

Palm Sunday ✝ Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 02, 2023

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
To You, Redeemer, King



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

Bethlehem is Hebrew for “House of Bread,” the city of David, King of Israel, and the birthplace of the Lord Jesus. This land was originally planned to be a town called Bethlehem, and eventually our congregation adopted it as its name. You are invited to believe that Jesus is present here, at Bethlehem today according to His Word and to confess the very Bread of Life Jesus feeds us with in the Sacrament.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Howard “Butch” Bahrns, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Abby Guffey, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff’s mother), Luella Rubin, Marion Schmidt, Steve Voelker, and Gene Wharton.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week: (04/02-04/08) *04/02 – Matt Putnam; 04/07 – Karen Manuel; 04/08 – Aidan Jahraus*

Prayers of comfort & peace for the family & friends of Charlie Schmidt.

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In our prayers we remember our Confirmand, Abigail Renee Wills, as she affirms her faith today in the Rite of Confirmation.

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on March 26.....	\$ 4,921.00
Dual Parish (February).....	\$ 2,034.67
<i>Weekly amount needed for <u>unified</u> budget: \$ 7,400</i>	
Donations for Steeple Fund	\$ 500.00

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

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 03/26, 9:30am – 92



Today in Bible Class –

Judges Ch. 8:22-35 Gideon’s Ephod and Death

- How heavy was the gold Gideon collected?
- What is an Ephod?
- What happened to Israel and Gideon?
- What does Luther teach us from Gideon?

Homemade Pie baked by Janice Heiden - One pie will be offered for silent bid auction every Sunday, during Bible Class – highest bidder will take home the pie – all proceeds will go towards the church steeple project.



Church Window – we are having a silent bid auction for the church window & wreath that is displayed in the narthex. Starting bid of \$100, bidding will end on Sunday, April 16th, 1:30pm. All proceeds will go to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Steeple Restoration Fund.

Matins - Wednesdays - 9:30am at Bethlehem - Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something, join us on Wednesday mornings for our Matins worship service.

Date	Hymn	Psalm	Text
04/05 – Holy Wednesday	425	Psalm 70	Luke 22:24-46
04/12 – <i>No Matins</i>			
04/19 – 9 th & 10 th Commands	581	Psalm 23 (ant. 1)	Micah 2:1-5
04/26 – The Close of the Commands	555	Psalm 19	Romans 7:1-13

Annual Bethlehem Cemetery Cleanup Notice:

Annual cleanup will be held this coming Saturday, April 8th, at 10 am. Items to be removed include ground decorations, broken solar lights, and statues, shepherd hooks that are broken or in disrepair, and non-seasonal arrangements. Please remove any items that you would like to keep prior to April 8th. Volunteers wishing to help are always appreciated. Thank You! Wayne Yagow

Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Voters' Assembly – Sunday, April 16th at 1:30 p.m.

Lutheran Witness - Annual subscriptions (11 issues) & renewals are due, just fill out the LW envelope (included in your offering envelope box set) & include \$19.20 (\$1.60 per issue). **New subscriptions & renewals are due in the office by April 15**. Subscriptions begin with the June/July 2022 issue.

LWML members: **2023 LWML CID Convention – “Thy KING-dom Come”** Pre-convention on Friday, April 28th and convention on Saturday, April 29th, held at the Quincy Lindsey Center in Quincy, IL. Registration Deadline is April 10. “Gifts from the Heart Ingathering” recipients and list of items are located in the narthex. Additional convention information also located in the narthex or contact Roberta Phillips.

❖❖ **Altar Guild and the LWML/Ladies' Aid** will meet in the nave after church today to discuss altar paraments and registering for the CID LWML convention.

VBS Save the Date: Bethlehem's VBS Zoomerang will be Sunday-Thursday, June 11-15, 6-8pm. Please mark your calendars and speak with Jennifer Berg if you'd like to help.

ENTRANCE CANOPY – DOORS - Work on the entrance canopy will continue as soon as the materials that have been ordered arrive, which are delayed. This project was approved by the voters and is funded by a member donor.

CHURCH STEEPLE – Committee members are awaiting several quotes for the steeple project. Once all quotes are received and reviewed the committee will present them to the congregation.



Tre Ore worship service – Good Friday, April 7th, 12-3pm. Conducted at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, St. Peter, IL.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont will be hosting a meal on Sunday, April 16th to raise funds for current sanctuary renovations. It will be held at The Carriage House Event Center in Altamont. You are invited to the free-will donation event which is from 10:30 AM -- 1 PM. Carry-outs will be available. The menu includes fried chicken, bone-in ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, beef & noodles, vegetable, slaw, roll, dessert and drink. Sponsors include Deb’s Catering, The Giving Plate, the Schultz Family and the Ramsey Family.



Donation box is located in the narthex. Monetary donations and checks, payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted, please place in the “Church Inbox”.

Items currently in need at the Food Pantry: complete pancake mixes, cereal bars or pop tarts, instant potatoes, any type of bread/buns

Tuesday, March 28, the food pantry had 37 participants.

We truly appreciate the food donations for the pantry that have been coming in from individuals and various churches. It is a blessing. – From the AMA Food Pantry

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, April 5

- 9:30 a.m. – **Matins – Holy Wednesday**
- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Thursday, April 6

- 7:00 p.m. – **Maundy Thursday @ Zion**

Friday, April 7

- 7:00 p.m. – **Tenebrae @ Bethlehem**
- following worship service – Kinderchor practice & Adult Choir practice

Sunday, April 9 – Resurrection of Our Lord

- 6:30 a.m. – **Easter Sunrise Service**
- 9:30 a.m. – **Divine Service with Holy Communion**
- *No Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School*
- 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