

The Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

Sunday, April 25, 2021



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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Rev. Marcus Manley, Pastor

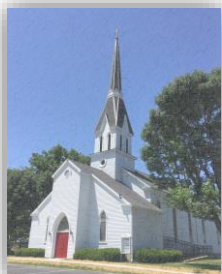
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Prayers

Prayer before worship : Almighty God, You have enriched Your Church with the proclamation of the Gospel through the evangelist Mark. Grant that we may firmly believe these glad tidings and daily walk according to Your Word; through 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: Kaly Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Nancy Gelsing, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Cassandra Power, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Cleve Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Lonnie Wilson, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: 04/27 – Lauren Yagow;
04/28 – Elsie Shoaf

Anniversaries: Larry & Sharon Goers 04/25 56 years

Church News

Thank you for joining us for worship on the Wednesday Evening services at Bethlehem. For the time being, it has been decided to discontinue the non-seasonal Wednesday evening worship services. Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday Matins service chapel, which will continue throughout the remaining school year.

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



HERE I STAND SUNDAY
IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT
Jesus

Join us for Adult Bible Class Today
Presented by Rev. Jerry Bagwell

Trustee's Report:

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Apr.18: \$4,894
(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

All loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$12,728 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

- Building Fund donations: \$200

Thank you to Rev. Jerry Bagwell for leading us in our worship service today.

Pastor will be out of town April 20-27. If you have any need to speak with pastor please first call Head Elder Dennis Guffey at 618-267-5595.

Voters' Assembly Meeting – Today at 1:30 p.m.



160th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, June 6, 2021

- May 2: Group congregation picture NEXT SUNDAY– outside after services. (May 16 is the “rain date”)
Directions on how the congregation will be assembled outside will be given after the Service. **Parking will not be available on the lot east of the church that morning.** Please plan accordingly. Thank you!
- June 6: Anniversary Service – 9:30 am. w/ guest preacher Dr. Rev. Ben Ball. Anniversary Picnic Dinner following the service - outside tent seating and/or inside the Parish Hall.
Activities Planned for the afternoon: Several lawn games, kick ball (sponsored by Pastor Manley), a walking tour of the church building – with an interesting history of the structure both interior and exterior. In the cemetery we will visit the resting place of several key founding members who dared to start a new life here 160 years ago.
- The next committee meeting is Wed., May 19th, 7:00 p.m. All are welcomed!

“Let us go to Bethlehem” Luke 2:15

Lutheran Witness – Annual subscriptions (11 issues) & renewals are due, just fill out the LW envelope (included in your offering envelope box set) and include \$15.96. New subscriptions and renewals are due by May 3 and begin with the June/July 2021 issue.

LWML/Ladies’ Aid meeting has been rescheduled to **Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.** Hostesses: Amy Manley & Marcella Wolf

Ascension Divine Service w/ Communion – Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m @ BLC.

♪ *Come Sing With Us!* ♪ The **Bethlehem Choir** practices every Thursday at 7:00 pm. We are working on anthems for April, May and special music for the 160th Anniversary Celebratory Service. Please come and join the Choir!



ALIS kindergarten orientation will be held on Mon., April 26 in two sessions (5:30-6pm & 6:15-6:45pm). Please call the school office at 618-483-6428 to sign up. Students will meet their teacher and visit the kindergarten room while parents complete paperwork and ask questions. Masks are required. Bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate to the orientation. Students will need a full physical, dental exam, eye exam, current immunizations and a lead screening before school starts in August.

2021 PTL Dinner Auction – May 8th

Make plans to attend the PTL dinner auction on May 8th! The evening will include a pulled-pork dinner (4:30-6pm) as well as silent and live auctions (beginning at 6:30 pm) followed by live band entertainment. Cost is \$25 per person. **All paid RSVPs must be turned to the ALIS office by April 30th!**

Auction donations can be dropped off at ALIS or with a member of the auction committee. **All donations must be received by Monday, May 3rd**, to guarantee they will be included in the auction booklet.

For questions contact Jennifer Milleville (217) 821-1898, Robin Elam (618) 204-0397 or Kristen Savage (636) 209-2118.

You may request an RSVP form from the ALIS office or contact Alysia Wills.

Item Donation slips are also available in the narthex.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, April 27 – BLC Chapel – matins service – 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 29 -- Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

-- Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 29–May 1 – LWML CID 75th Convention, Morton, IL

Sunday, May 2 – **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

-- Adult Bible Study – 10:45-11:30 a.m.

-- Youth Sunday School – 10:45-11:30 a.m.

-- Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM – 8:00 a.m.

(Also available on the BLC website home page)

-- Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81 – 5:00 p.m.

(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