

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, October 16, 2022



TAKE UP THE
SHIELD
OF FAITH,
WITH WHICH YOU CAN
EXTINGUISH ALL THE
FLAMING DARTS OF THE
EVIL ONE;

AND TAKE THE
HELMET OF SALVATION,
AND THE **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT,**
WHICH IS THE
WORD OF GOD.

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” Barnes, 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: (10/16-10/22): 10/16 – *Cierra Kesterson, Tasha Putnam*; 10/18 – *Judith Koester*; 10/20 – *Jonathan Kesterson, Olliver Shoaf*; 10/22 – *Kalea Yagow*

Anniversaries: 10/20..... *Matt & Tina Benning* 15 years
10/20..... *Gary & Joyce Winter*..... 32 years

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on October 9: \$3,643

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

Build Fund: \$200 & \$1,100 from Ladies’ Aid (for church restroom painting & remodel)

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

Issues, Etc. as of 09/30/2022 - \$125 collected/sent 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.

9:30 Worship Service Attendance on 10/09/2022: 73

Today in Bible Class – **“The Bible: An Overview From Then to Now”**

Join us this today as we continue discussions on origins, translations, and history of the Bible.



Voters’ Assembly Today at 1:30 p.m.

MATINS AT BETHLEHEM- All are invited to Matins every Tuesday at 9:30am at Bethlehem, Altamont. 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 this Tuesday!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hymn</u>	<u>Catechism</u>	<u>Bible</u>
Oct. 18	LSB #518	St. Luke	Luke 10:1-9
Oct. 25	LSB #622	C Q&A:12-14	1 Cor. 11:23-26

Pledge Sunday- Pledge Sunday will be Oct. 23rd. Members will be asked to plan their anticipated offerings for 2023 and fill-out an anonymous pledge card on Oct. 23rd. This faithful participation will greatly help our congregation plan its mission. Please speak with the Budget Committee if you have questions: Addam Dahnke, Ronnie Putnam, Lantz Wills, Gary Winter, Lonnie Wilson.

“Lifetime Plan for Giving” presentation on Sunday, Oct 23rd during Bible Class. Rev. Charles Olander & Scott Radden of the LCMS Foundation will provide you with information and materials to help you develop a “Lifetime Plan for Giving” & will discuss how wills, beneficiary designations, charitable trusts and gift annuities might be used to help you better provide for yourself, your family and your church. Individual follow-up meetings can be scheduled with no charge. Whether you have an estate plan in place currently or if don’t have a will, this would be an excellent presentation to attend. Please speak to Pastor if you have questions. Thank you. We hope to see you there!

BETHLEHEM DRIVE THRU CHILI SUPPER- Sunday, November 6th from 3:00-5:30. Slips for donations & work schedule will be handed out today as you leave church. There will be no inside seating. The menu will include Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sauerkraut Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, BBQ & Hot Dogs. Pies include: Coconut Cream, Raisin Cream, Apple, Peach, Pecan & Pumpkin. Desserts offered are Chocolate Layered & Cherry Delight. Soups will be served in 16 oz (1 Bowl) or 32 oz (2 Bowls) containers. Free Will Donation. If you will not be available to work or donate this year please let Sherri Strullmyer know as soon as possible 618-553-0960.

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

7th Annual Fall Vendor Open House, Saturday, October 29, 9am - 2pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway, IL. Free Admission – Donations will be accepted to help support local Missionaries Kraig & Jodie Soltwedel, originally from the Shumway area, now residing and spreading the gospel in New Zealand.

Altamont Area LYF Groups to Host Trunk-or-Treat for Altamont Community

Monday, October 31, 2022

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the north parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Host a Trunk – All parishioners are invited to join in the fun by decorating a trunk and distributing treats at the event. Contests will be held for best youth decorated trunk and best parishioner/other decorated trunk. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for those wishing to participate, please sign to reserve your space. All trunks should be set up by 6:00 pm for judging.



Youth Pizza & Costume Party – For all area LYF members in the Immanuel parish hall from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm with prizes awarded for best costumes.



Please Contact Alysia Wills (Bethlehem/Zion) at 618-292-4715, Andy Wendling (Immanuel) at 618-335-1175 or Wes Duncan (St. Paul - Blue Point) at 217-821-4906 for additional information.



Altamont Reformation Rally

October 30th – 5:00 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran, Altamont, Illinois.

Luther posted his statement of faith, known as the 95 Theses, on the castle church doors in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. Join the four Altamont LCMS Churches as we celebrate the anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation 505 years ago. Our guest preacher for the evening will be Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Egger, President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and professor of Exegetical Theology. Our ALIS children will also be singing during the worship service. All are welcomed to come and hear that we are saved by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone.

LIFE QUOTES 2022 - “By God’s grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!” *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada*



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 will be located in the narthex. Monetary donations and checks, payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted, please place in the “Church Inbox”.

Current items in need at the Food Pantry:

*crackers-any kind
canned meals
chunky soup*

*ketchup
peanut butter
Hamburger Helpers*

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, October 17 – Church carpet will be professionally cleaned today

Tuesday, October 18 – 9:30 a.m. – **Matins** – *St. Luke*

Wednesday, October 19

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Sunday, October 23 – **St. James, Brother of Jesus & Martyr**

– **Pledge 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 & THE SALVATION OF MAN