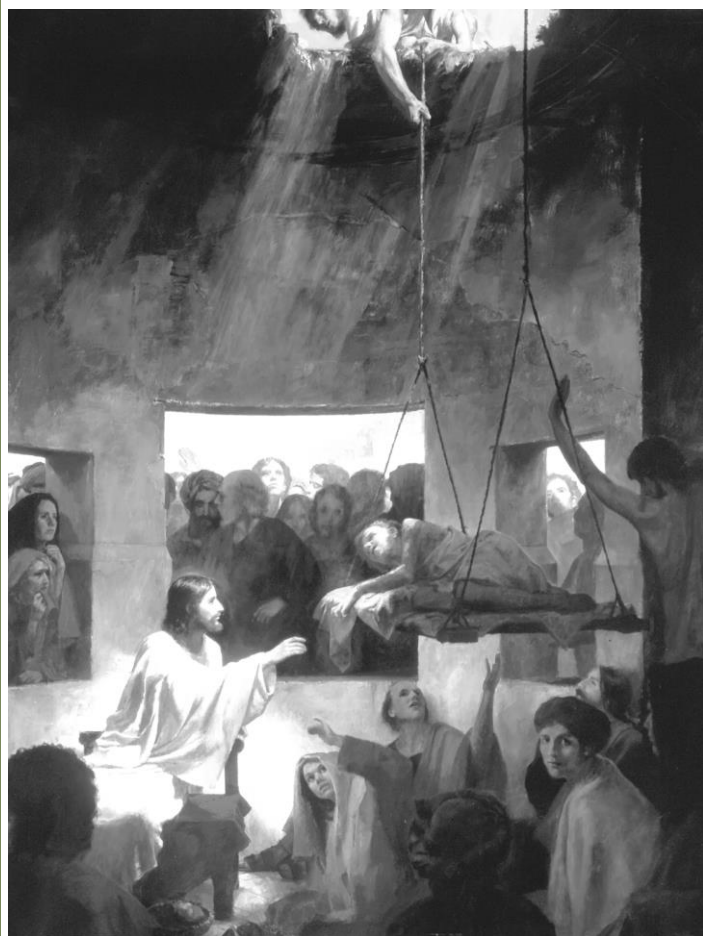


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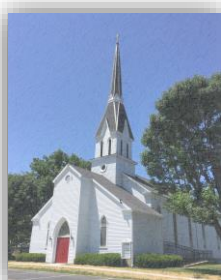


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BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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Welcome to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are happy you are here today. It is customary when you enter the church nave to observe silence for meditation during your silent prayer, the ringing of the bells, and the prelude, in order to prepare you for the beginning of the worship service. Thank you for joining us today and God's Blessings.

Prayers

Prayer before worship: Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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: *Carl Becker, Kaly Benning, Don & Bonnie Steffey (Pastor's Uncle & Aunt), Linda Crain, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Carol Laatsch, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Lynn Winter, and Lilly Wright.*

For comfort to the family of Bob Roedl.

Luke & Jessica Mottashed were blessed with the birth of a son, Lincoln David, on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them as they celebrate this blessing.

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (10/03-10/09) – 10/08 – *Michelle Miller*

Anniversary: *Kevin & Diane Heiden*10/06..... 37 years

Church News

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

Adult Bible Study: What is your Christian plan?

- How do I figure out my vocation/calling?
- How does my vocation help my life's plan?
- How does planning help my worrying?

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on September 26: \$4,302
(*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: \$13,743 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

Donations given to the Church Window Project Fund in memory of Irene Spilker - \$65

Building General Fund Donations: \$868

Building Fund Donations designated to the parking lot: \$150

CID LCMS Missions – YTD 06/30: \$3,200 (*2021 annual Commitment is \$8,000*)

Issues, Etc. – YTD 08/29: \$425 (*2021 annual commitment is \$1,000*)

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Matins Service:

October 5st – Conclusion – Revelation 22:16-21 – “Amen”

Meals on Wheels – Bethlehem is scheduled to deliver meals on October 4, 5, 6.

Final Victory Workshop. If you would like one of the remaining folders speak with pastor ASAP. The Bethlehem office can reproduce **Funeral Planning Guides** for all who would like one, and everyone is encouraged to speak with pastor to pre-plan your funeral service.

BETHLEHEM MISSION FESTIVAL- On Sunday, October 10th, Bethlehem will host Rev. Michael Schuermann, Pastor of University of Illinois Lutheran Church (UniLu). He will give a presentation on Campus ministry and UniLu. Freewill offerings will go to support UniLu. Schedule of events include:

- 7pm Vespers Service
- Fellowship and Refreshments
- Presentation by Pastor Schuermann

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

The LLL members are having a **Pork Burger Sale and Bake Sale Saturday, October 9**, on the Triangle in Altamont from 11 AM to 1 PM. Anyone willing to donate an item for the Bake Sale is requested to have it at the Triangle by 10:30 AM. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go towards supporting the Lutheran Hour on the Vandalia Radio Station. Questions should be directed to Raymond Stuckemeyer at 618-267-6909 or email at: restuck8@gmail.com

Altamont Area LYF Groups to Host

Trunk-or-Treat for Altamont Community

The Lutheran Youth Fellowship groups of Bethlehem, Immanuel, St. Paul—Blue Point and Zion are again coming together to host a Trunk-Or-Treat experience for the Altamont community! This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the north parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Children are invited to wear costumes or masks as they parade around the church parking lot, trunk-or-treating for goodies dispersed from the trunks of the youth and church parishioners.

Host a Trunk – All parishioners are invited to participate by decorating a trunk and distributing treats at the event. Contests will be held for best youth decorated trunk and best other decorated trunk. A sign-up sheet will be posted closer to the event for those wishing to participate.

Youth Pizza & Costume Party – There will be a Pizza & Costume Party for all area LYF members in the Immanuel parish hall from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm with prizes awarded for best costumes. **Watch for more details in the coming weeks!**

OCT. 31ST REFORMATION RALLY- All should come to the Altamont Reformation Rally, this year on Reformation Day, Oct. 31st, 5pm at Immanuel, Altamont. Our preacher this year is Pastor Richard Marrs of Concordia St. Louis Seminary. Offerings will go to ALIS Church Worker Scholarship Fund. What joy to hear we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.



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The Early History of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran #1

As we are still in the 160th anniversary year it is fitting that selected history information be published for the congregation to read and contemplate the blessings God has bestowed upon this congregation for 160 years.

The founding families originally came from Prussia Germany by way of Wheatfield, New York and surrounding communities. These immigrants left their home land because of mandates being imposed upon them by the Kaiser of the Prussian government. The mandate required a merger of the Lutheran and Reformed church bodies to form "The Evangelical Union Church". The Kaiser expected the merger to strengthen and revitalize Protestant religious life in Prussia as well as helping to unify his kingdom.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday, Oct. 3 – Cantata practice – 1:30-3:00 p.m.

-- Catechesis Class – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 4 – Ladies' Aid Mtg – 7:00p.m.

-- Elder's meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5 – **Matins Service – 9:30 a.m.**

-- Braille/Large Print

-- Bible Class at Zion – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7 – Kinderchor – 4:30 pm

-- Choir practice – 7:00 pm

Sunday, Oct. 10 – **Trinity 20**

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

-- Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School – 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

-- Cantata practice – 1:30-3:00 p.m.

-- Catechesis Class – TBD

-- **Mission Festival Service – 7:00 p.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