

**Sermon Series**  
**March 6-April 21**

**P RAYER**  
EXPLORING THE HEART OF GOD



The Bible contains over 375 references to prayer. Bar-na research says 84% of adults in the US pray at least once a week. Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Even among pastors a poll revealed that 37% were dis-satisfied or very dissatisfied with their prayer life. Would you like to grow your prayer life?

During the season of Lent, our worship services are going to focus on prayer. On Sundays and Mondays the worship services and sermons will begin the explora-tion of our weekly theme. On Wednesdays we will have a chance to dig deeper and more fully apply what each weekly theme means for our lives. Everyone is invited to attend our **Wednesday 1:00 pm** Lenten Ser-vices. Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will be held at 6:30 pm in the Narthex.

- March 6 (Ash Wednesday)– God, Will you please forgive my sins?
- March 10– God, Are you listening?
- March 17– God, Will you please lead me?
- March 24– Lord, Help me overcome my doubt?
- March 31– How can I say thanks?
- April 7– God, If I could only have...?
- April 14 (Palm Sunday)- God, Will you save us now?
- April 18 (Maundy Thursday)- Lord, is it I?
- April 19 (Good Friday)- Tenebrae
- April 21 (Easter Sunday)- Where are you Lord?

**Worship Helpers - March 27**

	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Fritzler
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 2

**LAST WEEK**

Worship Attendance: 227 Electronic: \$4,770  
Offering: \$11,720 Total: \$16,490

**Worship Helpers - March 24**

	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>7:00 pm Monday</b>
<b>Elders</b>		Fritzler	Rodammer
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 1	Team 2	Team 8
<b>Greeters</b>	Vicki Houthoofd & Karen Dietzel	Liz Reyes & Barb Klein	
<b>Music</b>		Senior Choir	
<b>Lay Reader</b>		Jim Keel	
<b>Video</b>	Ryan Mulder		



**Weekly Connection**  
**March 17 & 18, 2019**

**This Week at Bethlehem**

<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Contemporary Worship/Communion
	<b>9:15 am</b>	C2C/Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Worship/Communion
	<b>6-8:30 pm</b>	PULSE
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Public School Confirmation
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Teen MOPS
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Braille
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Worship/Communion
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Braille
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Food Pantry
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	TOPS
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Stephen Ministry
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	Lent Worship
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Nar Anon
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Lent Worship
	<b>7:15 pm</b>	Praise Band Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Braille
	<b>9:00 am</b>	BLEST
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, March 22</b>	<b>6:15 am</b>	Men's Bible Study
		Half Day of School
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Contemporary Worship
	<b>9:15 am</b>	C2C/Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Worship

**Our Vision:** Changing Lives Through Christ

**Our Mission:** Sharing Christ's Love & Caring for All People

[www.BethlehemSaginaw.org](http://www.BethlehemSaginaw.org)

[www.Facebook.com/BethlehemSaginaw](https://www.Facebook.com/BethlehemSaginaw)

## PRAYER FOCUS

**HOSPITALIZED:** Wendy Sova, Tom Rodammer, Adolf Ponchitera

**IN NEED OF PRAYER?** Our prayer chain members are honored to pray for you. Call Carol during the day at 792-6285 or Ronda in the evening at 781-0217. For confidential requests, click on the link on our homepage to submit an anonymous form.

## GROWING IN THE WORD

**CONNECT 7** Daily Devotions are in the narthex.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** on Fridays at 6:15 am at Biggby's is studying the book of Romans.

**LOWER LEVEL BIBLE STUDY** "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?" These are the big questions that eventually confront everyone. They are first asked during childhood and time won't make them go away. God has the answers and we will search God's word for them watching a video of Rev. Joel Biermann, a professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Join the search in the lower level at 9:15 this Sunday!

**QUIET BAGS FOR CHILDREN** are on the cross coat rack in the narthex to use during worship.

## CARING FOR OTHERS

**PANTRY NEEDS** are instant potatoes, scallop potatoes, mac & cheese, canned chicken, canned fruit, oatmeal, & corn muffin mix.

