

Quinquagesima

Sunday, February 14, 2021



“Son of David, have mercy on me!”

And **J**esus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.”

And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God.

And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Krippelein Christi - 160 years

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Prayers

Prayer before worship *O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, and Craig Wolff.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: 02/14 – Sherri Strullmyer; 02/18 – Karen Stuemke; 02/19 – Diane Buzzard, Bernice Graumenz; 02/20 – Serena Strullmyer

Anniversaries:

Harry & Sandra Braasch.....02/14..... 45 years
Cody & Konnie Heiden.....02/17..... 3 years

Church News

➔ Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation in our area, considering the guidelines to make a good faith effort to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our worship service. Thank you.

Church Admin. Office is open Mon. – Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - with additional hours throughout the week.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Worship Services this week:

- *BLC Tuesday Morning Chapel Service – Feb. 16 at 9:15 a.m.*
- **Ash Wednesday** - *Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem and 7:30 p.m. at Zion.*

Any change or cancellation of services will be announced on our church website (www.bethlehemaltamont.org) and Facebook page.

Worship services and bible class available online - Subscribe to our Youtube channel



Adult Bible Class: Come to Bible Study.

We are learning: The Sacrament of the Altar

- What do the different names for the Lord's Supper mean?
- Who, what, where, why consecrates the bread and the wine?

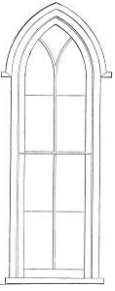


Trustee's Report:

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Feb. 7: \$3,510
- Zion Dual Parish payment for Dec. 2020 - \$1,791.84 & Jan. 2021 - \$1,713.71
(*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: \$11,300 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)
- Donation to Parsonage project: \$1,000



Bethlehem Window Project Progress The project includes the restoration and/or replacement of all exterior windows of the church building.

The 10 main windows of the church nave will be replaced with exact duplicates of the style that is seen now – clear glass. The same number of lights (panes of glass) with wood on the inside and maintenance free white on the exterior. They will be thermopane windows thereby eliminating any need for the separate plexiglass covering as we now have. The wood basement windows will be replaced with fixed thermopane windows.

Donations and memorials are still being accepted and should be identified as “BETHELHEM WINDOW PROJECT”. What a blessing to be able to give toward the WINDOW PROJECT in this the 160th year of the founding of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran. All Praise and Glory to God Alone!

Printed copies of the **Lenten Devotional** booklet “**From His Fullness We Have Received**” are available on the table in the narthex, or you may prefer to download a digital copy by visiting this link from the Steadfast Lutherans website:

<https://steadfastlutherans.org/2016/02/from-his-fullness-we-have-received-2016-lenten-devotional/>

(The devotional was originally printed for Lent 2016, so please note that the 2016 year calendar is exactly 1 week earlier than 2021.)



The Bethlehem Lutheran Church 160th Anniversary celebration will be Sunday, June 6, 2021. Join us for worship service at 9:30 a.m. with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ben Ball, 6th V.P. of LCMS. Several activities and presentations are planned and the Ladies Aid will also be providing a picnic lunch.

❖ Following past anniversary tradition, a group congregational picture will be taken on May 2. with May 16 as the rain date.

More details on our upcoming anniversary celebration to follow.

✻✻✻✻ **District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments** ✻✻✻✻

Central Illinois LLL District Convention 2021 – March 6th at St. John Lutheran Church, Effingham. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and Convention opens at 10:00a.m. Registration forms available in the narthex, please respond by Feb. 25.

Due to restrictions of the covid-19 pandemic, Dr. Zeigler will not be in Effingham in person, but will be making a Virtual Presentation at the Conference at 1:30 pm. Also, since many in our congregations may not want to venture out to see Dr. Zeigler in person, CID LLL is giving congregations the opportunity to offer the Virtual Presentation via Zoom to small groups in your church. **All we ask is a small free will donation to the CID LLL.** – The Men’s Club from Blue Point will be offering this option at St. Paul Blue Point Church.

ALIS Employment opportunity – Assistant Cook – Part-time position

Accepting applications Feb. 1-16, 2021, approximate start date March 1, 2021.

For additional information, please see the job description on the narthex table.

HOG ROAST (cancelled) - Zion, Altamont's Annual Hog Roast is cancelled for 2021. Zion will be collecting a free will door offering on March 20th for the Lutheran Care Center. Please continue to support the Care Center. Save the Date for March 21st 2022 for next year's Hog Roast.

Pure Germany! - Uckermark (Berlin) to Bavaria (Munich) – Sept. 10-21, 2022

Join tour host/guide and sponsor Jim Yagow and others in a customized 12-day tour of "Pure" (historic) Germany! Begin your adventure in the Uckermark region (northeast Germany), ancestral home of many German immigrant-descendants. Then we'll explore Berlin, Rothenburg, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Munich (Oktoberfest & Dachau concentration camp), Neuschwanstein Castle, Ettal Monastery & Brewery, and so much more! We will climax our journey by watching the Passion Play in Oberammergau.



This unique once-in-a-lifetime journey will be of special interest to German descendants of Old Lutheran immigrant-ancestors who came from the Pomerania-Uckermark region in northeast Germany. Come explore your heritage by visiting the quaint rural villages, churches, local museum-exhibitions, and attractions – experiencing the wonderful hospitality of those who live there.

Especially designed by Jim Yagow (Jagow) for German Lutheran descendants (everyone is welcome), this trip will be an adventure that combines our Lutheran heritage, learning, fun, camaraderie, and faith.

For additional information pick up a brochure,
copies available in the narthex.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, February 16 – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday – Divine Service – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 18 – Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

– Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 21 – First Sunday in Lent

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

-- Adult Bible Study & 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