

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Sunday, January 2, 2022



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are happy you are here today. It is customary when you enter the church nave to observe silence for meditation during your silent prayer, the ringing of the bells, and the prelude, in order to prepare you for the beginning of the worship service.

Thank you for joining us today and God's Blessings.

Prayers

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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: *Vanessa Adams, Ella and Kaly Benning, Jim Brasel, Linda Crain, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Nancy Schroeder, Alonzo Shoaf, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Gary Wendling, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (01/02/2022-01/08/2022) *01/02 – Clark Phillip; 01/04 – Luke Mottashed; 01/07 – Jennifer Alwardt; 01/08 – Deb Guffey*

Church News

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

Adult Bible Study – The Holy Family's Flight to Egypt

- Who was Herod the Great?
- Did Jesus walk like an Egyptian?
- Was Jesus a refugee?

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on December 26: \$3,576
(*Our anticipated weekly amount needed is \$5,972.*)

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

Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,987 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)



Lutherans for Life “Life Sunday”

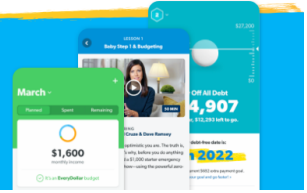
“God Chose You” is Lutherans For Life’s theme for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which which we will observe next Sunday, January 9, 2022. **“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”** (ESV)

Council Meeting – January 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Voters’ Assembly Meeting – January 23, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

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

LWML -- On Your Mark! Get Set! Open Your Bibles!

Many Christians have considered challenging themselves to read through the Bible in one year. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is offering you that very opportunity! The Gospel Outreach Committee has created a monthly reading plan to guide you. Check out the [January Bible Reading Calendar](#). (available in the church narthex or online on the LWML website)

Open your Bible and "GO"! The Gospel Outreach Committee prays you are richly blessed as you spend time in God's Word each day.

Tour France with Pastor and Lisa Wright of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont November 1-12, 2022. Visiting Nice, Monte Carlo, Lyon, the Loire Valley, Chateau Country, Mont St. Michel, Bayeux, Normandy, Rouen, and Paris. \$3,679 per person from Chicago (price includes airfare, motorcoach, quality lodging, most meals and \$520 taxes/airline surcharge). Brochures available. Contact Pastor Wright, jimwright1961@gmail.com or call 217-994-1116 for a brochure with full details.



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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Hear special "Twelve Days of Christmas" programming of sacred music, scripture, prayer, and Christmas greetings through January 6. Daily Chapel resumes January 3 at 10:00 a.m. CT and all other regular programming resume January 7, including the Gospel of Luke on Sharper Iron (8:00 a.m. CT) and continuing in the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (11:00 a.m. CT). Listen live or on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

LIFE QUOTES 2022

“Friend of Jesus, no matter what painful or wonderful endings you marked in the past year, please watch for the early signs of new beginnings. Seize them as opportunities for you and God to develop together. Think about what the Bible teaches about life, appreciate God’s love for you, gather up bits and pieces of experience, and put them in a file named ‘lessons learned.’ Then keep it handy.”
Jason Nelson, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday, January 2

– 6:30 p.m. - Catechesis Class

Monday, January 3

– 7:00 p.m. - Elder’s Meeting

Tuesday, January 4 – No matins service

– 7:00 p.m. - Bible Class @ Zion

Wednesday, January 5

– 7:00 p.m. – Usher’s Meeting

– No choir practice, resumes January 12

Thursday, January 6

– No Kinderchor practice - resumes January 13

Friday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 9 – Epiphany (observed) – Life Sunday

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

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

– 6:30 p.m. - Catechesis Class

– 8:00 a.m. -- Pastor Manley’s Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM
(Also available on the BLC website home page)

– 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