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Sunday, February 19, 2023

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DOES NOT BOAST

REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

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PROTECTS NOT EASILY ANGERED

DOES NOT KEEP RECORDS OF WRONGS

DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS

LOVE NEVER FAILS 1 COR 13:4-8

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

Those celebrating **Birthdays this week:** (02/19-02/25) 02/19 – Bernice Graumenz, Diane Buzzard; 02/20 – Serena Strullmyer; 02/21 – David Yagow, Joyce Winter; 02/23 – Arlin Grobengieser; 02/25 – Preston Kroening

**Anniversaries:** 02/21 – Scott & Jo Ellen Wharton (2)  
02/22 – Alf & Nancy Davis (54)

**Church News**

**Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for **Home Purpose General Fund** on February 12: \$ 5,003  
Zion Dual Parish for December 2022: \$1,981.44  
*Weekly amount needed for unified budget.....\$ 7,400*

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

Donations designated for steeple project: \$2,875  
Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.  
Attendance: Sunday, 02/12/2023, 9:30am – 102

**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 4*
- Who are and what are prophetesses?
  - What does Deborah have to say to Barak?
  - Why would God record His victory in this way?

**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 moving to Wednesday - 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, Wed. Matins service is themed around a part of the Small Catechism.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hymn</u>	<u>Catechism/Theme</u>	<u>Bible</u>
Feb. 22	545	8 <sup>th</sup> Commandment	Acts 5:1-11 – Anania and Sapphira

**Meals on Wheels** – Bethlehem is scheduled to deliver meals this week on Tuesday, Feb. 21, and Wed., Feb. 22. If you are able to help, contact Janice Heiden.

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service at Bethlehem – Imposition of Ashes** – February 22 at 7:00pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

❖ **Youth Group will be hosting a 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.

**ENTRANCE CANOPY – DOORS** - Work is continuing on the "overhang canopy" for the front doors. The custom made doors are scheduled to be installed in about 10 weeks. 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.

 District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments 

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.

**St. Clare Catholic Church** in Altamont, IL will be having a **Sausage Breakfast** on Sunday, February 26th from 7:30 until 12:00pm. The menu includes sausage patties, country ham, scrambled eggs, biscuit and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice, and coffee. St. Clare is located at 216 N 9th Street, Altamont, IL 62411. Free will donations will be accepted.

**CID LLL District Convention** – March 4 – Redeemer Lutheran in Peoria, IL. More information on the flyer in the narthex.

**21st Annual Immanuel Grilled Pork Loin Dinner at ALIS Gym** Sunday, March 5, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be "Dine In" or "Carry Out". Menu consists of grilled pork loin, pork burger/hotdog, baked potato, chips, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, desserts, dinner roll. Cost is \$12 for loin dinner; \$7 for pork burger or hotdog meal. Children ages 4 and under eat FREE.

**ALIS 29<sup>th</sup> Annual PTL Dinner Auction** – The annual ALIS PTL dinner auction will be held on March 11th at the Carriage House Event Center, doors will open at 4:30. RSVP with payment to ALIS office by March 3rd. RSVP and donation slip forms are located in the narthex.

❖❖ *Bethlehem, Zion, & Immanuel youth are offering babysitting for parents attending the auction. For Children 2 yrs. old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, from 4-10pm in the Immanuel parish hall basement. Free will donation goes to Higher Things youth conference trip.* ❖❖

**ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION** will be held on Mon., March 20 from 6:00-6:45pm. Students will meet their teacher and visit the kindergarten room while parents complete paperwork and ask questions. Bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate to the orientation. Students will need a full physical, dental exam, eye exam, current immunizations, and a lead screening before school starts in August. Please call the school office at 618-483-6428, or email [alisoffice2@gmail.com](mailto:alisoffice2@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**MARCH FOR LIFE New Location:** Springfield; **New Day:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023. **Same Mission:** Save Midwestern lives by marching for life in the public square. **Trip:** A bus will leave Immanuel North Parking Lot at **8AM** and return approx. 4-5PM. No charge for the bus; bring a sack lunch. **BUS IS FULL! You can still drive yourself and meet us there!** Plan to attend by meeting us at a 10:30 AM service at Trinity, Springfield by CID President Mohr.



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: Crackers-all kinds, Cereal-hot and cold, Breakfast bars, Instant potatoes, Boxed Helpers*

*Tuesday, February 14, the food pantry had 21 participants.*

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Tuesday, February 21** – BLC & Zion – deliver Meals on Wheels

**Wednesday, February 22**

- BLC & Zion – deliver Meals on Wheels
- 9:30 a.m. – **Matins – 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment**
- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 5:30 p.m. – Youth Group Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. – **Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes**
- following worship service – Choir practice

**Sunday, February 26 – Lent 1**

- 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