



Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30
January 5, 2020

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth. Direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the Magi walked with joy to the place where he dwelled, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ, our 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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The altar flowers 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 up this week's copy 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

GUEST PASTOR – Rev. Matthew Smith

ORGANIST – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble

ALTAR GUILD – Sue & Bob Christiansen

Betty Bonney, Susan Mahoney

ASSISTING MINISTER – Nancy Holderread

CHILDREN'S SERMON - Pastor Matt Smith

ACOLYTE – Madelyn Smith, Megan Jones

LAY READER – Dorothy Martin, Virginia Bauman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Dorothy Martin, Ralph Sergent

Mary Bartel, Mel White, Keitha Snider

GREETERS – Ralph & Margaret Sergent, Ken & Peggy Teter

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

Don Cairns, Judy Pardee, Sandy & Dick Rollis, 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, Donna Clarizio, Crystal Collins, Deanna Darling, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter, Ray Kenger, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Kevin Meeker, Nancy Miesner, Stephanie Moneyppenny, 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.

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.

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.

WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN! That goes for Christmas decorations, too! Can you lend a hand to "un-decorate" the church? After the 10:30 a.m. service of worship, today, things will get packed away for another year. Many willing hands will always make short work of it!

The 2020 GRID The 2020 January through March "GRID", for those assisting in worship service, is available on a table in the social hall. If you don't see your name on one and you know you assist in worship, please pick up an unlabeled copy for your convenience. Thank you.

OFFERING ENVELOPES The 2020 envelopes are available this morning in the lobby.

2020 FLOWER CHART The 2020 Flower chart is available for you to sign up today. Cost per arrangement is \$25.00. Make checks payable to Kris Burow. Payment does not have to accompany the order.

WE WILL BE GOING TO STONY LAKE Elementary, Confirmation and Senior High Camp is the week of July 12–17. Camp registration begins on January 15, 2020. You will log on to <http://www.elcalivingwater.com/> and complete your camp application. Families need to pay the \$100 deposit directly to the camp at the time you submit your application. 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 application on January 15.

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.

SOUND SYSTEM TRAINING Basics for services and funerals will be held on January 12, February 16, and March 8. Training will follow the 10:30 service on January 12. Anyone interested please attend.

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:

Being Christ-Centered

Goal: Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a Christ-centered, joyful community of believers who embrace the seven Marks of Discipleship. We will do this by:

- Following biblical teachings
- Connecting Christ's story to our stories
- Continued learning and growth of spiritual life
- Striving to live as God would have us live
- Giving life to the Marks of Discipleship
- Serving selflessly, with humility and gratitude

Thought for the Week

Being Christ-centered means knowing that Everyone and Everything in ALL creation is IN Christ (John 1:3-4).

What does this mean for the love and respect we show? For others? For creation?

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: *Last Sunday 65, Christmas Eve 232*

Needed through Dec.22 to meet 2019 Budget: \$379,156.56

Received through Dec. 22 to meet 2019 Budget: \$331,867.17

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP ...and we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's only son, full of grace and truth. May the grace and truth we experience in Jesus this season, shape our serving and giving in the New Year.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP January 12, 2020

Assisting Minister – Susan Mahoney

8:15:

Acolyte – Amaya Fernandez

Lay Reader – Mary Jakubiak

Communion Assistants – Mary Jakubiak, David Holderread

Greeters – Dorothy Martin, Susan Mahoney

Ushers – Kurt Kollmeyer, Ron Miller

10:30:

Acolyte – Easton Matteson

Lay Reader – Carole Kienke

Communion Assistants – Jim Whitman, Hunter Whitman

Laurey Wyble

Greeters – Jim & Joni Schalkhauser

Ushers – Otto Kern, Phil Hassler, Joe Skidmore, Michael Kern

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Jan. 5	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Food Bank Sunday</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion Installation of BELCW Officers
	11:45	Un-decorate the church
MONDAY		
<i>Epiphany</i>		
TUESDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	9:30	Staff Meeting
	TBD	Bible Study Leaders Meeting
	6:15	T.N.T. Class
WEDNESDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	9:00	Quilting Day
	6:30	Board of Buildings & Grounds
	7:30	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	8:00	Family Growth Center
	1:00	Community Partners Meeting
FRIDAY	7:00	N.A. Meeting
SUNDAY, Jan. 12	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Mission Sunday</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
<i>New Members</i>	9:15	Sunday School
<i>Baptism</i>	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
	12:00	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

Epiphany

Then the young women will
rejoice in the dance,
the young men and the old
together;
for I will turn their mourning
into joy,
and will comfort them,
and make them rejoice from
their sorrow.

Jeremiah 31:13



