



Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30  
February 9, 2020

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

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*God of illumination, we are people who walk in darkness.  
In your holy Word is the light for our path. Speak to us today  
through your Word and through our worship, so that we may  
walk in the light of our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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

ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow, Barb Raia, Linda Telles

ASSISTING MINISTER – Nancy Holderread

CHILDREN'S SERMON - Pastor John Burow

ACOLYTE – 8:15 need someone, 10:30 Jackie Quinn

LAY READER – Dorothy Martin, Jim Whitman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Jim Whitman, Peggy Teter  
Jim Schalkhauser

GREETERS – Bob & Sue Christiansen, Audrey Olson, Mary Bartel

USHERS – Ron Miller, Jeff Kosloski

Jack Midgley, Matt Marsh, Mike Lamb

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

*Rhoda Hunter* in Holt Senior Care on Willoughby in Holt

*Kurt Kollmeyer* in Sparrow Hospital

**Those at home:** *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke, Crystal Collins, Ernie Hassell, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Susan Mahoney, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Kevin Meeker, Nancy Miesner, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, 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)

**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 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.*

**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 Hope Lutheran Church in Marlette, Michigan and The Northwest Intermountain Synod of Spokane Washington.

## PARISH NOTES

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Arnie Gaspersohn, who died February 4, 2020. He is the father of Wendy Lamphier & Laurey Wyble. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

**TODAY 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. The offering box used to receive the offerings is called a 'parfleche'. Made of deer or buffalo hide that has been cured, the Lakota people have used parfleches for centuries to transport and keep valuable items secure.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

**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.

**RUMMAGE SALE** The BELCW Annual Rummage Sale is just under three months away. For the past few years, donations have been allowed to come in early and be stored on the stage. Due to our battle against church mice, the Board of Building and Grounds is requiring that no more early donations be stored on the stage or any other spot within the church building. One of the ways to eradicate varmints is to eliminate the environments in which they live. The BELCW would very much appreciate it if you would store the items that you plan on donating in your own home and bring to the church starting Sunday, April 12th. This is two weeks prior to when set up and sorting begins for the rummage sale. If you have any questions, please call Laurey Wyble or Kelly Carpenter.

## 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:

### **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

## **Thought for the Week**

God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

- Ephesians 1:22-23 CEB

## **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING**

Worship Attendance: 8:15: 22, 10:30: 89, total: 110

Church School Attendance: 34; adults 21, children 13

Church School Offerings: \$2.00

***Needed through Feb. 2 to meet 2020 Budget: \$37,693.45***

***Received through Feb. 2 to meet 2020 Budget: \$26,965.74***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP** We are the salt of the earth through whom God protects and preserves. We are the light through whom God's love shines. May our serving and giving be signs pointing others to God's glory and 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 in the lobby 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16, 2020

**Assisting Minister** – Don Telles

**Children's Sermon** – Liisa Whitman

**8:15: Acolyte** – Amaya Fernandez

**Lay Reader** – Don Telles

**Greeters** – Ron & Diane Miller

**Ushers** – Ralph Sergeant, Tim Stanley

**10:30: Acolyte** – Ava Meeker

**Lay Reader** – Otto Kern

**Communion Assistants** – Keitha Snider, Sharon Drake

Joni Schalkhauser

**Greeters** – Peggy & Ken Teter

**Ushers** – Kelly Carpenter, Carol Kinney, Joanna Dyer

### THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Feb. 9	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
Mission Sunday	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
MONDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	6:30	Harmony Circle
	6:30	Board of Stewardship & Finance
TUESDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	9:30	Staff Meeting
	6:15	T.N.T. Class
	6:30	Board of Outreach
WEDNESDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	9:00	Quilting Day
	6:30	Board of Buildings & Grounds
	6:30	Handbell Choir
	7:30	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	1:00	Mayor Schor's Press Conference
FRIDAY	7:00	N.A. Meeting
Happy Valentine's Day		Newsletter deadline
SATURDAY	6:00	Euchre Night & Potluck
SUNDAY, Feb. 16	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
	11:45	Board of Education

#### **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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