



Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30  
October 13, 2019

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

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Good and gracious God, we praise you for the ways you call us to work in carrying out your mission. You call us to Christ-like lives of discipleship. In Christ we live and move and have our being. Give us ears to hear and hearts to receive Christ's message of love and forgiveness, so that we, too, might celebrate in thanksgiving the banquet you have prepared for all creation. 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 Dorothy Wagner in memory of Bill.

**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 your copy of this week's "Taking Faith Home" 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 – Kris Burow, Barb Raia, Linda Telles

ASSISTING MINISTER – Nancy Holderread

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Dave Holderread

ACOLYTE – Nick Boyd

LAY READER – Susan Mahoney, Carole Kienke

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Joe Shreffler, Don Telles, Susan

Mahoney / John & Kris Burow, Vicki Leighton

GREETERS – Brian & Nancy Pickford / Connie Scott

Sandy Johnson, Carole Kienke

USHERS – Kurt Kollmeyer, Nancy Miesner, Ron Miller

Jack Midgley, Matt Marsh, Mike Lamb, Don Olson

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  
*Ray Kenger & 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, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan 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.*

**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

**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.

**CROP Hunger Walk** The 2019 Walk is **today in Lansing**. The sponsoring agency, Church World Services, does so much more that simply feed the hungry; they also provide the education and tools necessary to enable people to feed themselves, thus building self-esteem. Won't you do your part? It's not too late to donate. See Nancy Holderread for more information or go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/donate](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/donate).

**BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB** Join us Tuesday night, October 22 in the library from 6 – 8 p.m. as we explore our first book; "We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

**CORNWELL'S DINNER THEATRE** Please join us on a trip to see The Rat Pack Lounge on Tuesday, October 22. The cost is \$42.00 per person. Dinner begins at noon with the show following from 2-4 p.m. Lois Cairns will be taking reservations in the social hall after the worship services today. We will carpool from 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.

**CONSUMERS ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP UPDATE**  
Update: There is still time, but, Bethlehem has a way to go to qualify for the energy rewards program. We currently have 27 sign-ups and were hoping for 100. See Kris Burow after the worship service to sign up today. Also, talk to any family or friends who are Consumers gas customers and encourage them to have the FREE Home analysis completed. Any Consumers Energy gas customer in the State of Michigan can apply under the Bethlehem code (BELC19); they do not need to be Lansing area customers. Together we can make this a successful program! Brochures are available in the fellowship hall for more information.

**LUTHER LEAGUE CARE PACKAGES** November 3, after worship, we will be assembling care packages for seven 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 or outside of Laurey Wyble's office.

**LansingSAVE** Bethlehem is extending LansingSAVE 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade and currently attend school in the Lansing School District. (Note: students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade that attend either 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering on **December 29<sup>th</sup>**.

**TABS, CANS & BOTTLES** The BELCW is collecting tabs from aluminum beverage cans to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Drop your tabs in the container on the shelf in the social hall. Also, the Luther League is collecting returnable cans and plastic bottles in the box under the stairs in the social hall to support ongoing activities. Thank you for your support of these two ministries.



**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP** October 20

**Assisting Minister** – Don Telles

**Children's Sermon** – Liisa Whitman

**8:15: Acolyte** – Justyn Prowdley

**Lay Reader** – Mary Jakubiak

**Communion Assistants** – Dorothy Martin, Candy Barnes  
Christina Raia

**Greeters** – Don & Audrey Olson

**Ushers** – Steve Viele, Liz Viele, Ralph Sergent, Tim Stanley

**10:30: Acolyte** – Carmen Jones

**Lay Reader** – Beatrice Backhaus

**Communion Assistants** – Dick & Sandy Rollis, Judy Pardee

**Greeters** – Jack & Sandy Midgley, Pat Lebsack

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

### **Thought for the Week**

I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness - it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude.

~ Brené Brown, Researcher

### **ATTENDANCE**

Worship Attendance: *Last Sunday* – 129; 8:15 - 46, 10:30 - 83

Church School Attendance: 43; adults 31, children 22

Church School Offerings: \$5.00

*See monthly financial updates in The Bethlehem Star Newsletter.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP** In today's Gospel only one in ten was filled with gratitude; gratitude that brought him to Jesus' feet with praise and thanksgiving. What impact does gratitude have on our lives? May we have the gift of grateful hearts.

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

**SAVE THE DATE!** The next Bethlehem Night Out (BNO) will be Saturday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brookshire Inn in Williamston. More info will be coming, soon.

**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.

# THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 13	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Mission Sunday</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
<i>CROP Hunger Walk</i>	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
MONDAY	6:30	Harmony Circle
	6:30	Board of Stewardship & Finance
TUESDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	9:30	Staff Meeting
	1:00	Rainbow Circle
	6:15	T.N.T. Class
WEDNESDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	6:30	Handbell Choir
	7:30	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	6:30	Congregation Council Meeting
FRIDAY	7:00	N.A. Meeting
SUNDAY, Oct. 20	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
	11:45	Luther League
	11:45	Board of Education Meeting

## 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**

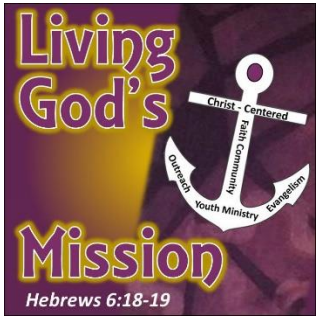
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Luke 17:18

# Living God's Mission



Our theme for the 2019-20 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

**TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND** A ten-day trip to the Holy Land is planned for January 12, 2021. Pastor Jim Lichtenberger will host the trip for his fourth visit there, seeing sights such as Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Qumran, Masada, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. The cost will be \$4197, which includes air fare out of Detroit, hotel, tips (except for lunches), two meals a day, and present fuel costs. It is anticipated that the flight will be a non-stop to Tel Aviv out of Chicago. Recommended travel Insurance is extra. If you have questions, call Jim at 765-476-1318. If you want to see a video about this trip, go to this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQgvSMYNFnA&feature=youtu.be>

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE HURRICANE DORIAN TROPICAL STORM IMELDA

Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas with devastating force, leading to major damage and a growing number of reported deaths. The storm then moved along the southeastern coast of the United States, resulting in dangerous winds and life-threatening storm surge. Lutheran Disaster Response is in communication with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the South Carolina Synod, the North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Services Carolinas and other partners who are preparing to respond. We are ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from this hurricane and any others the 2019 season may bring.

Tropical Storm Imelda brought heavy rainfall in southeastern Texas which resulted in widespread flooding that some residents in and around Houston report to be worse than what they remember during Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Neighborhoods, roads and farms are completely submerged. Lutheran Disaster Response is responding to these emergencies through congregations, synods and our affiliates across Texas.

With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can provide survivors of this hurricane and others like it with immediate relief and can accompany them on the long road to recovery. Your gifts designated for "Hurricane response" will be used entirely (100%) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can support those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

If you would like to contribute to ELCA Disaster Response, please make your check payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and indicate "Hurricane Response" on the memo line.

**NORTH SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT** Due to all of the rain, the concrete project tentative schedule is **now the 14<sup>th</sup> of October**. This will limit access to the building if you use the North (Food Pantry) door. Parking on that side of the building will also be limited as our contractor will need some room to work and haul away old concrete. We ask that you use the main entrance to enter the building during these dates. Please be advised that, if there is inclement weather between now and then, the schedule may change. Updates will be posted on our social media platforms and the website to keep you informed.