

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 16, 2023



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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: *Butch Bahrns, Linda Crain, Heather Davis, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff's mother), Debra Sloan-Shirley (aunt of Alysia Wills), Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Lonnie Wilson, and Mildred Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week (07/16-07/22):

07/18 – *Frank Heiden, Garrett Flood, Kevin Yagow*; 07/19 – *Lucas Kroening*

Anniversaries: 07/17 - *Dennis & Deb Guffey (52)*

07/18 – *Marcus & Amy Manley (14)*

*Prayers for the youth and their chaperones who are attending the Higher Things 2023 Conference “Beyond Reasonable Doubt” in Carbondale, IL this week, July 18-21.*

**Church News**

**Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on 07/09/2023 .....\$ 4,263

*Weekly amount needed for unified budget:* .....\$ 7,400

*Steeple & Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – collected \$43,422*

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

*Sunday School & Bible Class offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.*

Attendance: Sunday, 07/09, 9:30am – 90

**No Bible Class scheduled during July.** Join us in August when class resumes discussion of the book of Judges.



**No Wednesday Matins worship services scheduled during July.** *Wednesday 9:30am Matins services will resume in August.*

**Pastor Manley is out of town July 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> for the Higher Things Conference in Carbondale, IL.** If you need Pastoral care and cannot get a hold of pastor please call elder Dennis Guffey (618) 267-5595.

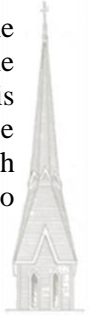
**Church Voters’ Assembly today–** Sunday, July 16, 1:30 p.m. Agenda and meeting reports are located in the narthex.

**Cemetery Bylaws-** Please take a copy of a draft of the Cemetery Bylaws (copies are in the narthex). Everyone in the congregation should review the bylaws and give feedback to church officers. These bylaws will be considered for approval at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Voter's meeting.

**Cemetery News:** Due to strong winds from the recent storm, there were several flower arrangements that were blown off from their original locations. If your flowers are missing, they can be found in the Cemetery storage building.  
– Thank you, Wayne Yagow

**Steeple Project** - A display in the church hall has been created to show the progress of funds toward the goal of \$100,000. The down payment for the project has been sent to INSPIRED HEIGHTS STEEPLE JACKS. It is hoped that the steeple reroofing will be completed this fall. Checks may be made payable to *“Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund”* with *“Steeple Project”* on the memo line. Special designated envelopes are also available in the narthex.

*May the Lord bless this endeavor as our church continues to  
“Lift High the Cross”.*



The **church property disposal dumpster** is strictly for use only for church property trash disposal. – Thank you, Church Trustees

**Lost and Found-** There are fire roasting sticks from the VBS cookout in the narthex. Take them if they are yours.

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**ALIS Registration** – Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm



**August 5: Homecoming! 10am-2pm**

Food Truck, games, swimming, vendors, face painting, swimming, boating, wagon rides, and more. This *free* event is a great way to close out the summer season.

**September 3: Chicken Fry and Auction**

Fresh fried chicken and all the sides. Auction items up for bid. Preview all auction items at [cilca.org/auction-items](http://cilca.org/auction-items) Make a weekend of it and camp out with friends from across the state.



## EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio

in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: The Movies "Sound of Freedom" and "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny," An Attempt by Concordia University Texas to Reject the Governance & Oversight of the LCMS, Truth & Tolerance, Female Pastors & the Lutheran Church of Australia and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



Donation box for non-perishable items 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".

We are currently in need of the following food items:

Canned chicken

Spam

Instant mashed potatoes

Pudding/jello

Kids cereal

Non food items:

Shampoo

Toilet paper

School is out and kids are at home. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.

*On Tuesday, July 10th, the food pantry had a total of 34 participants.*

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

#### **Sunday, July 23 – Trinity 7**

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