## AROUND BETHLEHEM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are seeking help with performing light repairs around the church and school. If you are handy, please consider using your gifts to serve the Lord here at Bethlehem. Contact Trevor Henry at 755-

1144 ext. 108 if you are willing to help in this way. Thank you for your consideration.

**SAVE THE DATE** for Ladies Night at Painterly Pottery, Bay rd., on Friday, April 5, 6pm. Cost will be \$16 to paint a \$20 item. Supper included. Tickets go on sale March 6 in the church office and each Sunday inbetween services in March. Deadline for ticket sales is April 1.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS** The 2018 Choice dollars are still able to be directed to Bethlehem until March 31. Visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) to designate your choice dollars. If you need help please contact the office 755-1144.

**LADIES OF BLEST** We will meet March 21 at 9:00 am. We will be served lunch by our committee. Our speaker will be Pastor Buckhahn. Don't forget you mites.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Are you able to spend an hour a month visiting a homebound member of Bethlehem? Are you able to help serve funeral dinners? Are you able to provide a salad or dessert for funeral dinners? If the answer is yes to any or all of these questions please let us know! You can call the church office, Ginny Bergant 792-5835, or fill out a blue sheet on from the table entering the narthex. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

**BRILLE WORKERS NEEDED:** You do not need to know Braille. We print Braille Books of the Bible in several languages. Can you number pages or put a piece of paper between two metal plates? Can you help prepare boxes for shipping? Those are all the skills you need! We met Tuesday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am in the lower level. You could drop off your preschooler and help us out! Other Braille days

are: Thursday 8:30am to 11:00am and Monday night from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. This is a friendly, loving working atmosphere. Please consider joining us!

**SAGINAW LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP** Mixed Bowling League has scholarships available for students pursuing studies in the ministry of teaching or preaching in the Lutheran Church. Check the church office for applications which are due by April 1 or contact James Ruthig at 792-9123 or [jruthig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jruthig@sbcglobal.net)

## SCHOOL NEWS

**BELIEVE. LEARN. GROW. LEAD.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Spring Break– March 25-29

### UPCOMING LITTLE STARS EARLY LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE

- April 25th 5:30- 7:30pm

### KINDERGARTEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethlehem Lutheran School is looking for volunteers to help in our Kindergarten classroom. Volunteers would need to be able to pass a Michigan Criminal Background Check. If interested in spending a few hours assisting Mrs. Wilson, please contact Dr. Frederick at [nfrederick@bethlehemsaginaw.org](mailto:nfrederick@bethlehemsaginaw.org) or at 989-755-1144 ext. 212

**SPONSORS NEEDED** We are still seeking student sponsors for our Angel Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in sponsoring a student or students who may need additional financial assistance, please contact Dr. Frederick in the school office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are in NEED of

volunteers who are willing to do projects around the school to get it ready for the visiting Accreditation team in April. There are many small projects that we would like accomplished to make our school shine even brighter in the coming days! If you like to do small maintenance projects and handyman type work, please contact Trevor Henry (ext. 108) or Dr. Frederick (ext. 212). Also, stay tuned for an ALL SCHOOL work day in the beginning of April where will clean the building for the Accreditation Team visit!

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** April 6th from 6-8pm. Early bird pricing (through 3/29): \$15 ea. /2 for \$25 or \$20 Per Person at the Door. Each Player Competes as an Individual. To Purchase Tickets, visit the school office 7:30am-3:30pm. Admission includes a sloppy joe meal and a chance to compete for prizes. All proceeds benefit the Bethlehem Lutheran Athletics program.

## FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM

**TRI CITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP** will be held on April 19 at the Horizon's Conference Center at 1 pm. The Rev. Michael Zeigler will be the guest speaker. He is with Lutheran Hour Ministries. In order to underwrite the cost of this service, we are seeking support from congregation members as we have in the past. If you would like to donate, contact your congregation rep., Ron Berlin. Checks should be made out to "Good Friday Service." Thank you for any support you can give, invite your relatives, friends, and unchurched acquaintances to join us at the service.

**VALLEY LUTHERAN LENTEN TOUR** concert this Sunday, March 17 at Peace Lutheran at 3:00.