

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, October 09, 2022

Be filled with the Spirit
Addressing one another
in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
Singing and making melody to the Lord
with all your heart.

Ephesians 5:18-19

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

Those celebrating Birthdays: (10/09-10/15): 10/10 – *Eric Grobengieser*; 10/15 – *Grace Manley*

Anniversary: 10/12..... *Jacob & Angela Shewmake*..... 9 years

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on October 2: \$ 5,979

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

Farmland lease payment received: \$1,052

Missions as of 06/30/2022 - \$2,000 sent of \$8,000 annual commitment.

Issues, Etc. as of 08/30/2022 - \$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 10/02/2022: 142

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.



Quarterly Meetings: **Council Meeting** – Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Voters’ Assembly – Sunday, October 16 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!

Date	Hymn	Catechism	Bible
Oct. 11	LSB #540	C Q&A:5-11	Matt. 16:13-20
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.

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.

Thank youto Eric & Barb Grobengieser, and Dean Manuel for all their hard work cleaning the outside of the church building last week.

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

The Ladies Aid/LWML, Immanuel Lutheran Church Augsburg (Shobonier) will host their Soup Luncheon on TODAY - Sunday, Oct. 9th. Serving from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Menu: Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken Salad and Peanut Butter sandwiches, grilled hot dogs, homemade desserts and beverage. Free will donation. Carry out available.


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


The Lutheran Youth Fellowship groups of Bethlehem, Immanuel, St. Paul—Blue Point and Zion are again coming together to host a Trunk-Or-Treat experience for the Altamont community!


Monday, October 31, 2022

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

Children are invited to wear costumes or masks as they parade around the church parking lot, trunk-or-treating for goodies dispersed from the trunks of the youth and church parishioners.

 **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** – There will be a 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 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

hot cereal

canned meals

chunky soup

toilet paper

Critical Race Theory --- Guest Speaker: Lucas Woodford

Cost: \$15 per Person, Snacks and Lunch Included

Time: Saturday October 15th, 10 AM to 4 PM

Address: Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd Normal, IL 61761

Contact us: [\(309\) 452-5609](tel:3094525609) or CLCMS@christlutherannormal.org

ART CONTEST: The LCEF is sponsoring a youth art contest to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the LCMS. Kindergarten through college age youth can submit entries from Sept. 5th - Dec. 1. For more information please speak with pastor or lcmsreporter.org for the details.

LIFE QUOTES 2022 - “Moved by the Holy Spirit, may we help each other carry the crosses we face together. May we work to eliminate suffering together. And may we find healing, belonging, peace, and joy, together in the cross of Christ!” *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, October 10 – 7:00 p.m. – Elder’s meeting

Tuesday, October 11 – 9:30 a.m. – **Matins** – *Christian Questions & Answers #5-11*

Wednesday, October 12

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

– 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Thursday, October 13

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Sunday, October 16 – **Trinity 21**

– 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

– 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School

– 1:30 p.m. – Voters’ Assembly

– 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