

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

AD TE LEVAVI – “TO YOU, I HAVE LIFTED UP”

Sunday, November 27, 2022



## Jesus Riding into Jerusalem.

Matt. 21: 1-9

“Tell ye the daughters of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.” Matt. 21: 5.

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

Those celebrating **Birthdays**: (11/27 – 12/03) – 11/28 – *Ada Voelker;*  
12/03 – *Clair Berg*

**Church News**

**Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for **Home Purpose General Fund** on November 20: \$ 11,890

<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

**Building Fund** donations received on 11/20: \$2,100

**Missions** collected Oct. & Nov.: \$4,860

**Missions** as of 09/30/2022 - \$8,760 of \$8,000 annual commitment.

**Issues, Etc.** collected on 11/13: \$250 (\$445 of \$1,000 annual commitment.)

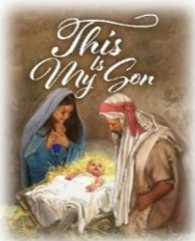
**Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.**

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance on Sunday, 11/20/2022, 9:30 Worship Service: 115

**Today in Bible Class Bible Class -- Cain**

- What did Adam and Eve expect when Cain was born?
- How did Adam and Eve handle Cain's sin?
- How should we as parents handle our own children's sin?
- What did the LORD mean when he said, "If you do well?" (Rom. 2:1-4)



**Children’s Christmas Eve Service practice** will begin TODAY. Parents may pick up their children at church at noon.

**Meals on Wheels** – Bethlehem is scheduled for Mon., Tues., & Wed. this week. If you are able to help deliver meals, contact Janice Heiden.

**Mid-week Advent 1- Vespers Service at Bethlehem on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** – This year our Mid-week Advent Service and Children’s Christmas Program are collectively themed: *This Is My Son*. We will hear of God’s promise for salvation through the woman’s offspring (Genesis 3:15). But it would not be Cain, the son of Adam, nor Ishmael, the son of Abraham, nor Absalom, the son of David. The true Son of Adam and Abraham and David is the Son of God. Join us for Vespers Wed. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Bethlehem to begin our Mid-week Advent service, as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of God’s Son.

**Christmas Church Decorating** – Sat., Dec. 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

**Voters’ Assembly**– Sun., Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m. – Election of church officers, approval for unified church budget & dual parish agreement 2022. Anyone interested in serving in a church elected office should contact the nominating committee (Dennis Guffey, Dean Manuel, & Pastor Manley).

**Christmas Cookies** – Ladies’ Aid/LWML group will be packing and delivering Christmas Cookies to our senior members on Mon., Dec. 12 at 1:00 p.m. Donation of Christmas cookies would be much appreciated. Thank you.

**Christmas Caroling** – The Annual Christmas Caroling will take place on Friday, December 16. Choir members and anyone who would like to participate are welcome. Park and meet at Tim & Jane Laatsch's home in time for departure at 3:30pm. A Christmas dinner party is planned following the caroling. Ham will be provided, please bring your favorite side dish or Christmas treats to share. RSVP to Dean Manuel (call or text: 618-267-7914) or call the church office. The members who are visited sure enjoy this annual event as we once again sing of our Savior's birth.

**Old Church Windows** – The old church windows are still available to members, please contact Dennis Guffey, 618-267-5595, by the end of the year.

**Advent Devotion Books** - a limited number of devotion books are available to members, copies are located in the narthex.

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



**Bethlehem has donated \$445 of our \$1,000 annual 2022 commitment.**

*For your convenience, we have specially marked Issues, Etc. donation envelopes located in the narthex. Thank you for your support!*



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 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 spam, canned chicken, pudding cups, jello cups, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste*



## **The LCMS Central Illinois District MISSION STATEMENT**

*The purpose of the LCMS Central Illinois District . . . is to . . . make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28). The congregations of the District . . . elect and call . . . District personnel . . . to advise and assist the congregations . . . in the use of their God-given resources to fulfill this mission and ministry both within their locality and throughout the world. To accomplish this purpose such personnel of the LCMS Central Illinois District serve the members of the congregations of the District in their ministry of worship, witness, nurture, stewardship and fellowship and assist them in establishing and maintaining missions and ministries beyond the structure of their congregations.*

**Bethlehem has made an annual financial commitment of \$8,000 to help the LCMS-CID fulfill this mission. Thank you for your continued support!**

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

#### **Tuesday, November 29**

– No Matins Service

#### **Wednesday, November 30**

- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 6:00 p.m. – Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. – Mid-week Advent 1 Vespers Worship Service @ BLC
- Choir practice following worship service

#### **Friday, December 2**

– 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m. – Private Confession

#### **Saturday, December 3**

– 8:00 a.m. – Church Christmas Decorating

#### **Sunday, December 4 – **Advent 2****

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School
- Children’s Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal
- 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**