

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 29, 2023



**Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.**

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, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Lillian Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays: (01/29-02/04): 01/30 – Jeannie Durbin; 01/31 – Rachel Grobengieser, Ronnie Putnam; 02/01 – Lexie Caraway; 02/03 – Samuel Harmon, Shela Yagow; 02/04 – Catherine Zumwalt, Elizabeth Huston, Gary Grobengieser.

Prayers of comfort & peace for the family of Jim Brasel.

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on January 15: \$ 10,470
Weekly amount needed for unified budget.....\$ 7,400

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, 01/22/2023, 9:30am – 109

Today in Bible Class - Judges 2-3 Cont. The Purpose of the Judges

- What did the judges do?
- What did Luther call the judges?
- What went hand-in-hand with Israel's idolatry?
- What do the judges teach us that we need to remain faithful?



Tuesday Matins - 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 Tuesday! Tuesday’s Matins service is themed around a part of the Small Catechism.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hymn</u>	<u>Catechism/Theme</u>	<u>Bible</u>
Jan. 31	430	5 th Commandment	Ps. 143 1 Tim. 1:12-20

Church Ushers are needed to serve every worship service: helping set up for the service, assisting with offering and communion, welcoming & assisting parishioners. To serve as an usher once or twice a month, or if you have questions, please contact Steve Flood.

Youth Group will be hosting soup supper prior to Ash Wednesday worship service on Feb. 22, starting at 5:30. Free-will donation, proceeds to help fund the youth to attend the Higher Things Conference, July 18th-21st in Carbondale Il.

Lutherans for Life - “BLESSED FOR LIFE”

- *Lutherans For Life coloring page and devotion for children is available in the narthex.*
- *Lutherans For Life 2023 Illinois Essay Contest for Students in Grades 6-12 information also available in the narthex.*
- *The Illinois March For Life is now in Springfield and is Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Bus leaves from Immanuel North Parking Lot at 8 AM and returns 4:00 – 5:00 PM. The transportation cost will be covered. Plan to take a sack lunch (water is the only drink permitted on the bus). RSVP by Feb. 1st by sign-up in the Immanuel Parish Hall or by calling during Immanuel office hours. Bethlehem, Blue Point, and Zion Lutheran Church are also participating.*



For Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, our congregation will be “hosting” a
“Baby Shower” for the Family Life Center
throughout the month of January.

Family Life Center Baby Shower Wish List: (new items only please) Diapers NB-18 months, baby wipes, bottles, clothes NB-5T, winter clothing, socks, bath towels & washcloths, pullups, blankets & tag blankets (new or homemade), car seat covers, baby thermometers, safety first baby kits, baby laundry detergent, bibs, burb cloths, baby toiletries, sippy cups, baby toys, baby books, illustrated baby first bibles.

Donated Items may be placed in the laundry baskets located in the narthex.

Thank you for your support!

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

Benefit for Pastor Heimgartner, Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, Il, on February 5th, 11:30-2:00pm. Chili, Potato Soup, Hot Dogs, & Desserts. Free will donation with proceeds going towards medical and living expenses for Pastor (double leg amputee) and his family. Donations may also be mailed to Salem Lutheran Church, 1401 Hawthorne Road, Salem, IL 62881.

Save the date: **St. Paul Blue Point Sausage Supper** – February 5th

The **Altamont National Honor Society** is having a **blood drive** on Wednesday, February 22 from 8:15 am- 2:00pm in the Altamont High School gym.

SAVE THE DATE - ALIS 29th Annual PTL Dinner Auction – Saturday, March 11th. Information letter, including the RSVP and donation slip forms (due by Mar. 3rd) are located in the narthex.

St. Peter's Lutheran School, St. Peter, Illinois is seeking a 1st and 2nd Grade teacher beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. St. Peter's Lutheran is a Christ centered LCMS school, Biblically based, and state recognized. For more information, please contact Principal Dr. Larry Wooster (lwooster.spls@gmail.com) by either e-mail or in the school office (618-349-8888) 701 E 3rd St, Saint Peter, IL 62280)

PURE GERMANY TOUR- Mr. Jim Yagow is planning a trip to Pomerania and other sites in Germany Sept. 11-22, 2024. More information can be found on the Trip Handout in the narthex. Or you can contact Mr. Yagow directly: jimyagow@aol.com.



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 in need at the Food Pantry: Canned meals, with meat if possible, Boxed potatoes, Pudding and jello, and Chunky soup.

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 36 participants for the food pantry.

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 23 participants for the food pantry.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, January 31 – 9:30 a.m. – Matins – 5th Commandment

Wednesday, February 1

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

– 6:00 p.m. – Bible Bowl Practice

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Friday, February 3 – 6:30-7:30 a.m. – Private Confession

Sunday, February 5 – Septuagesima

– 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 & THE SALVATION OF MAN