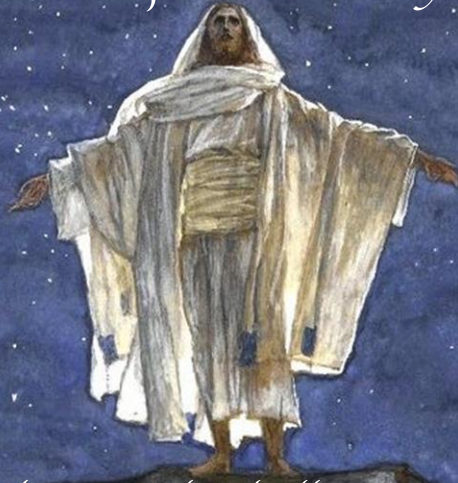


First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 21, 2021

You shall worship the LORD your GOD



and Him only shall you serve.

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Krippelein Christi - 160 years

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 Prayers 

Prayer before worship

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, and Craig Wolff.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: *02/21 – Bob Mercier, Joyce Winter, David Yagow; 02/23 – Arlin Grobengieser; 02/25 – Preston Kroening*

Anniversaries:

Alf & Nancy Davis 02/22 52 years

Bryson Michael Hites, born on December 20, 2020 to Jeremy & Brittany Hites, who will be baptized today.

Scott Wharton and Jo Ellen Logue, who will be united in Holy Matrimony this afternoon.

 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. 16 at 9:15 a.m.*
- ***Wednesday Lenten Worship Service – Take Heart! Ask! –***
Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem and 7:30 p.m. at Zion.

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: Come to Bible Study.
We are learning: The Sacrament of the Altar

- Why must we eat the bread and the wine?
- How often should we offer and receive Holy Communion?





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!

Printed copies of the **Lenten Devotional** booklet “**From His Fullness We Have Received**” are available on the table in the narthex, or you may prefer to download a digital copy by visiting this link from the Steadfast Lutherans website:

<https://steadfastlutherans.org/2016/02/from-his-fullness-we-have-received-2016-lenten-devotional/>

(The devotional was originally printed for Lent 2016, so please note that the 2016 year calendar is exactly 1 week earlier than 2021.)



The Bethlehem Lutheran Church 160th Anniversary celebration will be Sunday, June 6, 2021. Join us for worship service at 9:30 a.m. with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ben Ball, 6th V.P. of LCMS. Several activities and presentations are planned and the Ladies Aid will also be providing a picnic lunch.

❖ Following past anniversary tradition, a group congregational picture will be taken on May 2, with May 16 as the rain date.

More details on our upcoming anniversary celebration to follow.

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

Central Illinois LLL District Convention 2021 – March 6th at St. John Lutheran Church, Effingham. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and Convention opens at 10:00a.m. Registration forms available in the narthex, please respond by Feb. 25.

Due to restrictions of the covid-19 pandemic, Dr. Zeigler will not be in Effingham in person, but will be making a Virtual Presentation at the Conference at 1:30 pm. Also, since many in our congregations may not want to venture out to see Dr. Zeigler in person, CID LLL is giving congregations the opportunity to offer the Virtual Presentation via Zoom to small groups in your church. **All we ask is a small free will donation to the CID LLL.** – The Men’s Club from Blue Point will be offering this option at St. Paul Blue Point Church.



ALIS Lutheran Schools Week – March 1-5

The staff and students of the Altamont Lutheran Interparish School would like to thank you for your investment and support in Lutheran Schools. ALIS students will be participating in our worship service as church greeters on February 28 and March 7.

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.

LCMS National Convention –the resolution to defer the National Synod Convention to 2023 – The congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) have approved, by over 90%, a proposal to extend the current 2019–2022 triennium, pushing the Synod's previously scheduled 2022 national convention to 2023 and extending the timeline for districts that wish to delay their conventions from 2021 into 2022. The measure comes as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt in both the church and the world.

Additional information may be found on the LCMS website:

<https://blogs.lcms.org/2021/congregations-vote-to-delay-synod-convention/>

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, February 23 – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, February 24 – 1st Wednesday in Lent – worship service – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 25 – Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

– Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 28 – Second Sunday in Lent

-- 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