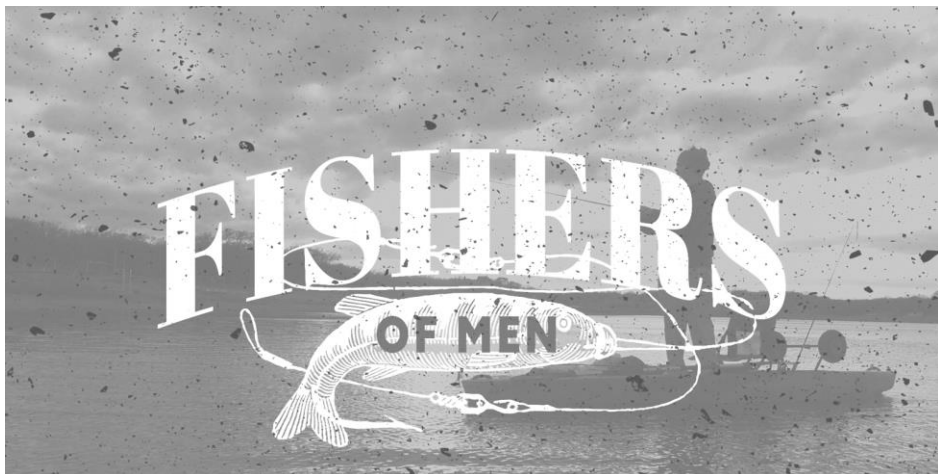


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 9, 2023



AND JESUS SAID TO SIMON,
“DO NOT BE AFRAID;
FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE CATCHING MEN.”
AND WHEN THEY HAD BROUGHT THEIR BOATS TO LAND,
THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM.

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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, Heather Davis, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff’s mother), Debra Sloan-Shirley (aunt of Alysia Wills), Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Mildred Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week (07/09-07/15): 07/09 – Larry Goers; 07/11 – Roxie Alwardt; 07/12 – Tony Siddens

Anniversary: 07/13 – *Brian & Justine Carlson (12)*

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on 07/02/2023\$ 4,528

Weekly amount needed for unified budget:.....\$ 7,400

Steeple Fund Donations.....\$ 75

Steeple & Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – collected \$43,422

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

Sunday School & Bible Class offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 07/02, 9:30am – 71

No Bible Class scheduled during July. Join us in August when class resumes discussion of the book of Judges.



No Wednesday Matins worship services scheduled during July. Wednesday 9:30am Matins services will resume in August.

Thank you to Pastor Heimgartner for leading us in our worship services this morning.

Pastor Manley is out of town July 2nd - 10th.

If you need Pastoral care and cannot get a hold of pastor please call elder Dennis Guffey (618) 267-5595.

Large Print – Bethlehem/Zion workers are scheduled to work at the St. John’s Braille/Large Print Center on Tuesday, July 11th. Please contact Mary Schmidt if you are available to help this Tuesday morning.

LWML/Ladies’ Aid Meeting – Thursday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m.
Hostesses: Roxie Alwardt & Janice Heiden.

Church Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.

Church Voters’ Assembly – Sunday, July 16, 1:30 p.m.



Please join us for Breakfast!

**The youth group will be hosting Breakfast on
Sunday, July 16th, 8:00am - 9:30am**

Menu: Egg Casserole, Pancakes, Sausage, milk, juice, & coffee

Free will offering

Money raised is to offset the cost remaining of \$1,650 for Youth & Chaperones to attend The Higher Things Conference in Carbondale IL on July 18th-21st.

Cemetery Bylaws- Please take a copy of a draft of the Cemetery Bylaws (copies are in the narthex). Everyone in the congregation should review the bylaws and give feedback to church officers. These bylaws will be considered for approval at the July 16th Voter's meeting.

Cemetery News: Due to strong winds from the recent storm, there were several flower arrangements that were blown off from their original locations. If your flowers are missing, they can be found in the Cemetery storage building.
– Thank you, Wayne Yagow

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 sent to INSPIRED HEIGHTS STEEPLE JACKS. It is hoped that the steeple reroofing will be completed this fall. Checks may be made payable to **“Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund”** with **“Steeple Project”** on the memo line. Special designated envelopes are also available in the narthex.

*May the Lord bless this endeavor as our church continues to
“Lift High the Cross”.*



The **church property disposal dumpster** is strictly for use only for church property trash disposal. – Thank you, Church Trustees

ALIS Registration – Wednesday, July 19th, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm



TRUTH, GOODNESS & BEAUTY... 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 topics include: End Times Teachings, What Is Real Science? The Vocation of Midwife, Pastoral Care and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



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".

We are currently in need of the following food items:

Canned chicken

Spam

Instant mashed potatoes

Pudding/jello

Kids cereal

Non food items:

Shampoo

Toilet paper

School is out and kids are at home. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, July 12

– 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Thursday, July 13

– 7:00 p.m – LWML / Ladies' Aid Meeting

Sunday, July 16 – Trinity 6

– 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast – Youth Group Higher Things Fundraiser

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

– 1:30 p.m. – Voters' Assembly

– 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