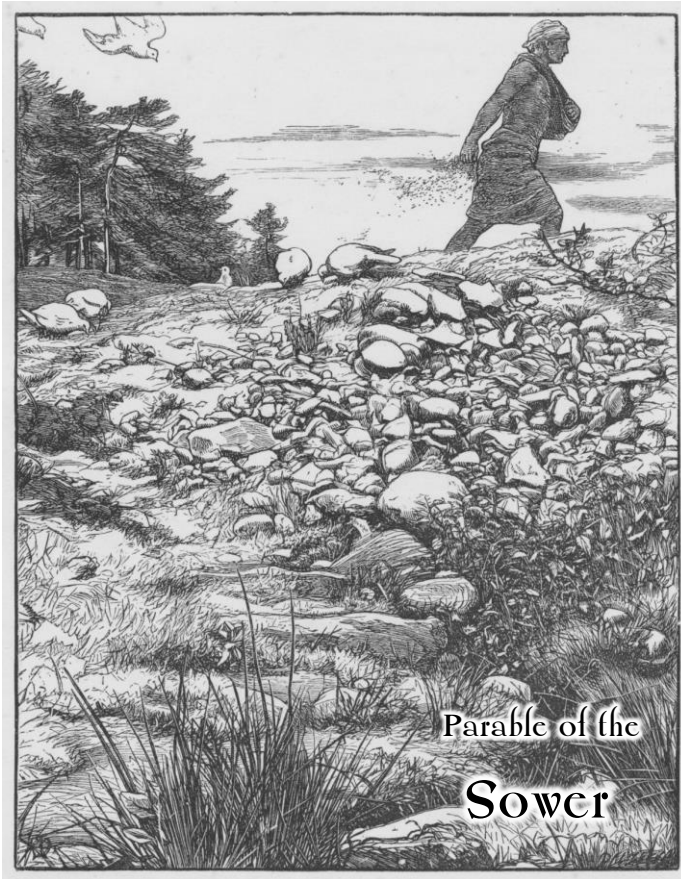


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Sunday, February 7, 2021



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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Prayers

Prayer before worship *O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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, Susie Rush, Hayden Summers, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, and Craig Wolff.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: *02/07 – Gene Goers; 02/08 – Heather Webb; 02/10 – Kerigan Phillips, Mike Wolf*

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. 9 at 9:15 a.m.*
- *Septuagesima, Divine Worship Service - Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6:00 p.m.*

Any change or cancellation of services will be announced on our church website (www.bethlehemaltamont.org) and Facebook page.

Worship services and bible class available online - Subscribe to our Youtube channel

Adult Bible Class:

The Sacrament of the Altar

Do all communicants receive the body and blood in the Sacrament?

How does this affect closed communion?

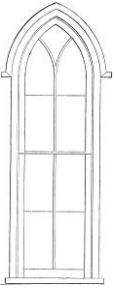


Trustee's Report:

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Jan. 27 & 31: \$5,951
(*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)



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.

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!

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** ☼☼☼☼

ALIS Employment opportunity – Assistant Cook – Part-time position

Accepting applications Feb. 1-16, 2021, approximate start date March 1, 2021. For additional information, please see the job description on the narthex table.

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.

HOG ROAST (cancelled) - Zion, Altamont's Annual Hog Roast is cancelled for 2021. Zion will be collecting a free will door offering on March 20th for the Lutheran Care Center. Please continue to support the Care Center. Save the Date for March 21st 2022 for next year's Hog Roast.

Pure Germany! - Uckermark (Berlin) to Bavaria (Munich) – Sept. 10-21, 2022

Join tour host/guide and sponsor Jim Yagow and others in a customized 12-day tour of "Pure" (historic) Germany! Begin your adventure in the Uckermark region (northeast Germany), ancestral home of many German immigrant-descendants. Then we'll explore Berlin, Rothenburg, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Munich (Oktoberfest & Dachau concentration camp), Neuschwanstein Castle, Ettal Monastery & Brewery, and so much more! We will climax our journey by watching the Passion Play in Oberammergau.



This unique once-in-a-lifetime journey will be of special interest to German descendants of Old Lutheran immigrant-ancestors who came from the Pomerania-Uckermark region in northeast Germany. Come explore your heritage by visiting the quaint rural villages, churches, local museum-exhibitions, and attractions – experiencing the wonderful hospitality of those who live there.

Especially designed by Jim Yagow (Jagow) for German Lutheran descendants (everyone is welcome), this trip will be an adventure that combines our Lutheran heritage, learning, fun, camaraderie, and faith.

For additional information pick up a brochure,
copies available in the narthex.

This Week at Bethlehem:

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

Wednesday, February 10 – Sexagesima – Divine Service – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 11 – Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 14 – Quinquagesima

-- Matins Service - 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