

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, July 12, 2026

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law



“I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Matthew 5:17

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
6409 N. 200TH St. Altamont, IL 62411



Rev. Marcus Manley, Pastor

Pastor Manley's Phone: 712-880-2452

Pastor's email: bzaltamontpastor@gmail.com

Church Office Phone: 618-483-6756

Church e-mail: bethlehemaltamont@gmail.com

Church website: www.bethlehemaltamont.org



“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

The Lord calls us by the Gospel to His house to worship Him. It is only by the Holy Spirit that any of us can believe in Jesus Christ and receive His gift of salvation. The LC-MS confesses that the one holy Christian church includes all believers of Christ in all denominations, while also confessing Jesus' teaching of Closed Communion. If you are not in altar fellowship with the LC-MS please refrain from the Lord's Supper at Bethlehem until you have spoken with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Gail Robert Heimgartner - cancer	Brad Suckow – back
Dwayne Beccue	Noah Luke Owen – heart	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Dale Roll	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Judy Stuemke – LCC	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Bernice Graumenz	Sam Stuemke – heart	
Lillian Grobengieser		

Birthdays (07/12-07/18): 07/12 – Tony Siddens; 07/17 – Matthew Buchanan;
07/18 – Frank Heiden, Garrett Flood, Kevin Yagow

Anniversaries: 07/13 – Brian & Justine Carlson
07/17 – Dennis & Deb Guffey, Pete & Tasha Putnam
07/18 – Pastor & Amy Manley

Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the Holy Baptism of Ida Jo Buchanan, daughter of Serena & Matthew Buchanan.

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 07/05	\$ 17448

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

Attendance: Sun., 07/12, 9:30am – 87



Presentation on Stewardship by Rev. Bill Jensen
held in the Parish Hall Conference Room

Thank you to our guest pastor, Rev. Bill Jensen for leading us in our worship service this morning. Rev. Jensen is the Stewardship Executive for the LCMS Central Illinois District, and the Campus Pastor at the Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Illinois State University, Normal, IL.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting - Wed., July 15, 6pm

Council Meeting – Wed., July 15, 7pm

Altar Guild Meeting at Barn & Bottle - Fri., July 17, 6pm

Voters' Assembly – Sun., July 19, 1:300pm

Family VBS after church + Mini Bible Lesson, Craft, then Pool Party and Lunch at Rich and Pam Siddens. Sun., July 19, after church – *Please RSVP to Pastor or email the church office.*

The new wireless **Sound System will be installed on July 20**. Two different **training sessions** will be offered by the Sound System installers. Either July 21 or 22 both from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We have several who have signed up to be trained and if you are interested in being trained, please contact either Ronnie Puttnam or Eric Grobengieser.

Sunday, July 26 - OLD SCHOOL WORKDAY - Wear work clothes to church or bring a change of clothes. Right after church we'll clean out the old school. Please sign up in the narthex so a count can be determined. The Ladies Aid will be providing lunch for all who help. On August 9, items not kept by the Church will be offered to any member of the Congregation for pick up on that day. All items left after August 9 will be disposed. Contact Eric Grobengieser if you have questions.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Altamont, IL – BBQ

August 30th - 11am - until the food is gone.

- Menu: Brisket, pulled pork, smoked chicken, hotdogs, German potato salad, apple pie baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Bethlehem Ladies Aid famous desserts.
- Free Games: Barnyard Basketball, volleyball, badminton, cornhole, ring toss, and \$1 cake walk
- Freewill donation.
- Proceeds go to help with Bethlehem ALIS Tuition.
- Meal served in Bethlehem Parish Hall.

All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and stay for games, fellowship, and fun.

Contact Gary Grobengieser 618-553-9856



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sweet Corn Plot – The sweet corn plot, located in the field west of the Parish Hall, should be ready for harvest very soon, 1-2 weeks. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for those willing to help pick the corn, as well as a separate sign-up sheet for those wanting sweet corn. Sweet corn is available for a freewill donation, with all proceeds benefiting Bethlehem's ALIS tuition. For more information, please contact Pastor Manley or Lucas Kroening 618-977-9373.



A/C units, that are no longer needed in the Parish Hall, are available with donation:

- (1) 220-volt units, 24,000 BTU, suggested donation: \$200
- (1) 220-volt units, 18,000 BTU, suggested donation: \$150
- (1) 110-volt unit, 7,500 BTU, Free

For more information, please contact a Church Trustee.



Altamont Lutheran
INTERPARISH SCHOOL

Online enrollment for ALIS started on July 1, 2026. Families were sent an email from Teacherease - Common Goal Systems (ALIS will not be using Sycamore) with directions on how to access your parent account and complete enrollment online. We will also have in person Registration at ALIS on July 21st from 11-6pm and again on July 28th, 2026 from 4-6pm.

ALIS Registration Help: ALIS needs volunteers to help parents register and receive all the needed information for the upcoming school year. Volunteers are needed during the following time slots at ALIS: July 21st, 10:45am-2:30pm, 2:30pm-6:15pm. July 28th, 3:45pm-6:15pm. To volunteer call Mrs. Flach (815) 791-0362 or speak with Pastor Manley.

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet (Meals on Wheels Volunteers) – Thu., July 30th, 5-7pm, Effingham Event Center. RSVP by July 16, call Kim at 217-994-0104.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. *The Food Pantry had **31** participants on Tuesday, 07/07/2026.*

Note from the Food Pantry: Just to update you...we are currently low on the following in the Food Pantry: Meat Helpers (Hamburger/Tuna), Fruit, Canned Chicken, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Spam, Mustard, Ketchup, plus Milk and Hot Dogs are always appreciated. We are currently blessed with an abundance of canned corn, green beans, spaghetti sauce/pasta noodles, soups, mac & cheese, and pancake syrup.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Mon., July 13

5:30 pm - Adult Instruction

Tue., July 14

7:00 pm – BBQ committee meeting

Wed., July 15

6:00 pm – Sunday School Meeting

7:00 pm – Council Meeting

Fri., July 17

6:00 pm – Altar Guild Meeting @ Barn & Bottle

Sun., July 19 – Trinity 7

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Bible Class

1:30 pm – Voters' Assembly

8:00 am – Bethlehem's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM

5:00 pm – 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)