

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Stewardship Sunday

September 21, 2025

The Calling of Saint Matthew



“For I came not to call the righteous,
but sinners.”

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Welcome to Bethlehem. The Lord calls us by the Gospel to His house to worship Him. It is only by the Holy Spirit that any of us can believe in Jesus Christ and receive His gift of salvation. The LC-MS confesses that the one holy Christian church includes all believers of Christ in all denominations, while also confessing Jesus' teaching of Closed Communion (Jn. 13:26-27). If you are not in altar fellowship with the LC-MS please refrain from the Lord's Supper at Bethlehem until you have spoken with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Bernice Graumenz	Judy Stuemke – LCC
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Lillian Grobengieser	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Janice Heiden	Mildred Wolf – LCC
Heather Davis - cancer	Oliver King – home	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer

Birthdays (09/21-09/27): 09/21 – Gary Winter; 09/22 – Nancy Davis, Roberta Phillips;
09/23 – Amanda Miller; 09/24 – Hadley Durbin; 09/27 – Henry Alwardt
Anniversary this week: 09/21– Kollin & Josie Lowry (6)

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget (General Fund)	\$ 7,400
Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 09/14	\$ 5,510
Weekly deficit	\$ 1,890
As of 09/14, the Unified Budget deficit for the year (beginning January 1, 2025) stands at \$48,600	

Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions



Attendance: Sunday, 09/14, 9:30am - 53



Bible Study Today: Matthew 4

- + What is the first thing that happened to Jesus after he was baptized?
- + Why did Jesus get hungry?
- + What weapon did Jesus use to fend off the devil?
- + How does the devil twist God's promise in Psalm 91?

Dual Parish Meeting – Today, Sunday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Mission Festival Sunday – September 28th, 7:00 p.m. with guest, Rev. Chris Hull, Pastor from Immanuel Lutheran Church and Student Center, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Mission Festival starts at 7:00 p.m. with a worship service celebrating St. Michael & All Angels. Following the service, Pastor Hull will have a presentation on Campus Ministries. Ice Cream & Desserts will be provided by the Bethlehem-Zion Youth Group in the Parish Hall.

Property Renovations - R & H continues to work on installing the new HVAC system in the parish hall. Strauch Contruction completed the work on the church steeple on Tuesday, September 16th. We give thanks to the Lord as He continues to bless our Congregation.

Fall Dinner – St. Peter Lutheran Church & School – Sunday, September 21,
10:30am – 1:00pm - Menu: Pulled Pork, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw,
Baked Beans, Homemade Desserts, Lemonade, Coffee. Carry-outs available. Free
will Donation.

**The Shelby-Effingham-Altamont Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's
League will have a Pork Burger Sale on the Triangle in Altamont on
Saturday, October 4th from 10 am - 1 pm.** In addition to the pork
burger sale, we are having a bake sale and need baked items donated
for the sale.



- The proceeds from this event go to support the Lutheran Hour on the Vandalia Radio station every Sunday. Each week costs \$40.00 so for a year we need \$2080.00. This is the only fundraiser SEA conducts each year. All other income must come from individual donations.

If you can volunteer on the 4th to help or contribute a baked item for the sale, please contact Raymond Stuckemeyer at 618-267-6909. If you can't help personally and would like to help financially, please send your check to: SEA LLL; c/o Larry Wachtel; 15048 North Haarmann Ave.; Effingham IL 62401. Thank you.

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway, is having their **Annual Soup Supper**, Sunday October 19, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00p.m. Our menu will consist of Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, pies, cake, and drinks. This will be a FREE will offering. All proceeds will go ALIS of Altamont for maintaining and repair of the facilities at the school.

Pure Germany! 2026 – Choice of Two Tours!

1. NE Germany (Old Pomerania) + N. Bavaria (Rothenburg) + Historic Lutherland Villages & Sites - Date: Sept. 8-20, 2026
2. NE Germany (Old Pomerania) + Elbe River Cruise (Berlin > Prague) (Including Lutherstadt Wittenberg) - Date: Nov. 3-17, 2026

Additional information on flyers in narthex.

Contact Jim Yagow: 920.809.4445 – jimyagow@aol.com



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is located in the narthex. Monetary donations, checks payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance (AMA) Food Pantry, are also accepted and may be placed in the "Church Office" box in the narthex.

*The Food Pantry had **54** participants this week. The Food Pantry hours are Tuesdays from 1-3 pm. The Methodist church is open from 9 -12 Monday to Thursday. Thank you.*

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, September 24th

5:30 p.m. – Kinderchor

7:00 p.m. – Choir

Sunday, September 28th – Trinity 15

9:30 a.m. – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School

Mission Festival Sunday - St. Michael & All Angels

7:00 p.m. – Worship Service followed by Fellowship with Presentation & Refreshments

– 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)

TO THE GLORY OF GOD & THE SALVATION OF MAN

