

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 26, 2023



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: *Butch Bahrns, Linda Crain, Heather Davis, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Lonnie Wilson, & Mildred Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week (07/23-07/30): 07/23 – Emerson Caraway; 07/24 – Blayke Huston; 07/28 – Lily Owen

Anniversary: 07/26 – Lonnie & Sally Wilson (43)

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 07/16/2023.....	\$ 5,206
Zion Dual Parish for June.....	\$ 2,021
Donations in memory of Mike Mercier.....	\$ 25
<i>Weekly amount needed for unified budget:</i>	\$ 7,400

Steeple & Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – collected \$43,422

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

Sunday School & Bible Class offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 07/16, 9:30am – 75

No Bible Class scheduled during July. Join us in August when class resumes discussion of the book of Judges.



No Wednesday Matins worship services scheduled during July. *Wednesday 9:30am Matins services will resume August 2nd.*

Pastor Manley is out of town July 24th-27th for the Bugenhagen Conference in Racine, WI. If you need Pastoral care and cannot get a hold of pastor please call elder Dennis Guffey (618) 267-5595.

Cemetery Bylaws- Please take a copy of a draft of the Cemetery Bylaws (copies are in the narthex). These bylaws were approved at the July 16th Voter's meeting.

Cemetery News: Due to strong winds from the recent storm, there were several flower arrangements that were blown off from their original locations. If your flowers are missing, they can be found in the Cemetery storage building.

– Thank you, Wayne Yagow

Steeple Project - A display in the church hall has been created to show the progress of funds toward the goal of \$100,000. The down payment for the project has been sent to INSPIRED HEIGHTS STEEPLE JACKS. Checks may be made payable to "**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund**" with "**Steeple Project**" on the memo line. Special designated envelopes are also available in the narthex.

*May the Lord bless this endeavor as our church continues to
"Lift High the Cross".*



The **church property disposal dumpster** is strictly for use only for church property trash disposal. – Thank you, Church Trustees

Lost and Found- There are fire roasting sticks from the VBS cookout in the narthex. Take them if they are yours.

August 2023 Church calendar will be distributed next Sunday, July 30. If you have an item for the calendar, please notify the office before July 27th. Thank you.

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

First Annual School Supply Drive

Altamont Christian Church is accepting monetary or actual supplies now through August 11th. Donation Tent will be set up at the Altamont Christian Church to accept supplies or monetary donations on July 26, 6-8pm. Supplies will be distributed to school age children on August 14th, beginning at 9:00am. Additional information and list of supplies located on the flyer in the narthex.



August 5: Homecoming! 10am-2pm

Food Truck, games, swimming, vendors, face painting, swimming, boating, wagon rides, and more. This **free** event is a great way to close out the summer season.

September 3: Chicken Fry and Auction

Fresh fried chicken and all the sides. Auction items up for bid. Preview all auction items at cilca.org/auction-items Make a weekend of it and camp out with friends from across the state.



DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE... You can listen to chapel services from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, IN live weekdays at 8:35 am Central and on-demand at issuesetc.org and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



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 for non-perishable items is located in the narthex. Monetary donations, checks payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted and may be placed in the “Church Inbox”.

The food pantry is currently in need of the following food items:

Canned chicken

Spam

Instant mashed potatoes

Pudding/jello

Kids cereal

Non food items:

Shampoo

Toilet paper

Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.

On Tuesday, July 18th, the food pantry had a total of 41 participants.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sunday, July 30 – Trinity 8

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 8:00 a.m. – Pastor Manley’s Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM
- 11:00 a.m. – Budget Meeting
- 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

