

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, September 6, 2026

**“WERE NOT TEN CLEANSED?
WHERE ARE THE NINE?
WAS NO ONE FOUND TO RETURN AND GIVE PRAISE TO GOD
EXCEPT THIS FOREIGNER?”**



**“RISE AND GO YOUR WAY;
YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL.”**



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“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	Bernice Graumenz	Brad Suckow – back
Dwayne Beccue	Lillian Grobengieser	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Lucille Beccue - LCC	Dave Manley - back	Steve Voelker
Bonnie Becker - LCC	Dale Roll	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Dean Biggs - back	Ron Siebert	
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Sam Stuemke – heart	

Birthdays (09/06-09/12): 09/08 – Josie Lowry; 09/12 – Kaylyn Putnam

Anniversary: 09/12 – Mark & Jeannie Durbin

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$	10416
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 08/30.....	\$	7180
08/30 BBQ Picnic – proceeds for ALIS Tuition.....	\$	6108
<i>Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions</i>		

Sunday School 2026-2027 Offerings – the Sunday School students will decide where their offerings are going this year. These options will be presented in church.

Attendance: Sun., 08/30, 9:30am – 152



Bible Class: Today we will see a PowerPoint presentation on past and present Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS).

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Altamont, IL – BBQ

Thank you ... A very successful event was held last Sunday. Thank you to Ladies Aid and members of the Congregation who worked as game supervisors, pie and cake bakers, servers, dishwashers, table waiters, and clean-up crews. Thank you to the volunteers who provided support throughout the days of organizing the event. Local providers and Thrivent are acknowledged too. A big thank you to "Average Joes B.B.Q." (Luke and Houston) for preparing the excellent tasting BBQ. The picnic was attended by over 330 guests, who participated in fellowship, food, and games. Approximately \$6,100 was raised and will be used for Tuition for Bethlehem's ALIS students. – BBQ Picnic Committee

Cemetery Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 10 – 7:00 pm – regarding concrete for false setting & future grave sites.

Stewardship Sunday – Sept. 20th – *pledge cards will be available next 2 Sundays.*

Mission Festival – Sept. 27th, worship service at 7:00pm – Followed by a presentation in the Parish Hall from our Guest Pastor Patrick Gumz, CID Missions. Ice Cream and Desserts will be provided by the Youth Group.

Reformation Run/Walk 5K – Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 8am – Join us for a Reformation Fun Run/ Walk from Zion Lutheran Church to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in rural Altamont on October 31, 2026! This is a fundraiser to support the tuition of Bethlehem and Zion students at ALIS. This is a 4 mile, one-way route. Transportation by hayride will be provided back to parking at Zion. Age group awards will be given along with “Fastest Pastor” and best Martin Luther costume. Scan the QR code to register. For more information contact Jenna Murray [618-292-1411](tel:618-292-1411) or Lexie Caraway [217-343-8884](tel:217-343-8884).



❖❖❖❖❖ District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments ❖❖❖❖❖

Altamont & Effingham/Shelby Zone 2026 LWML Rally – Wed., September 9, 9:30am @ Immanuel-Augsburg, Shobonier, IL. The featured mission speaker will be Pastor Michael Schuermann from the University of Illinois – Champaign.

- INGATHERING will support the Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services in Vandalia, and the “Tools for Schools” assisting students throughout Fayette County. Shopping list and donation box is in the narthex.

The topic for this year’s **Annual Fall Retreat of CID LLL District** is “Life Issues.” We will have the Biblical Perspective, CID LCMS Perspective, and the Illinois Right to Life Perspective. We will be discussing the preborn issues, as well as end of life issues. This will be Saturday, September 12th, at Camp Cilca with doors opening at 8:30. Retreat will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration is \$25.00 which includes lunch; deadline is September 7th. Mail registration to: Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. For more information contact Deloris at delorisblessman@yahoo.com or 309-361-1461.

Celebrate 25 Years of The Cross at the Crossroads! The community is invited to celebrate "25 Years of Faith, Hope, and Impact" at The Cross at the Crossroads on Saturday, September 19, from 6:00–9:00pm. As we celebrate the Cross's 25th anniversary, we'll also commemorate the 25th anniversary of September 11, remembering those whose lives were lost and pray for our nation and its leaders.

The **Altamont Area Lutherans for Life** will be meeting Wednesday, September 23rd, at 7 pm in the Immanuel Lutheran Church parish hall. The agenda will include planning an event with the area youth, including junior high students from ALIS, St Peter Lutheran School, and Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Ziegler at [217-821-9101](tel:217-821-9101).

What a great gift it is to have such wonderful ALIS Lutheran teachers. For the next several weeks we will feature information from one staff member to remind us who we are supporting in our offerings at ALIS, and the faithful work they do serving our children through our Lutheran School.

ALIS 2nd Grade Teacher Mrs. Amber Shnarre



I have been married to Nathan over 20 years. I have 3 children: Brayden, Adilyn (Junior), & Liam (Freshman). I have a BS in Elementary Education from SIU-E. I completed my Colloquy from Concordia University- River Forest in 2020. I began teaching 6th grade at St. Elmo Elementary School in 2006. I will be beginning my 12th year of teaching second grade at ALIS in the 2026-2027 school year. I was led by God through the retiring teacher approaching me to consider applying for her position at ALIS that would be becoming vacant. I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family either through sports or around the pool. I like to travel, shop and read during the summer when I have free time. Teaching in a Lutheran School is an honor. It is more than just the daily subjects and grades, but more about the child and helping them grow and learn in God's word each and every day!



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt. 25:35). The Altamont Ministerial Alliance does this by caring for the poor in our community. The Altamont Food pantry is open at First United Methodist Church every Tuesday, 1-3pm for citizens with an Altamont address. When available, other funds are given to the poor with an Altamont address to help with their needs. The Altamont Ministerial Alliance has checks and balances to properly steward all donations to those who are living in our community and follow Jesus' words to care for the poor.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, September 8

10:00 am – Altamont Pastors' Winkel hosted by Bethlehem

Wednesday, September 9

3:30-4:15 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm – Choir

Thursday, September 10

7:00 pm – Cemetery Meeting

Sunday, September 13 – Trinity 15

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – No Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

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)