

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, 2021



**IN HIM YOU ALSO,
WHEN YOU HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH,
THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION,
AND BELIEVED IN HIM,
WERE SEALED WITH THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT**

EPHESIANS 1:13

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years



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Prayers

Prayer before worship: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Carl Becker, Kaly Benning, Tina Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Nancy Gelsing, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Cassandra Power, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Lonnie Wilson, Marcella Wolf, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: 05/26 – Everly Shewmake; 05/29 – Ian Phillips

Anniversary: *Adam & Elizabeth Huston*.....05/24.....13 years

In Our Prayers we also remember our 2021 Graduates:

- Kingston Koester – 8th Grade ALIS Graduate
- Tyler Ruffner - 8th Grade ALIS Graduate
- Hayden Summers - 8th Grade ALIS Graduate
- Jerod Ruffner – Altamont High School Graduate
- Lily Laatsch – University of Illinois Graduate – College of ACES
- Kerigan Phillips – Lake Land College – Dental Hygiene Program

Flowers on the altar this Sunday and next Sunday are to the Glory of God in memory of the veterans.

Church News

Communion Note – diluted wine is available, please request prior to worship service.



Join us for Adult Bible Class Today

The Lord's Supper Cont.

- Why is Jesus so Lutheran?
- There is power in the _____?
- Who has power over the Sacrament?

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on May 16: \$4,882
(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

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

Building Fund:

- General donations on May 16: \$200

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$12,778 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

In observance of **Armed Forces Day (observed on Sunday, May 30th at BLC)** we will be recognizing our BLC affiliated servicemen, past and present. Our current list is available for review in the narthex. Please contact Pastor or the church office for additions and/or corrections. Thank you.

Memorial Day Parade at Altamont, Monday, May 31 – The Church will be entering a float and walking in the parade this year, if you wish to participate meet at ACHS by 9:45am or join us along the parade route. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Marion Schmidt will be pulling the float which has a handmade replica of our church and banners noting our 160th Anniversary. Everyone is welcome!



160th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, June 6, 2021

- June 6: Anniversary Service – 9:30 am. w/ guest preacher, Rev. Ben Ball.
Anniversary Picnic Dinner following the service - outside tent seating and/or inside the Parish Hall.
Activities Planned for the afternoon: Several lawn games, kick ball (sponsored by Pastor Manley), a walking tour of the church building – with an interesting history of the structure both interior and exterior. In the cemetery we will visit the resting place of several key founding members who dared to start a new life here 160 years ago.
- ❖ The Anniversary Committee is asking for assistance from the congregation in the following ways:
 - 1) Donate your choice of a favorite dessert to be served for the Picnic Meal.
 - 2) Donate cookies (can be made ahead of time and frozen) which will be served as "afternoon snacks".Both items can be brought to the Parish Hall Kitchen between 9-11 am on Saturday, June 5 or Sunday morning June 6.
Thank you for your assistance!
- Pictures are on display in the front hall. Select the pictures you wish to have printed. They can be picked up at the Anniversary Picnic with a "freewill donation" accepted. Thank you to Bob Mercier for coordinating this!
- Kickin' and Screamin' Kick Ball Tournament – If you would like to form a team or individually sign-up for the kickball tournament on the day of our 160th Anniversary celebration please see the sign-up form in the narthex (all ages are welcome). If you have questions please speak with Pastor Manley.
- Schedule of events for or Celebration Sunday is located in the Narthex

"Let us go to Bethlehem" Luke 2:15

❀❀❀❀ District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments ❀❀❀❀

Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser) –Ongoing fundraiser from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and forward them to the Family Life Center.

The Family Life Center is supported solely by churches and individuals in our community.

Shelby-Effingham-Altamont Luther Layman’s League Summer Rally – June 13 at Faith Lutheran in Shumway. Dinner at 6pm. Registration fee of \$10 due by June 8. Additional information and registration forms available in the narthex

Immanuel VBS- Immanuel, Altamont will hold God's Wonder Lab VBS from June 1-4 (Tuesday - Friday), 9-11:50 AM. Sign up for Children is now open at immanuelaltamont.org under Ministries --> Vacation Bible School. Please let Andy Wendling know if you have any questions at immandy15@gmail.com.

Altamont Sesquicentennial Summer Kickoff

TODAY - Sunday, May 23 – 11am – 3pm at Heritage Train Park
BBQ Cookoff, Cake & Pie Auction, Pork Burger Meals, Homemade Ice Cream, Face Painting, Inflatables, and Mini Golf. All proceeds will benefit the Altamont Sesquicentennial Celebration, September 2-5, 2001

Save the date September 11th 2021

1st Annual ALIS BBQ cook off & Carnival

More information will be coming soon.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, May 25 – Bible Class @ Zion – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 27-- Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

-- Choir Practice – following worship service

Sunday, May 30 – Holy Trinity Sunday

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

-- Adult Bible Study – 10:45-11:30 a.m.

-- Youth Sunday School – 10:45-11:30 a.m. – Last day until Fall 2021

-- Pastor Manley’s Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM – 8:00 a.m.

(Also available on the BLC website home page)

-- Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81 – 5:00 p.m.

(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