

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

RORATE COELI – “LET THE HEAVENS”

Sunday, December 19, 2021



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Krippelein Christi - 160 years

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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: *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father 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, Linda Crain, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Nancy Schroeder, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Lynn Winter, Gary Wendling, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (12/19-12/25) – 12/20 – *Brandi Harmon, Bryson Hites*

Church News

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

Adult Bible Study: John 1:19-28

- What can our Christmas decorations confess?
- What's the difference between Christmas and Advent?
- Who is John the baptist?

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on December 12: \$6,144
(*Our anticipated 2021 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)

Building Fund Donation on 12/12/2021: \$200

Christmas Eve and Christmastide Worship Services:

7:00 p.m. - Friday, December 24 – Children's Christmas Program

9:30 a.m. – Saturday, December 25 – The Nativity of Our Lord

9:30 a.m. – Sunday, December 26 – Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr – DS III

7:00 p.m. – Friday, December 31 – New Year's Eve Vespers at Zion

9:30 a.m. – Saturday, January 1, 2022 – New Year's Day – DSIII at BLC

9:30 a.m. – Sunday, January 2, 2022 – Second Sunday after Christmas - DSIII

Installation Sunday – Sunday, January 2, 2022 – Elected church officers will be installed during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: The Christmas Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," The Movie "Spider-Man: No Way Home," What Can We Learn from "The Benedict Option"?, Jesus Seeking the Lost in Luke 15 and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

→We have collected \$425 for our Issues. Etc. commitment annual goal of \$1,000.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Live Nativity- Dec. 19th from 2-4 pm at Kull Farm (adjacent to Gilbert Park in Altamont). **Drive-Thru** and see the nativity characters **or Walk-Up** and enjoy desserts, hot chocolate, and wassail.

Service of the Longest Night will be held on Tuesday, December 21st at 7:00pm at Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, IL. If your Christmas is not going to be that joyous occasion because of bereavement or any kind of loss, please come to the *Service of the Longest Night*. There will be opportunity to hear God's Word, offer prayer, and light a commemorative candle. A time for fellowship will follow the service.

Chicago March For Life - Registration information for the Jan. 8th MFL is in the Narthex. Pastor Manley is planning on attending and would be happy to turn in your reservation for you. Please attach payment to the registration form and put in the offering plate by Dec. 12th. If we get 25 registrants the bus could stop in Altamont for pick-up and drop-off.

★The Altamont Area Lutherans For Life decided to fund all students going to the March for Life in Chicago on January 8, 2022. We are also providing the students money for food.

★Also, If you are not riding the bus, you must register online.

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.

Information about our Lutheran School ALIS – Brittany Conner

Mrs. Conner teaches 5-8 math, 5-6 religion, and 8 literature at ALIS. Middle school math classes continue to build on previous instruction and lead up to Algebra 1 instruction in 8th grade. This gives a good foundation as they prepare for high school courses.



Fifth and Sixth grade religion courses are a continuation of K-4 lessons. Fifth grade instruction focuses on the Six Chief Parts of our doctrine, while sixth grade takes a chronological approach on exploring the Bible and the people that are a part of it.

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The Early History of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran #10

They then began the detailed process of preparing to leave their homeland for America. There was much to be done prior to leaving. Emigration permits had to be obtained and the Prussian government was not always cooperative to issue them especially since hundreds of them were being requested at the same time. They would be leaving family, friends, homes and farms. Arrangements had to be made for elderly parents who would stay in Prussia as they were unable to make the long trip across the Atlantic. The departure would be permanent. There is no record that any who left returned to their homeland to live again. Whenever the applicants were asked (by the Prussian officials) why they would want to go to an unknown country with great risks involved, they undauntedly answered, 'GOD WANTS IT SO'.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday, December 19

– 6:30 p.m. – Catechesis Class

Tuesday, December 21 – No matins service

Thursday, December 23

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor

– Choir practice

Friday, December 24

– 7:00 p.m. – Children's Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day

– 9:30 a.m. DS III with Holy Communion – The Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 26 – Feast of St. Stephen

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

– No Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School

– No 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

Agostino Marucci (painter, Spanish) & Mattia Moretti (mosaicist, Spanish), *detail of St. John the Baptist*, 1746/1750, Chapel of St. John the Baptist, Lisbon, Portugal