

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, July 26, 2026

THIS IS GOD
OUR GOD FOREVER AND EVER.
HE WILL GUIDE US FOREVER.



PSALM 48:14

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

The Lord calls us by the Gospel to His house to worship Him. It is only by the Holy Spirit that any of us can believe in Jesus Christ and receive His gift of salvation. The LC-MS confesses that the one holy Christian church includes all believers of Christ in all denominations, while also confessing Jesus' teaching of Closed Communion. If you are not in altar fellowship with the LC-MS please refrain from the Lord's Supper at Bethlehem until you have spoken with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Gail Robert Heimgartner - cancer	Brad Suckow – back
Dwayne Beccue	Noah Luke Owen – heart	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Dale Roll	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Judy Stuemke – LCC	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Bernice Graumenz	Sam Stuemke – heart	
Lillian Grobengieser		

Birthdays (07/26-08/01): 07/26 – Jacob Putnam; 07/30 – Hiram Shoaf, Patti Wolff

Anniversaries: 07/26 – Lonnie & Sally Wilson
07/31 – Dean & Karen Manuel

Prayers of Thanksgiving to God for Erica Storck as she is confirmed through her Confession of Faith in the Rite of Confirmation and received as a communicant member of the Holy Christian Church and of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dean & Karen Manuel on July 31st.

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 07/19	\$ 5276
Gifts in memory of Jeannine Muchow	\$ 55

Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions

Attendance: Sun., 07/19, 9:30am – 113



No Bible Class today – Church Workday

Pastor is attending the Bugenhagen Conference in Racine, WI, M-W, July 27-29. For pastoral care, you may contact Pastor Manley via his cell phone or you may contact an Elder.

Old School Workday TODAY– Sunday, July 26 - Join us immediately following the worship service for an **Old School Workday**. Lunch will be provided by the Ladies Aid for everyone who helps. Items that will not be kept by the church will be available for congregation members to take on **July 26**. Any remaining items after **August 9** will be disposed of. If you have any questions, please contact **Eric Grobengieser**.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Altamont, IL – BBQ

August 30th - 11am - until the food is gone.

- Menu: Brisket, pulled pork, smoked chicken, hotdogs, German potato salad, apple pie baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Bethlehem Ladies Aid famous desserts.
- Tours of our historic 1867 church at 12:30 and 1:30
- Games: Barnyard Basketball, volleyball, badminton, cornhole, ring toss, and \$1 cake walk
- Freewill donation.
- Proceeds go to help with Bethlehem ALIS Tuition.
- Meal served in Bethlehem Parish Hall.

All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and stay for games, fellowship, and fun.

Contact Gary Grobengieser 618-553-9856

→ Please check the BBQ PICNIC "sign up sheets" in the hall.

→ Help is also needed for: **FOOD PREP** on Friday and Saturday
SERVING LINE on Sunday
RING TOSS

Thank you for helping to make the BETHLEHEM BBQ PICNIC a success!



Sunday School Teacher Installation will be Sunday, August 16th, during the 9:30am worship service. Youth Sunday School will begin Sunday, August 23rd.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sweet Corn Plot

- Some sweet corn is still available.
- Freewill donation
- For more information, please contact Pastor Manley or Lucas Kroening at (618) 977-9373.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Sweet Corn Fundraiser through your generous donations. Proceeds will help support Bethlehem's ALIS tuition costs for our students. We also extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped pick the corn, and a special thank you to the Kroening family for planting, caring for, and organizing this year's sweet corn project. We hope you enjoy the sweet corn!

50th Wedding Anniversary Open House for Dean & Karen Manuel will be held Saturday, August 8th, at the Barn & Bottle Winery, 10810 N. 1st, Altamont, from 6-8 pm. We hope you can come and celebrate with us!

Thank you to Rich and Pam Siddens for hosting lunch and swimming party last Sunday. Several families attended and swam. Thank you Siddens'!



Online enrollment for ALIS started on July 1, 2026. Families were sent an email from Teacherease - Common Goal Systems (ALIS will not be using Sycamore) with directions on how to access your parent account and complete enrollment online. We will also have in person Registration at ALIS on July 28th, 2026 from 4-6pm.

Shelby-Effingham-Altamont LLL Rally - The SEA Lutheran Laymen's League will hold a Rally on Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 7707 East IL 33; Shumway IL. Britt Odemba, Missionary to Kenya, East Africa with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will be the feathered speaker. Britt has been based in Nairobi since 2012 and works in partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK). Her work focuses on education, childcare and consulting with local Project 24, a childcare program. Britt is originally from Palo Alta CA. She is married to husband Micah and has two children. Also, there will be short business meeting for SEA LLL. Following the program refreshments will be served by members of Faith Lutheran Church.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. *The Food Pantry had **54** participants on Tuesday, 07/21/2026.*

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt. 25:35). The Altamont Ministerial Alliance does this by caring for the poor in our community. The Altamont Food pantry is open at First United Methodist Church every Tuesday, 1-3pm for citizens with an Altamont address. When available, other funds are given to the poor with an Altamont address to help with their needs. The Altamont Ministerial Alliance has checks and balances to properly steward all donations to those who are living in our community and follow Jesus' words to care for the poor.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Mon., July 27

No Adult Instruction

Sun., August 2 – Trinity 9

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Bible Study

8:00 am – Bethlehem's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM

5:00 pm – 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