

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023



*To Him Belong Glory & Dominion
Forever & Ever. Amen. Peter 4:11*

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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: *Butch Bahrns, Linda Crain, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Dennis Guffey, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff’s mother), Luella Rubin, Debra Sloan-Shirley (aunt of Alysia Wills), Steve Voelker, and Gene Wharton.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week (05/21-05/27): 05/26 – Everly Shewmake
 Anniversary: 05/24 – Adam & Elizabeth Huston (15)

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

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| Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 05/14/2023..... | \$ 4,087 |
| <i>Weekly amount needed for unified budget:</i> | <i>\$ 7,400</i> |
| Steeple Fund Donations – In Memory of Mike Mercier..... | \$ 110 |
| Steeple Fund Donations..... | \$ 50 |
| <i>Steeple & Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – \$42,032 collected</i> | |

*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, 05/14, 9:30am – 121

No Bible Class Today – see you next week as we continue our study of the book of Judges.

Today is the last day of the school year for our Children’s Sunday School, we’ll start back up in September.

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 |
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| 05/24 – Christ’s Prophetic Office | 583 | Ps. 110: 2-7 ant. 1 | Hebrews 1 |
| 05/31 – Christ’s Priestly Office | 624 | Ps. 40 | Hebrews 9 |

June 2023 Church Calendar – will be distributed next Sunday, May 28th please submit calendar items to the church office by Wednesday, May 24th. Thank you.

Memorial Day Parade at Altamont, Monday, May 29 – The Church will be entering a float and walking in the parade this year, if you wish to participate meet at ACHS by 9:45am or join us along the parade route. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Cards- CID office and Life Coordinator Mr. David Ward have produced Prayer Cards for Wednesday's Child. These cards are intended for you to take and pray each Wednesday for God's gift of life and protection of the helpless against danger. You may also take more to give to friends and neighbors. Prayer cards are in the narthex.

Steeple Project - A display in the church hall has been created to show the progress of funds toward the goal of \$100,000. The down payment for the project has been send to INSPIRED HEIGHTS STEEPLE JACKS. It is hoped that the steeple reroofing will be completed this fall. Donations for this project should be designated **"Steeple Project"**.

*May the Lord Bless this endeavor as our church continues to
"Lift High the Cross".*



Save the Date:

Bethlehem's VBS - Zoomerang
Sunday-Thursday, June 11-15, 6-8pm.

Please mark your calendars and speak with Jennifer Berg if you'd like to help.

G'day, mates! Grab your sunnies (that's your sunglasses) and get ready for a bonzer (great) time as we zoom off to the Land Down Under! Boomerangs, kangaroos, koalas, emus—what's not to love about Oz (Australia)? At VBS, we'll fill your breadbasket (tummy) with yummy lollies (sweets) and find out how you were created amazingly in the image of God! Vacation Bible School at Zoomerang will be a fair dinkum adventure filled with excitement, so get a wriggle on (hurry up) and contact us today!



Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser) – Simply take a bottle provided to you at church and fill it with change from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and forward the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry.

The Family Life Center, a Christian not-for-profit ministry, provides practical assistance, education and support to empower and equip women, men and families experiencing pregnancy, parenting and related issues, to live healthy, productive lives.

Family Life Center is supported solely by churches and individuals in our community.

Bells In Motion, an advanced, auditioned community handbell ensemble, based in Springfield, IL, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont on Sunday, June 11th, at 4:00 pm, 203 E. Division Street, Altamont, in the upper Parish Hall. A free-will offering will be taken for Bells in Motion.



Donation box for non-perishable items 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”.

Since the kids will soon be out of school, the pantry could use some kid friendly foods that they can grab and eat with little preparation.

Items in need: Hamburger Helpers, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Cereal Bars or pop tarts, Hot Dogs

Tuesday, May 16th, the food pantry had a total of 28 participants.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, May 24

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost Day

Recognition of Armed Forces - Bethlehem Church Servicemen

– 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

– 10:45-11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Class

– 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