

JUDICA SUNDAY  
Sunday, March 26, 2023



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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, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Abby Guffey, Luella Rubin, Charlie Schmidt, Steve Voelker, and Gene Wharton.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week: (03/26-04/01) *03/26 – Steve Flood; 03/28 – Denise Stine; 03/30 – John Manley; 03/31 – Ron Koester*

Anniversary: *03/29 – Dan & Myrna Hites (54)*

**Church News**

**Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on March 19	.....	\$10,679.07
Dual Parish	.....	\$ 2,020.76
Donations in memory of Marcella Wolf	.....	\$ 400.00
<i>Weekly amount needed for <u>unified</u> budget: \$ 7,400</i>		
Donations for Steeple Fund	.....	\$ 130.00

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

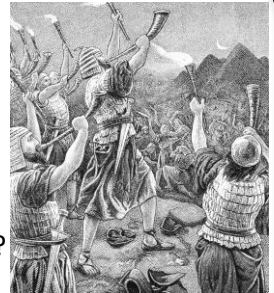
Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 03/19, 9:30am – 100

Have Thrivent Choice Dollars? – don’t forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice by March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to recommend Thrivent Choice Dollars to Bethlehem Lutheran, Altamont, IL, contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836. Thank you!

*Today in Bible Class – Judges Ch. 8 Gideon and the Kings of Midian*

- Who are the kings of Midian?
- What problem did Ephraim have with Gideon?
- How did Gideon subside their anger?
- Who did Gideon request bread from?
- What did he vow to do to them?
- How big was Midian’s army?
- How many official’s names did Gideon ascertain?
- Who did Gideon ask to kill the kings?
- What did Gideon take from them?



**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. Another reason to come to Bible Class!

**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
03/29 – Wednesday in Judica	689	Psalm 43	Leviticus 19
04/05 – Holy Wednesday	425	Psalm 70	Luke 22:24-46
04/12 – <i>No Matins</i>			
04/19 – 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Commands	581	Psalm 23 (ant. 1)	Micah 2:1-5
04/26 – The Close of the Commands	555	Psalm 19	Romans 7:1-13

**Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Voters' Assembly – Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**



Bethlehem Church Trustees are accepting bids through March 31<sup>st</sup> for **lawn mowing of the church property** for the 2023 season. Contact Jeremy Ruffner, 618-553-4628, for additional information and to submit your bid.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> and convention on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 June 11-15. 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 continuing to receive quotes for the steeple project. Once all quotes are received and reviewed the committee will present them to the congregation.



**BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:** CID is holding a workshop to help schools evangelize to families who don't attend their congregations, called beyond the classroom. All are welcome to attend the workshop on April 1, 2023, St. John's Effingham, 10am-2pm. See Pastor Manley if you have any questions.

**Tre Ore worship service** – Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 21, the food pantry had 20 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, March 29**

- 9:30 a.m. – **Matins – Wednesday in Judica**
- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 5:30 p.m. – Youth Group Bible Bowl Practice
- 7:00 p.m. – **Lent Vespers Service @ Zion**
- following worship service – Choir practice

#### **Sunday, April 2 – Passion Sunday – Confirmation Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 10:45-11:30 a.m. - 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  
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THE SALVATION OF MAN