

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023



*From every nation under heaven...
everyone who calls upon the name of the LORD shall be saved.*

Acts 2: 5, 21

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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, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Dennis Guffey, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff’s mother), Luella Rubin, Debra Sloan-Shirley (aunt of Alysia Wills), Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Mildred Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week (05/28-06/03): 05/29 – Ian Lowe-Phillips; 06/02 – Blayze Huston; 06/03 – Ella Ruffner

Anniversary: 05/31 – *Luke & Amanda Grobengieser (9)*

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 05/14/2023.....	\$ 4,810
Parish Hall Rental.....	\$ 100
<i>Weekly amount needed for unified budget:</i>	<i>\$ 7,400</i>
Steeple Fund Donations.....	\$ 275
<i>Steeple & Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – collected \$42,307</i>	

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, 05/21, 9:30am – 85

Bible Class Today – Judges 11 – Jephthah’s Wisdom & Folly

- ✘ How does God establish just war in the book of Judges?
- ✘ Jephthah’s vow – one of the most famous vows to God – do you know what it is?

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	Hymn	Psalm	Text
05/31 – Christ’s Priestly Office	624	Ps. 40	Hebrews 9
06/07 – Christ’s Kingly Office	815	Ps. 72:1-7, 15-19	John 18:33-38
06/14 – The Holy Spirit Calls	580	Ps. 143:1-2, 7-12	John 15:1-17
06/21 – The Holy Spirit Gathers	644	Ps. 106:1, 40-48	Eph. 4:1-16
06/28 – The Holy Spirit Enlightens	839	Ps. 19:7-14	1 Cor. 2:6-15

Memorial Day Parade at Altamont, Monday, May 29 – 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. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Cards- CID office and Life Coordinator Mr. David Ward have produced Prayer Cards for Wednesday's Child. These cards are intended for you to take and pray each Wednesday for God's gift of life and protection of the helpless against danger. You may also take more to give to friends and neighbors. Prayer cards are in the narthex.

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 send to INSPIRED HEIGHTS STEEPLE JACKS. It is hoped that the steeple reroofing will be completed this fall.

Donations for this project should be designated **"Steeple Project"**.

*May the Lord Bless this endeavor as our church continues to
"Lift High the Cross".*



Bethlehem's VBS - Zoomerang

Sunday-Thursday, June 11-15, 6-8pm.

Register Today!

Please mark your calendars and speak with Jennifer Berg if you'd like to help.



G'day, mates! Grab your sunnies (that's your sunglasses) and get ready for a bonzer (great) time as we zoom off to the Land Down Under! Boomerangs, kangaroos, koalas, emus—what's not to love about Oz (Australia)? At VBS, we'll fill your breadbasket (tummy) with yummy lollies (sweets) and find out how you were created amazingly in the image of God! Vacation Bible School at Zoomerang will be a fair dinkum adventure filled with excitement, so get a wriggle on (hurry up) and contact us today!

🎵 Our choir season ended last Sunday. The choirs add much to the divine worship services and we are thankful that the Lord gives us this opportunity. Bethlehem has always been a singing congregation and this compliments the choirs. Thank you Bethlehem & Kinderchor choirs for your "Ministry of Music". "Next to the word of God, music deserves the highest praise" – M. Luther
All Glory be to God. - Dean Manuel, Organist & Choir Director

Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser) – Simply take a bottle provided to you at church and fill it with change from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and forward the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry.

The Family Life Center, a Christian not-for-profit ministry, provides practical assistance, education and support to empower and equip women, men and families experiencing pregnancy, parenting and related issues, to live healthy, productive lives.

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

Bells In Motion, an advanced, auditioned community handbell ensemble, based in Springfield, IL, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont on Sunday, June 11th, at 4:00 pm, 203 E. Division Street, Altamont, in the upper Parish Hall. A free-will offering will be taken for Bells in Motion.



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”.

Items in need: Hamburger Helpers, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Cereal Bars or pop tarts, Hot Dogs

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

Tuesday, May 23rd, the food pantry had a total of 40 participants.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, May 29

– 10:00 a.m. – Church participation – Altamont Memorial Day Parade

Wednesday, May 31

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

Wednesday, June 2

– 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. – Private Confession

Sunday, June 4 – The Holy Trinity

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

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

– 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)