

# Fourth Sunday in Lent - Lactare

Sunday, March 14, 2021



*This is indeed the Prophet who  
is to come into the world!"*

## **BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*1861-2021 - Zum Krippelein Christi - 160 years*

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## Prayers

**Prayer before worship** *O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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, Nancy Gelsinger, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, Gary Winter, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: *03/14 – Cody Heiden; 03/17 – Kurt Becker, Lonnie Wilson; 03/18 – Alonzo Shoaf; 03/19 – Robert Grobengieser, Anna Manley, Lantz Wills; 03/20 – Danielle Arnold, Luke Grobengiser*

*Hadley Rae Durbin, the daughter of Justin Durbin & Cassandra Power, born September 24, 2020, who we will welcome into the family of God's grace and the Bethlehem congregation through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 20.*

## 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 environment for our worship service. Thank you.

Communion – Gluten free wafers and diluted wine available, please request prior to worship service.

### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Worship Services this week:**

- *BLC Tuesday Morning Chapel Service – March 16 at 9:15 a.m.*
- ***Wednesday Lent 4 Worship Service – Take Heart! He is Calling You!– Wednesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem and 7:30 p.m. at Zion.***



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

*What is the Sacrifice or Abomination of the Mass and why does it matter to Lutherans?*

### **Trustee's Report:**

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Mar. 3 & 7: \$6,671 (*Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.*)  
*All loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.*
- Church Window Project Fund total: \$11,945 (Total amount needed: \$55,000) (includes additional donations in memory of Lorraine Mercier)
- Building Fund deposit 03/07: \$100

*Have Thrivent Choice Dollars? – don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836.*

A **Church Work Day** is needed to paint the narthex and make a few repairs, if you will be able to help out with this project, please meet in the narthex after the worship service today to plan a date for the Work Day. Contact Eric Grobengieser.

**The Bethlehem Lutheran Church 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be Sunday, June 6, 2021.**

Anniversary Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

**Decorate the church on Easter with Spring Flowers.** Blossom Paradise is offering a special church discount on all Easter Lilies and other spring plants.

*Lilies - \$15, 2 bulbs pots - \$30, or 3 bulb pots - \$45*

*Tulips - \$15, Hyacinths - \$15, Azaleas - \$35, & Hydrangeas - \$38*

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary with Easter flowers contact Janice Heiden at 618-483-6082 by Tuesday, March 16.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church** will be hosting a  
**Drive Thru Beef BBQ Dinner** next **Sunday, March 21,**  
from **4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Meal choices will include Beef BBQ Sandwich, Baked Beans, Baked Potato, Applesauce and Dessert (or) Grilled Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Chips, Applesauce and Dessert. Dessert choices include pie (coconut cream, raisin cream, apple, pecan or peach), chocolate layered dessert, or cherry delight.

Free Will Donation with proceeds going towards the Bethlehem Lutheran Church ALIS student tuition costs.

**★BLC Members:** Please check your bulletin boxes regarding donation information and work schedule.

Planning Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m.

**TRE ORE-** On Apr. 2, Good Friday 12pm-3pm, Bethlehem is hosting this year's Tre Ore Service for the Altamont Circuit. Tre Ore means "three hours" and denotes the hours of darkness in which Christ hung on the cross until His death. The three hour service (12pm-3pm) is comprised of meditations preached by LC-MS pastors on the 7 words of Christ on the cross. All are welcome. Attendees are asked to wear face-masks and may come for a portion of the service or for all of it. If you would like to know more or have questions please call Bethlehem Church Office (618) 483-6756.

**Lutheran Witness** – Annual subscriptions (11 issues) & renewals are currently due, just fill out the LW envelope (included in your offering envelope box set) and include \$15.96. New subscriptions and renewals are due by May 3 and begin with the June/July issue.

**Immanuel LYF Escape Room Fundraiser on March 20th from Noon-9pm** (1 hour slots). An escape room is a fun group activity based on a specific theme where you and your friends try to solve different puzzles to escape the room! Sign up at [immanuelaltamont.org](http://immanuelaltamont.org) under Ministries --> Youth for the time slot you would like to try and “Escape”. Each group can have between 2-6 people and the cost is \$30.00 a group.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church Annual Fish Dinner – Sunday, March 21, 11:30am** till the Fish runs out! Menu: Deep Fried Fish & Potato Wedges or Hot Dogs & Chips, Baked Beans and Homemade Dessert. Fish meal - \$10, Hot Dog meal - \$5, additional items - \$1. Proceeds go to New Steeple Fund & CID Missions

Immanuel will host a **Drive-Thru Easter Experience March 28th from 2-4pm** in the north parking lot. This experience will show the occurrences of Holy Week!



The 27<sup>th</sup> annual ALIS PTL Dinner auction is being planned for May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Carriage House Event Center. This year's event will begin with a social hour and pulled-pork meal provided by Janet Ramsey and the auction committee from 4:30-6:00 pm. The Live Auction will begin at 6:30 and the evening will conclude with a full live band performance featuring Jake Hoult and Mikayla Joy! The cost is \$25 per person or you may reserve preferred (near the front) seating on a first come, first served basis for \$300 (table of 8). For more information or to RSVP contact Jennifer Milleville 217-821-1898, Robin Elam 618-204-0397 or Kristen Savage 636-209-2118. You may also request an RSVP form from the ALIS office. **Paid RSVP is required by April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Tuesday, March 16 – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.**

- Fundraiser Dinner planning meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Anniversary Committee meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 17 – Wednesday after Laetare – worship service – 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 18 – Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.**

- Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 20 – Acolyte Practice – 9:00 a.m.**

- Altar Guild Meeting – 10.00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 21 – Fifth Sunday in Lent - Judica**

- 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