



Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30
November 10, 2019

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joe & Audrey Skidmore.

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 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, Peggy Teter

ASSISTING MINISTER – Phil Frame

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor John Burow

ACOLYTES – Carmen Jones

LAY READERS – Debbie Viele, Crystal Collins

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Debbie Viele, Christina Raia, Justyn

Prowdley / Kyra Pohl, Sherry Bass-Pohl, Connie Scott

GREETERS – Debbie Viele, Liz Viele, Pat Lebsack, Lois & Don Cairns

USHERS – Kurt Kollmeyer, Ron Miller

Otto Kern, Phil Hassler, Joe Skidmore, Michael Kern

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Peckham

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *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.

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

Janenne Grinnell in Ingham Co. Medical Care Facility
Donna Clarizio & Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos
(Barbara) Jean Collins in The Willows of East Lansing

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Cloyd Barnes, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke, Pam Butts, Crystal Collins, Deanna Darling, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter, Ray Kenger, 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.

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.

PARISH NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Robin Kosloski, wife of Jeff Kosloski, who died last week. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY During the past few weeks we have been reminded of the many ways in which God, in his love, has blessed us and how we are called to experience "Following Your Heart-A Lifetime of Stewardship". In response to God's love, there will be the opportunity during today's service, to bring forward to the altar your financial commitment card. This will indicate your support for the ministry and programs of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Remember that the extent of our church's ministry and outreach depends on the initiative, dedication and support of everyone.

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. As you bring your offering forward you will hear a recording of Amazing Grace sung in Lakota by Tiana Spotted Thunder.

BBC- BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB Our next meeting is November 19th, in the library, at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana Rosnay. Check your library, book store or favorite online bookseller for a copy of the book. Cheryl Shreffler will be leading our discussion. Join us please!

PIE FEST FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE. Let us know if you're bringing a pie on Facebook, sign-up sheet in the social hall or by text/call to Rebecca Jordan 517-303-6701. All Pies are welcome! :)

THANKSGIVING BASKETS Your generous support of food and monetary donations makes our Outreach Ministry possible. Sign-up sheets for items for this year's Thanksgiving Baskets are in the social hall. Sign-up for an item or two and be sure to take a reminder slip telling you that all donated items should be in on Wednesday, November 20. Distribution of the baskets will be Saturday, November 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS All are invited to attend the Women's event on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. BELCW General Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will be celebrating the holiday with beautifully decorated tables and a Christmas performance by a husband and wife group. **Reservations are required** to allow us to have enough beautifully decorated tables. Sign-up will begin today in the Fellowship Hall and requested by November 24. Look for the Christmas display!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE All our children are important to this production. Children with spoken lines need to be at each of our rehearsals. Rehearsal schedule follows:
Sunday, November 17, 11:45 a.m. - rehearsal and Pizza Party!
Saturday, November 23, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 8 - rehearsal during 1st service. It is very important to arrive on time. The evening of the program is Sunday, December 8. Please arrive by 4:30 p.m. as the program will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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 November 17

Assisting Minister – Don Telles

Children's Sermon – need someone

8:15:

Acolyte – Justyn Prowdley

Lay Reader – Candy Barnes

Communion Assistants – Vicki Leighton, Mary Jakubiak
Michelle Smith

Greeters – Carol Wank, Dorothy Martin, Candy Barnes

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

10:30:

Acolyte – Megan Jones

Lay Reader – Jim Schalkhauser

Communion Assistants – Mary Bartel, Joni & Jim Schalkhauser

Greeters – Joni & Jim Schalkhauser

Ushers – Kelly Carpenter, Joanne Dyer, Carol Kinney

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts.

1 Peter 4:10 (Common English Bible)

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: *Last Sunday* - 152; 8:15 - 39, 10:30 - 113

Church School Attendance: 35; adults 20, children 15

Church School Offerings: \$5.00

See monthly financial updates in The Bethlehem Star Newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP *"Now, he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." Luke 20:38*
Being alive in Christ and responding to God's grace shapes us into faithful, compassionate and generous people. Thanks for your giving and serving.

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.

IN THE NOVEMBER LIVING LUTHERAN: Several of the articles relate to the Youth Ministry aspect of *Living God's Mission*. "Lessons from Campus Ministry" on pages 35-41 explores the reasons that college students engage in worship, faith learning and service. An innovative art project for neighborhood youth is highlighted on page 17. There is a fascinating interview with an older youth on page 12. You can read about youth visiting the Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries at Pine Ridge or Holden Village deep in the wilderness of the Cascade Mountains. Pick up a copy of Living Lutheran at the welcome center.

A service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Join with God's people to offer Him your worship and praise to thank God for His love and blessings!

Thanksgiving Eve Service - November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Pie Fest to follow service.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Nov. 10	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Commitment Sunday</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
<i>Mission Sunday</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.
	10:30	Staff Meeting
	6:15	T.N.T. Class
	6:30	Board of Outreach
WEDNESDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	9:00	Quilting Day
	6:30	Board of Buildings & Grounds
	6:30	Handbell Choir
	7:30	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	8:00	F.G.C.
	1:00	Community Partners Meeting
FRIDAY	7:00	N.A. Meeting
SUNDAY, Nov. 17	8:15	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Thankoffering Sunday</i>	8:30	Junior Choir
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:30	Adult Forum
	10:30	Worship – Holy Communion
	11:45	Sunday School Christmas Program
		Practice and Pizza Party

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

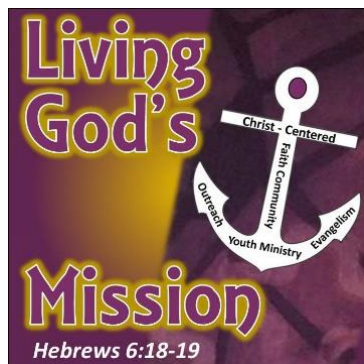
We Are ALL ALIVE IN God!



***Now he is God not of the dead, but of the
living; for to him all of them are alive.***

-Luke 20:38-

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:

Evangelism

Goal: Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church will actively seek opportunities to spread God's Word and welcome all people to the community of faith. We will do this by:

- Spreading God's Word in a way that helps people in practical ways
- Telling the story of what God is doing through the mission and ministry of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church and its people
- Inviting and welcoming all people to participate in our faith community
- Adapting the experience at Bethlehem in an effort to help meet diverse needs
- Challenging our comfort zones and helping our faith community to be more "evangelical"

My offering to God flows from **gratitude**

My offering to God flows from **obligation**

My offering to God flows from **trust**

My offering to God flows from **compassion**

My offering to God flows from **hope**

My offering to God flows from **belonging**

My offering to God flows from **faith**

My offering to God flows from **obedience**

My offering to God flows from **guilt**

My offering to God flows from **abundance**

My offering to God flows from **habit**

My offering to God flows from **resurrection**

My offering to God flows from **God's Spirit**

My offering to God flows as **witness**