

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 17, 2021



Wedding Feast at Cana

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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Prayers

Prayer before worship Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Susie Rush, Hayden Summers, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, and Craig Wolff.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: 01/17 – Lena Spour, Leti Spour; 01/19 – Marea Yagow; 01/21 – Marion Schmidt; 01/23 – Jeannie Yagow

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 - Jan. 19 at 9:15 a.m.*
- *Second Wednesday after the Epiphany, DS III, Wed., Jan. 20 at 6:00 p.m.*
(Please note - This Wed. service will follow the same liturgy used for Sun., Jan. 10th)

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

Adult Bible Class: All are welcome to come to Bible Class

Continuing study of The Lord's Supper

- What word delivers all the Old Testament in one fell swoop?
- What is the importance of "remembrance of me."



Trustee's Report:

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Jan. 6 & 10: \$5,360 (includes donation made in recognition of Lucy Rose Kroening Baptism on 12/23/20)

(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

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

- Building Fund collected Jan. 10: \$170

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$11,205 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

- Missions – As of 12/20/20 - \$7,000 collected for CID for missions.

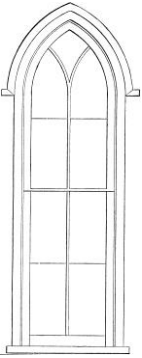
Please pick up your 2021 Offering Envelope Boxes which are located in your bulletin box and on the desk in the narthex. The Congregational Offering survey may be completed and returned to the church inbox.

Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 20 at **7:15 p.m.**

Voters' Assembly Meeting – Sunday, January 24 at **1:30 p.m.**

1861 Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran – Cradle of Christ – 2021

For the 160th anniversary of our church's founding, we would like to make an AUDIO recording of the hymn "Nun danket alle Gott" by members who can sing in the German language. The recording will take place on January 31 following the worship service. Those who wish to sing will simply remain in their pews after the church service. After a "practice" run though, with organ accompaniment, the hymn will be sung once more and then recorded. Please consider assisting this project with your singing. May the Lord bless our efforts to give him thanks for all the blessings bestowed on members past and present here at Bethlehem. -Dean Manuel, Chairman 160th Anniversary Committee



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

- The Marvin Window Representative was at the church this past Tuesday to look in detail at the nave windows.
- 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 stained glass windows on the east side of the church will be addressed also. The lead in the window to the north has sagged due to excessive heat build up leaving a gap at the top. Glass FX Art Glass from Champaign will be at the church on January 22 to repair that window on site. The coverings for the two side windows are to be replaced with actual glass. All three stained glass windows will have correct venting installed (this was not done originally) to eliminate future damage to the lead and the stained glass from excessive heat build up between the stained glass and the clear glass covering. The arched window above the doors previously had the plexiglass replaced by a donor with clear glass.
- 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!

Holy Cross Lutheran Ladies Society Annual Soup/Chili Luncheon

TODAY – Drive Thru - SERVING FROM 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (or until soup is gone) Serving HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP & CHILI, CHICKEN SALAD or PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES, HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKES OR SUGAR COOKIES. Enter the alley from Taylor St. (in front of the Fayette County Hospital from the EAST ONLY) Vandalia, IL.

Live Stream Ft. Wayne Symposia for Free- Jan. 19-22 Ft. Wayne Seminary is making their annual Confessional and Exegetical Symposia available for free live streaming. Just go to www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/symposia/ for details and streaming links. Pastor recommends for you to visit the website, click on schedule, find a lecture of interest, and plan to stream at that time. Even if you're working, you should be able to pause the stream and watch it later.

St. Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club annual sausage & pancake supper is set for Sunday, January 31. *It will be a drive through event with pancake & sausage meals, packaged rope, cooked rope, and bulk ground sausage available. Serving begins at 4:00 p.m.*

SAVE the DATE - The CID IL LLL Convention

What - The CID IL LLL Convention

Where - St John's - Effingham IL

When - March 6th, 2021

Who - Speaker - Lutheran Hour Speaker

Rev. Michael Zeigler

Please plan to attend - Look for Specific Times and more details to come

SAVE the DATE - The LWML CID's 75th Convention and 75th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2021 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, January 19 – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, January 20 – 2nd Wed. after the Epiphany (DS III) – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 21 – Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 24 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

-- 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