

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 05, 2023



Rejoice in hope of the glory of God

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Bethlehem is Hebrew for “House of Bread,” the city of David, King of Israel, and the birthplace of the Lord Jesus. This land was originally planned to be a town called Bethlehem, and eventually our congregation adopted it as its name. You are invited to believe that Jesus is present here, at Bethlehem today according to His Word and to confess the very Bread of Life Jesus feeds us with in the Sacrament.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Howard “Butch” Bahrns, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Lillian Grobengieser, Abby Guffey (granddaughter of Deb & Dennis Guffey), John Parker, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, and Gene Wharton.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week: (03/05-03/11) 03/05 – Harry Braasch; 03/07 – Alec Jahraus; 03/08 – Blayne Huston

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on February 26: \$ 5,491
Weekly amount needed for unified budget.....\$ 7,400

Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 02/26, 9:30am – 112

Have Thrivent Choice Dollars? – don’t forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice by March 31st. If you would like to recommend Thrivent Choice Dollars to Bethlehem Lutheran, Altamont, IL, contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836. Thank you!

*Today in Bible Class – Judges Chapter 6
The Call of Gideon*

- How was Midian oppressing Israel?
- What did God call Gideon to do?
- Why does Gideon hesitate with this call?
- How does God prove His strength to Gideon?



Homemade Pie baked by Janice Heiden - One pie will be offered for silent bid auction every Sunday, during Bible Class – highest bidder will take home the pie – all proceeds will go towards the church steeple project. Another reason to come to Bible Class!

Matins - Wednesdays - 9:30am at Bethlehem - Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something, join us on Wednesday mornings for our Matins worship service.

Date	Text	Psalm	Hymn
03/08 – Wednesday of Reminiscere	Esther 8:3-8, 15-17	Psalm 121	877
03/15 – Wednesday of Oculi:Epistle	Exodus 20:12-24a	Psalm 4	579
03/22 – Wednesday of Laetare: Gospel	John 9:1-38	Psalm 132:8-18	694
03/29 – Wednesday in Judica: Epistle	Leviticus 19	Psalm 43	689

LWML / Ladies' Aid Meeting - Thursday, March 09 at 7:00 p.m.

– Bring your mite boxes. – Hostesses: Sherri Strullmyer & Lorene Schultz

ENTRANCE CANOPY – DOORS - Work is continuing on the "overhang canopy" for the front doors. The custom made doors are scheduled to be installed in about 8 weeks. This project was approved by the voters and is funded by a member donor.

CHURCH STEEPLE – Committee members are continuing to receive quotes for the steeple project. Once all quotes are received and reviewed the committee will present them to the congregation.



District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments

21st Annual Immanuel Grilled Pork Loin Dinner at ALIS Gym today, March 5, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be "Dine In" or "Carry Out". Menu consists of grilled pork loin, pork burger/hotdog, baked potato, chips, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, desserts, dinner roll. Cost is \$12 for loin dinner; \$7 for pork burger or hotdog meal. Children ages 4 and under eat FREE.



Altamont Lutheran Interparish School hosts **Creation Truth Foundation** dinosaur week March 5-8 at ALIS. Displays include dinosaur fossils and replicas. This event is

for the whole family; showing the evidence for creation science. **Free and open to the public of all ages on:** Sunday March 5@6pm; Monday March 6@6pm; Tuesday March 7@6pm; Wednesday March 8@7pm. This free event at ALIS is for all Christians and churches. Kids and Youth focused on Creation Science. All ages are invited.

ALIS 29th Annual PTL Dinner Auction – The annual ALIS PTL dinner auction will be held on March 11th at the Carriage House Event Center, doors will open at 4:30.

❖❖ *Bethlehem, Zion, & Immanuel youth are offering babysitting for parents attending the auction. For Children 2 yrs. old – 6th grade, from 4-10pm in the Immanuel parish hall basement. Free will donation goes to Higher Things youth conference trip.* ❖❖

ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION will be held on Mon., March 20 from 6:00-6:45pm. Students will meet their teacher and visit the kindergarten room while parents complete paperwork and ask questions. Bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate to the orientation. Students will need a full physical, dental exam, eye exam, current immunizations, and a lead screening before school starts in August. Please call the school office at 618-483-6428, or email alisooffice2@gmail.com to RSVP.

MARCH FOR LIFE New Location: Springfield; **New Day:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Same Mission: Save Midwestern lives by marching for life in the public square. **Trip:** A bus will leave Immanuel North Parking Lot at **8AM** and return approx. 4-5PM. No charge for the bus; bring a sack lunch. **BUS IS FULL! You can still drive yourself and meet us there!** *Plan to attend by meeting us at a 10:30 AM service at Trinity, Springfield by CID President Mohr.*

→ **Another Bus is available:** Effingham County Right to Life has 25 seats available on a bus. This bus leaves the Effingham Event Center at 7:30 AM March 21 for the Right to Life March in Springfield, IL. The Event Center is formerly the KC Hall on Fayette Ave. Please text Diann Ruholl to reserve a seat 217-663-2056.

Additional information about attending The Illinois March for Life on March 21 in the March 2023 CID “News You Can Use” newsletter – printed copies available in the narthex.



Donation box is located in the narthex. Monetary donations and checks, payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted, please place in the “Church Inbox”.

Items currently in need at the Food Pantry: complete pancake mixes, cereal bars or pop tarts, instant potatoes, any type of bread/buns

Tuesday, February 28, the food pantry had 15 participants.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, March 8

- 9:30 a.m. – **Matins – Wednesday of Reminiscere**
- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 5:30 p.m. – Youth Group Bible Bowl Practice
- 7:00 p.m. – **Lent Vespers Service @ BLC** “Crossed Confessors”
- following worship service – Choir practice

Sunday, March 12 – Lent 3

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 10:45-11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School
- 8:00 a.m. – Pastor Manley’s Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM
- 5:00 p.m. – Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81
(Recording of today’s worship service is also available on our YouTube channel - link via our church website)

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
&
THE SALVATION OF MAN