

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY (OBSERVED)**  
**Sunday, January 9, 2022**



**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## Lutherans for Life “Life Sunday”

### “God Chose You”

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

**“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”**

John 15:16

*Welcome to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are happy you are here today. It is customary when you enter the church nave to observe silence for meditation during your silent prayer, the ringing of the bells, and the prelude, in order to prepare you for the beginning of the worship service.*

*Thank you for joining us today and God’s Blessings.*

### Prayers

Prayer before worship: *O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

### In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Vanessa Adams, Ella and Kaly Benning, Jim Brasel, Linda Crain, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Nancy Schroeder, Alonzo Shoaf, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Gary Wendling, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (01/09-01/15) *01/09 – Allen Schultz; 01/10 – Lucy Kroening; 01/11 – Avery Jahraus; 01/12 – Dan Hites*

### Church News

Communion Note – diluted wine is available, please request prior to worship service.

### **Adult Bible Study**

- What is Epiphany? The Day? The Season?
- What is a good Christian habit in Epiphany?
- What did the magi's worship consist of?

### **Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on January 2: \$3,134  
(*Our anticipated weekly amount needed is \$5,972.*)

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

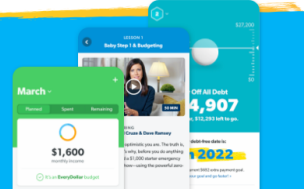
Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,987 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

**Council Meeting** – January 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

**Voters’ Assembly Meeting** – January 23, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

**RAMSEY+**

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for Members**



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

**LWML -- On Your Mark! Get Set! Open Your Bibles!**

Many Christians have considered challenging themselves to read through the Bible in one year. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is offering you that very opportunity! The Gospel Outreach Committee has created a monthly reading plan to guide you. Check out the [January Bible Reading Calendar](#). (available in the church narthex or online on the LWML website)

Open your Bible and "GO"! The Gospel Outreach Committee prays you are richly blessed as you spend time in God's Word each day.

**Tour France** with Pastor and Lisa Wright of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont November 1-12, 2022. Visiting Nice, Monte Carlo, Lyon, the Loire Valley, Chateau Country, Mont St. Michel, Bayeux, Normandy, Rouen, and Paris. \$3,679 per person from Chicago (price includes airfare, motorcoach, quality lodging, most meals and \$520 taxes/airline surcharge). Brochures available. Contact Pastor Wright, [jimwright1961@gmail.com](mailto:jimwright1961@gmail.com) or call 217-994-1116 for a brochure with full details.



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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Study the Gospel of Luke chapters 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in the Gospel of Matthew chapters 8-9 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10:00 a.m. CT). Listen live or on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUO Radio app!

**MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Persecution of Christians in India, The Introit, What Can We Learn from "The Benedict Option"?, Jesus Healing Ten Lepers and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



**Lutherans For Life** believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Therefore, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and society on these and other related issues, such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. We will call God's people to compassionate action and foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations.

## LIFE QUOTES 2022

"[E]very human life, no matter the size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency, is indispensable in fulfilling God's plans." *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**God Chose You ...**  
**and that changes**  
**everything!**

### This Week at Bethlehem:

#### **Today, Sunday, January 9**

- 6:30 p.m. - Catechesis Class

#### **Tuesday, January 11**

- Braille / Large Print
- 9:30 a.m. – Matins Service
- 7:00 p.m. - Bible Class @ Zion

#### **Wednesday, January 12**

- 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

#### **Thursday, January 13**

- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 7:00 p.m. – Ladies' Aid / LWML Meeting

#### **Sunday, January 16 – Epiphany 2**

- 9:30 a.m. - Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
- 10:45-11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School
- 6:30 p.m. - Catechesis Class
- 8:00 a.m. -- Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM  
(Also available on the BLC website home page)
- 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**