

LAST DAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sunday, November 20, 2022



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2 Petri 3:10.
Matth. 24.
43.
1 Thess. 5:2,3.

Und alsdann werden heulen alle Geschlechter auf Erden und werden sehen kommen des Menschen Sohn in den Wolken des Himmels mit grosser Kraft und Herrlichkeit.
Wenn aber dieses angefangen zu geschehen, so hebet eure Häupter auf, daran dafs sich eure Erlösung naht.
Matth. 24:30.
Lucas 21: 22.

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BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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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, Pam Berg-Kepley, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Lillian Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays: (11/20-11/26) – 11/20 – *Melvin Stuemke, 11/20 – Waylon Willenborg; 11/21 – Holden Caraway; 11/23 – Tina Benning; 11/24 – Karen Siddens*

Anniversary: 11/26..... *Steve & Shela Yagow* 28 years

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on November 13: \$ 4,634

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| <i>Weekly amount needed for Bethlehem’s tuition students to ALIS.....</i> | <i>\$3,238.46</i> |
| <i>Weekly budgeted for salary and home purpose in addition to tuition.....</i> | <i>\$2,733.54</i> |
| <i>Weekly total.....</i> | <i>\$5,972.00</i> |

Farmland rent payment received: \$588

Building Fund donations received on 11/13: \$50

Missions as of 09/30/2022 - \$3,900 sent of \$8,000 annual commitment.

Issues, Etc. collected on 11/13: \$250 (\$445 of \$1,000 annual commitment.)

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

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance on Sunday, 11/13/2022, 9:30 Worship Service: 106

Today in Bible Class – The Bible -- History of Translations

- We will finish our study on the translations of the Bible.
- How are the NT books distinguished from one another?
- How can we defend the authority and inspiration of the Bible?



Matins - Tuesday at 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. Every service is themed around a part of the Small Catechism. Join us!

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Hymn</u> | <u>Catechism</u> | <u>Bible</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nov. 22 | 705 | 1 st Commandment | Psalm 1, Matthew 26:69-75 |
| Nov. 29 | <i>No Matins</i> | | |

Pastor Out-of-Town - Thur., Nov. 24th – Sat., Nov. 26th. If you are in need of pastoral care please call elder Dennis Guffey (618) 267-5595.

Help decorate the church for Christmas with poinsettias and wreaths. Blossom Paradise is offering church group discounts, contact Janice Heiden, orders are due by Nov. 22:

Poinsettias (red, pink, white, or marble) – 3-5 blooms - \$16

Poinsettias (red, pink, white, or marble) – 6-10 blooms - \$38

Evergreen Wreaths - \$25

Seminary Food Drive – We will be collecting non-perishable food and personal items, for the Seminary, through November 27, 2022. Please bring donations to the church and place in the narthex. Items will be picked up on Sunday, November 27th at noon and delivered to the Seminary later that week.

Concordia Seminary asked for the following items: Kleenex, Tea Bags, Canned Beans (no green beans), Canned Fruit, Canned Tomato, Canned Chili, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Granola bars, Juice, Gluten Free foods

Children's Christmas Eve Service practice will begin on Sun., Nov. 27th.

Christmas Church Decorating – Sat., Dec. 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

Voters' Assembly– Sun., Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m. – Election of church officers, approval for unified church budget & dual parish agreement 2022. Anyone interested in serving in a church elected office should contact the nominating committee (Dennis Guffey, Dean Manuel, & Pastor Manley).

Christmas Cookies – Ladies' Aid/LWML group will be packing and delivering Christmas Cookies to our senior members on Mon., Dec. 12 at 1:00 p.m. Donation of Christmas cookies would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Old Church Windows – The old church windows are still available to members, please contact Dennis Guffey, 618-267-5595, by the end of the year.

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



Altamont Ministerial Alliance **Food Pantry** provides local families in need with grocery items and various living expense vouchers (for utilities, fuel, temp. housing, etc.) – Bethlehem Church will be collecting non-perishable items for the Food Pantry. 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”.

On Tues., Nov. 8th, the food pantry served 34 participants.

On Tues., Nov. 15th, the food pantry served 26 participants. Those that came through on the 15th received a turkey breast and extra Thanksgiving bag of groceries.

Items in need at the Food Pantry: canned spam, canned chicken, pudding cups, jello cups, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste



Bethlehem has donated \$445 of our \$1,000 annual 2022 commitment.

For your convenience, we have specially marked Issues, Etc. donation envelopes located in the narthex. Thank you for your support!



The LCMS Central Illinois District MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the LCMS Central Illinois District . . . is to . . . make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28). The congregations of the District . . . elect and call . . . District personnel . . . to advise and assist the congregations . . . in the use of their God-given resources to fulfill this mission and ministry both within their locality and throughout the world. To accomplish this purpose such personnel of the LCMS Central Illinois District serve the members of the congregations of the District in their ministry of worship, witness, nurture, stewardship and fellowship and assist them in establishing and maintaining missions and ministries beyond the structure of their congregations.

Bethlehem has made an annual financial commitment of \$8,000 to help the LCMS-CID fulfill this mission. Thank you for your continued support!

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday, November 20 – 1:30 p.m. – Altar Guild Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins – *Catechism: 1st Commandment*

Wednesday, November 23

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

– 7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Zion

Thursday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Day

– 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service @ Bethlehem

Sunday, November 27 – Advent 1

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

– 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School

– Children’s Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal

– 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

Cover - loosely translated:

But the Lord’s day will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will be destroyed with a great crash, but the elements will melt with heat, and the earth and its works that are in it will burn up.