

Octave of Easter

April 16, 2023



*"Put out your hand, and place it in my side.
Do not disbelieve, but believe."*

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, Linda Crain, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff’s mother), Luella Rubin, Marion Schmidt, Debra Sloan-Shirley (aunt of Alysia Wills), Steve Voelker, and Gene Wharton.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week: (04/16-04/22) 04/16 – *Evelyn Yagow-Wenthe*; 04/19 – *Carter Beccue, Kelly Stone*; 04/20 – *Jacob Shewmake*

Anniversaries: 04/17 – *Kent & Roberta Phillips (41)*
04/21 – *Orville & Janice Heiden (66)*

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on Easter Sun.....\$15,049

Offering collected on Good Friday is designated for Mission fund.

Weekly amount needed for unified budget: \$ 7,400

Steeple Fund balance as of 04/12/2023 - \$12,846

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

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Good Friday, 04/07, 7:00pm – 86

Easter Sunday, 04/09, 6:30am – 40

Easter Sunday, 04/09, 9:30am – 139

Today in Bible Class –

Judges Ch. 8:22-35 Gideon’s Ephod and Death

- How heavy was the gold Gideon collected?
- What is an Ephod?
- What happened to Israel and Gideon?
- What does Luther teach us from Gideon?

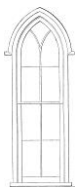


Homemade Pie baked by Janice Heiden - One pie will be offered for silent bid auction every Sunday, during Bible Class – highest bidder will take home the pie – all proceeds will go towards the church steeple project.

Matins - Wednesdays - 9:30am at Bethlehem - Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something, join us on Wednesday mornings for our Matins worship service.

Date	Hymn	Psalm	Text
04/19 – 9 th & 10 th Commands	581	Psalm 23 (ant. 1)	Micah 2:1-5
04/26 – The Close of the Commands	555	Psalm 19	Romans 7:1-13

Prayer Cards- CID office and Life Coordinator Mr. David Ward have produced Prayer Cards for Wednesday's Child. These cards are intended for you to take and pray each Wednesday for God's gift of life and protection of the helpless against danger. You may also take more to give to friends and neighbors. Prayer cards are in the narthex.



Church Window – we are having a silent bid auction for the church window & wreath that is displayed in the narthex. Starting bid of \$100, bidding will end on Sunday, April 16th, 1:30pm. All proceeds will go to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Steeple Restoration Fund.

Voters' Assembly today– Sunday, April 16th at 1:30 p.m. Meeting reports are available in the narthex.

Lutheran Witness - Annual subscriptions (11 issues) & renewals are due, just fill out the LW envelope (included in your offering envelope box set) & include \$19.20 (\$1.60 per issue). **New subscriptions & renewals are due in the office by April 16.** Subscriptions begin with the June/July 2022 issue.

VBS Save the Date: Bethlehem's VBS Zoomerang will be Sunday-Thursday, June 11-15, 6-8pm. Please mark your calendars and speak with Jennifer Berg if you'd like to help.

ENTRANCE CANOPY – DOORS - Work on the entrance canopy will continue as soon as the materials that have been ordered arrive. This project was approved by the voters and is funded by a member donor.

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

Thank you to all who donated flowers to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter: Mike & Diane Buzzard, Eric & Barb Grobengieser, Betty Heiden, Orville & Janice Heiden, Pastor & Amy Manley, Dean & Karen Manuel, Lorene & Allen Schultz, Karen & Melvin Stuemke, Gary & Joyce Winter

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont will be hosting a meal TODAY, Sunday, April 16th to raise funds for current sanctuary renovations. It will be held at The Carriage House Event Center in Altamont. You are invited to the free-will donation event which is from 10:30 AM -- 1 PM. Carry-outs will be available. The menu includes fried chicken, bone-in ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, beef & noodles, vegetable, slaw, roll, dessert and drink. Sponsors include Deb's Catering, The Giving Plate, the Schultz Family and the Ramsey Family.

ALIS position available – Food Service Worker – Assistant cook Position – approximately 30 hours per week, 5 days a week August-May (see job description in narthex). For more additional information and to apply contact ALIS.

Camp CILCA – copies of the Camp CILCA May 2023 newsletter are available in the narthex.



Donation box for non-perishable items 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”.

Tuesday, April 11, the food pantry had 22 participants.

Since the kids will soon be out of school, the pantry could use some kid friendly foods that they can grab and eat with little preparation.

- Items in need: Pudding cups/mixes, Fruit cups, Toilet paper, Toothpaste

Thank you!!

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, April 19

- 9:30 a.m. – **Matins**
- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Sunday, April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 10:45-11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School
- 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