

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
June 23, 2024

HOW TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES



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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

The Trinity Season is the time of the church where we remember the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the one true faith. The Holy Spirit gives us union in doctrine and practice (Acts 2). This Holy Communion is as real as Christ's body and blood and is rightly practiced in closed communion to protect those who believe differently than our Lord commands, preserve unity, and to assure you of Jesus' forgiveness of sins. If you have not been confirmed in fellowship with the LC-MS, please speak with the pastor before taking communion.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Lucille Beccue, Heather Davis, Teresa Riley, Bernice Graumenz, Lillian Grobengieser, Alice Harmon, Pastor Heimgartner, Todd Luedtke, Rev. John Poppe, Marybeth Potts, John Putnam, Steve Voelker, Mildred Wolf, & Catherine Zumwalt.*

Birthdays this week (06/23-06/29): 06/24 – Griffin Kroening; 06/25 – Cody Voelker, Leigh Ann Ruffner; 06/27 – Easton Caraway; 06/28 – Bethany Finney; 06/29 – Chad Grobengieser, Dayton Tabbert, Janet Hamilton

Anniversaries: 06/26 – Mike & Patti Wolff
06/27 – Matt & Jeanine Putnam

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget (General Fund) \$ 7,400
Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on 06/16/2024 \$ 4,755

Envelopes for donations to the steeple project are available in the narthex. Checks may be made payable to "**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund**" with "**Steeple Project**" on the memo line.



Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions.

Attendance: Sunday, 06/16, 9:30am – 94



Bible Class

*No Bible Class today (Pastor Wright's Farewell)
June 30th – Colossians 2:6-15
July 7th – Seminarian Bieri*

Matins worship service is held every Wednesday at 9:30am. No Wednesday Matins worship service during the month of July, services will resume in August.

June Sermons on Love: Sermons in June will all be based on the appointed readings, but themed around what the Bible teaches about love. Who doesn't want to be a more loving person? If love is the greatest virtue, then all of us need more love. Specifically we will hear how God is the definer and giver of true love and how He can and will make us to love more.

June 23- Genesis 50:15-21 HOW TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

June 30- 1 Corinthians 18-25 THE LOVE OF THE CROSS IS LOVE FOR OTHERS



BETHLEHEM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We're having a party—a party to celebrate the Savior—
and you're invited!

PreK-6th - Sunday-Thursday, June 23-27, 6-8pm

Thursday, June 27th – 7:15pm – VBS Family Fellowship & Cookout

Decorating & set up for VBS will be today at 2pm.

Volunteers to help in the kitchen needed. Contact Janice Heiden.

Donations of cookies or fruit would be much appreciated.



Hymn Sing and Fellowship at Bethlehem-

What is your favorite hymn? On June 30th at Bethlehem, you get to pick the hymns for the hymn sing from the Lutheran Service Book. Hymn sing starts at 7pm in Bethlehem Church. Fellowship and desserts at 8pm in Bethlehem Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Congregation Members: Please bring a dessert to share.

On Sunday, July 7th, we will welcome Seminarian Josh Bieri as our guest preacher during the morning worship service. Josh is our sponsored seminarian student from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

Ongoing Belfry Restoration work by Strauch Construction: Restored arch "caps" at the top of each louver of the openings of the belfry have been fabricated. Dentil and corbel work, which was removed in the 1980s, has been added back to the belfry based on the original 1892 design.

Pastor Timothy Landskroener's 30th Anniversary in the Holy Ministry Celebration - Sunday, June 30th at Immanuel Lutheran – Augsburg in Shobonier. 4:00pm Fellowship, 5:00pm Dinner. **RSVP to:** Pastor's 30th Anniversary, c/o/ K. Landskroener, PO Box 64, Saint Peter, IL 62880. Cards are also welcome at the same address.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is located in the narthex. Monetary donations, checks payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted and may be place in the "Church Office" box in the narthex.

***** School is out and the food pantry is in need of a few things, especially items that kids can open by themselves. The food pantry is out of canned chicken, kid's cereal, canned meals, fruit cups, pudding cups.**

Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, June 26

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

Sunday, June 30 –Trinity 5

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

– 10:45-11:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Class

– 7:00 p.m. – Bethlehem Hymn Sing & Fellowship

– 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

