

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 15, 2023



*Come, join in Cana's feast
Where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste
The wine His hands have blessed.*

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, Pam Berg-Kepley, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Lillian Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays: (01/15-1/21): 01/17 – Lena Spour, Leti Spour; 01/19 – Marea Yagow; 01/21 – Marion Schmidt

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on January 8: \$ 10,506
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, 01/08/2023, 9:30am – 110



Today in Bible Class – Judges Chapter 1

- Who was the first judge of Israel? What do we know of him?
- Who were the tribes that worked to conquest Canaan? Who didn't?
- What are some reasons Israel did not complete the conquest?
- What can we learn from this?

Tuesday Matins - 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 Tuesday! Tuesday’s Matins service is themed around a part of the Small Catechism.

Date	Hymn	Catechism/Theme	Bible
Jan. 17	867	4 th Commandment	Ps. 44:1-8, 26 Ruth 1:1-19a
Jan. 24	<i>No Matins</i>		
Jan. 31	430	5 th Commandment	Ps. 143 1 Tim. 1:12-20

Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

Voters’ Assembly – Sunday, January 22, 1:30 p.m.

Installation of Church Officers – Sunday, January 29

Lutherans for Life Sunday – Sunday, January 22 – “BLESSED FOR LIFE”

The LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. Psalm 41:2

- *Lutherans For Life coloring page and devotion for children is available in the narthex.*
- *Lutherans For Life 2023 Illinois Essay Contest for Students in Grades 6-12 information also available in the narthex.*
- *Save the date: Wayne Willenborg & the Altamont LFL Chapter is organizing a bus to the March for Life in Springfield, Il, on March 21. Cost will be free – more details to follow in the next few weeks.*



For Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, our congregation will be “hosting” a **“Baby Shower”** for the Family Life Center throughout the month of **January**.

Family Life Center Baby Shower Wish List: (new items only please) Diapers NB-18 months, baby wipes, bottles, clothes NB-5T, winter clothing, socks, bath towels & washcloths, pullups, blankets & tag blankets (new or homemade), car seat covers, baby thermometers, safety first baby kits, baby laundry detergent, bibs, burb cloths, baby toiletries, sippy cups, baby toys, baby books, illustrated baby first bibles.

Donated Items may be placed in the laundry baskets located in the narthex.

Thank you for your support!

In 2022, 34 beautiful babies were born with the help of the Family Life Center, Effingham – thanks be to God for the Family Life Center and your support and donations. These families received free education and items such as diapers, wipes, a car seat, and clothing for their babies. The Family Life Center also continues to support these families emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. The Family Life Center also provides free medical-based education to share that could SAVE A HUMAN LIFE! Let’s help them to continue providing these services to these mothers, fathers and babies.

Saint Peter's Lutheran School PTL Fun Fair TODAY, Sunday, January 15 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s Lutheran School gym. Kids games and prizes. The live auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. The free will donation meal will include: Chili, chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, desserts and drink.

Benefit for Pastor Heimgartner, Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, IL, on February 5th, 11:30-2:00pm. Chili, Potato Soup, Hot Dogs, & Desserts. Free will donation with proceeds going towards medical and living expenses for Pastor (double leg amputee) and his family. Donations may also be mailed to Salem Lutheran Church, 1401 Hawthorne Road, Salem, IL 62881.

Save the date: **St. Paul Blue Point Sausage Supper** – February 5th

PURE GERMANY TOUR- Mr. Jim Yagow is planning a trip to Pomerania and other sites in Germany Sept. 11-22, 2024. More information can be found on the Trip Handout in the narthex. Or you can contact Mr. Yagow directly: jimyagow@aol.com.



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 in need at the Food Pantry: Canned meals, with meat if possible, Boxed potatoes, Pudding and jello, and Chunky soup.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, January 17

– 9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Matins – The 4th Commandment

Wednesday, January 18

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

– 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Thursday, January 19

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Sunday, January 22 – Epiphany 3

– 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

– 10:45-11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School

– 1:30 p.m. – Voters’ Assembly

– 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

Bulletin Art: *The Wedding Feast at Cana (Nozze di Cana)*, 1562-1563, Paolo Veronese (1528-1588, Italian Renaissance painter), oil on canvas 267”x 391” (22.25’ x 32.5’), Louvre Museum, Paris, France