



Septuagesima  
Sunday, January 31, 2021

Parable of the  
**Laborers in the Vineyard**

**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years*

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## Prayers

**Prayer before worship** *O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: *Kaly Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin (Leigh Ann Ruffner's Grandmother), Susie Rush, Hayden Summers, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, and Craig Wolff.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: *01/31 – Rachel Grobengieser, Ronnie Putnam; 02/01 – Lexie Caraway; 02/02 – Pat Vittelow; 02/03 – Shela Yagow, Samuel Harmon; 02/04 – Gary Grobengieser, Elizabeth Huston, Catherine Zumwalt; 02/05 – Kevin Heiden*

## Church News

➔ Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation in our area, considering the guidelines to make a good faith effort to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our worship service. Thank you.

Church Admin. Office is open Mon. – Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - with additional hours throughout the week.

### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Worship Services this week:**

- *BLC Tuesday Morning Chapel Service – Feb. 2 at 9:15 a.m.*
- *No Wed. service on February 3 – Pastor will be at a Conference*

*Any change or cancellation of services will be announced on our church website ([www.bethlehemaltamont.org](http://www.bethlehemaltamont.org)) and Facebook page.*

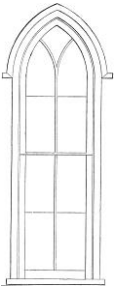
### **Adult Bible Class:** The Lord's Supper- The Physical Elements

- What kind of bread and wine should we use and why?
- What does gluten and alcohol have to do with communion?
- What's the danger of focusing too much on the elements?
- What's the danger of neglecting the elements?



### **Trustee's Report:**

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Jan. 20 & 24: \$8,825.40  
*(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)*  
*All loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.*
- Church Window Project Fund total: \$11,230 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)  
*(includes additional donation in memory of Harold Wolf)*



**Bethlehem Window Project Progress** The project includes the restoration and/or replacement of all exterior windows of the church building.

The 10 main windows of the church nave will be replaced with exact duplicates of the style that is seen now – clear glass. The same number of lights (panes of glass) with wood on the inside and maintenance free white on the exterior. They will be thermopane windows thereby eliminating any need for the separate plexiglass covering as we now have. The wood basement windows will be replaced with fixed thermopane windows.

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1/22/21- GLASS FX Art Glass from Champaign - The following was completed:

- Removed, in sections, the window parts (it was crafted in sections originally).
- He addressed the sagging of the South East window. He indicated that the heat build up, due to lack of proper venting, caused the lead in the main braces of the window to sag. He also indicated that it was not installed correctly and was only supported by the notches in the window molding. He corrected this problem with proper blocking at the base of the window.
- This was done for each (east and west) window.
- In all three of the East Windows he installed proper venting. The side windows had air vents placed through the lead and wood trim. The middle window had air vents put directly through the upper arch of the windows.
- The middle window is now complete as (a donor) had the plexiglass removed earlier and replaced by clear glass.

The side windows will have the plexiglass replaced by clear glass. Dan's Glass – Effingham will complete this when GLASS FX contacts them as they have the correct measurements. Dan's Glass and GLASS FX have worked together before on projects of this type.

GLASS FX will contact us as to when that will be coordinated to be completed.

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Donations and memorials are still being accepted and should be identified as "BETHELHEM WINDOW PROJECT". What a blessing to be able to give toward the WINDOW PROJECT in this the 160th year of the founding of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran. All Praise and Glory to God Alone!

### **1861 Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran – Cradle of Christ – 2021**

For the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church's founding, we would like to make an AUDIO recording of the hymn "Nun danket alle Gott" by members who can sing in the German language. The recording will take place today, January 31 following the worship service. Those who wish to sing will simply remain in their pews after the church service. After a "practice" run though, with organ accompaniment, the hymn will be sung once more and then recorded. Please consider assisting this project with your singing. May the Lord bless our efforts to give him thanks for all the blessings bestowed on members past and present here at Bethlehem. -Dean Manuel, Chairman 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

**Anniversary Committee Meeting: February 9, 7:00 pm – All are welcome!**

Agenda items: Anniversary Picnic Dinner, Congregation group picture, "meet and greet" prior to the dinner, additional activities for the day and other items as needed to be planned. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend this meeting. Bethlehem's 160th Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6th.

**✻✻✻✻ District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments ✻✻✻✻**

**St. Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club annual sausage & pancake supper is TODAY, Sunday, January 31.** *It will be a drive through event with pancake & sausage meals, packaged rope, cooked rope, and bulk ground sausage available. Serving begins at 4:00 p.m.*

**ALIS uses volunteer drivers to transport students to and from Altamont Grade School for a variety of services that take place on Mon.-Thurs. between the hours of 8:40am -1:40pm.** Volunteers need to have a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance. They will also need to fill out a paper for a background screening. If you would like to volunteer (for one day every two weeks, or be a substitute) please call the school office at 618-483-6428 for more information. We really appreciate your help! (According to the ALIS 2021-2022 budget, the volunteers who help may save the school up to \$10,000 in added transportation costs.)

**St. Peter Lutheran School in St. Peter, Illinois is seeking a 7th/8th grade teacher/principal beginning the 2021/2022 school year.** We are a small, farming community located 90 miles East of St. Louis, MO. Interested candidates must be members in good standing of a Missouri Synod congregation, hold (at least) a bachelor's degree with a current state teaching certificate, and be looking for an opportunity to spread God's Word in an educational setting. Concordia University system trained candidates or those willing to commit to completing the Lutheran Teacher Colloquy are preferred, but not required. Please contact: Church Office at 618-349-8321 after 12 p.m.

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Monday, February 1** – Elder's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 2** – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 3** – No Worship Service this evening

**Thursday, February 4** – Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 7** – Sexagesima

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

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

-- 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