let us worship and bow down to the God who upends human understanding. We seek status, you made yourself nothing. You fasted, we fill our plates. You embraced rejection, we crave approval. We lift our hearts in humble gratitude, O God, for this model of Christian perfection. Speak to us. Make us willing to be filled with your treasures, which are the richest blessings of all. In the name of the servant Jesus, we pray. 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 by Marv & Laura Halbakken in memory of Anna Steele.

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

ALTAR GUILD – Sue & Bob Christiansen

Susan Mahoney, Betty Bonney

ASSISTING MINISTER – Phil Frame

CHILDREN'S SERMON - Pastor Matt Smith

ACOLYTE – 8:15 Chris Boyd, 10:30 need someone

LAY READER – Don Telles, Jim Schalkhauser

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Nancy Holderread, Don Telles

Carol Kinney, Carole Kienke, Peggy Teter

GREETERS – Tim Stanley, Dave Holderread

Ron & Marilyn Clark

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

Art & Joanna Alvera, Dee Bernardi

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 Trinity Lutheran Church in Manton Michigan.

PARISH NOTES

TODAY 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". Please wait to come forward until instructed by the pastor. This special offering will be used to feed hungry people in our community through the Food Pantry in our church.

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.

MAYOR SCHOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE For the second consecutive year, Mayor Schor will hold a press conference from our BELC upper social hall. Join us on Thursday, February 13th at 1:00 p.m. to be a part of the good news that will be shared with Lansing regarding the great things that are happening in the Baker Neighborhood! Last year, Virginia Bauman made the news!

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Have your articles in by February 14th for the March newsletter. Please submit in Word format or in the body of an email to: bethlehemlansing@gmail.com.

GREAT LAKES GATHERING Pastor Matt, and Michelle, and 3 youth will be attending the Great Lakes Gathering from the 7th through the 9th. Please keep all in your prayers. We hope all participants have a great and meaningful experience!

EUCHRE NIGHT & POTLUCK Save the date! The Board of Congregational Life & Activities is hosting a euchre night with a potluck! Join us on Saturday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. For more information contact Rebecca Jordan.

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.

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:

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

Thought for the Week

Jesus' youth ministry was markedly different than ours.
Jesus blessed young children and taught adults.
In our ministry, how can we focus more on blessing our youth,
rather than only teaching them?

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 8:15: 36, 10:30: 100, total: 136

Church School Attendance: 32; adults 17, children 15

Church School Offerings: \$5.00

Needed through Jan.26 to meet 2020 Budget: \$30,154.76

Received through Jan. 26 to meet 2020 Budget: \$21,256.74

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.* May our generous and caring actions offerings reflect our fierce yearning for all humanity to be aligned with God's gracious love.

2020 FLOWER CHART **Thank you** to all who sponsor the flowers for Bethlehem's Worship on Sunday Mornings. The beautiful arrangements enhance the worship experience for all. The 2020 Flower Chart is posted and there are sponsor openings for various Sundays in the months ahead. Many like to commemorate a special person, date or event with altar flowers. If you want to sponsor the flowers for a specific Sunday, please sign up on the chart. The cost for flowers is \$35. On Sundays when there is not a sponsor, an arrangement of silk flowers may be used. The flower order is sent to the florist the last days of the month, so please sign up by the 15th for the flowers to be ordered for the next month. Payment may be made in advance or on the Sunday the flowers are ordered. Please make checks payable to Kris Burow.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP February 9, 2020

Assisting Minister – Nancy Holderread

Children's Sermon – **Need someone**

8:15: Acolyte – Madelyn Smith

Lay Reader – Dorothy Martin

Communion Assistants – Ralph & Margaret Sergent

Greeters – Bob & Sue Christiansen

Ushers – Kurt Kollmeyer, Ron Miller

10:30: Acolyte – Jackie Quinn

Lay Reader – **Need someone**

Communion Assistants – Jim Whitman, Ken Teter, Jim Schalkhauser

Greeters – Audrey Olson, Dana Stevens

Ushers – Jack Midgley, Matt Marsh, Mike Lamb

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Feb. 2	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Presentation of</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
<i>Our Lord</i>	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
MONDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
TUESDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	9:30	Staff Meeting
	12:00	BELCW Bible Study Leaders Meeting
	6:15	T.N.T. Class
WEDNESDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	6:30	Handbell Choir
	7:30	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
FRIDAY		Great Lakes Youth Gathering
	7:00	N.A. Meeting
	9:00	F.A.B.
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY, Feb. 9	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

**Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they
will be filled.**

Matthew 5:6, NRSV

