

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 25, 2023

THE VISITATION



MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD,
AND MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN
GOD MY SAVIOR.

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: *Butch Bahrns, Linda Crain, Heather Davis, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff’s mother), Debra Sloan-Shirley (aunt of Alysia Wills), Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Mildred Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week (07/02-07/08): 07/03 – Abram Carlson, Amy Manley, Angela Shewmake, Wayne Yagow; 07/04 – Jane Laatsch; 07/06 – Barb Grobengieser; 07/07 – Janice Heiden; 07/08 – Isabella Yagow

Anniversary: 07/07 – *Steve & Daphne Flood (22)*

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 06/25/2023	\$ 5,568
Zion Dual Parish – June	\$ 2,021
Parish Hall Rental	\$ 50
<i>Weekly amount needed for unified budget:</i>	<i>\$ 7,400</i>

Steeple & Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – collected \$43,347

*Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.
Sunday School & Bible Class offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.*

Attendance: Sunday, 06/25, 9:30am – 92

No Bible Class scheduled during July. Join us in August when class resumes discussion of the book of Judges.



No Wednesday Matins worship services scheduled during July. *Wednesday 9:30am Matins services will resume in August.*

Pastor Manley is out of town July 2nd - 10th.

If you need Pastoral care and cannot get a hold of pastor please call elder Dennis Guffey (618) 267-5595.

Church Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.

Church Voters' Assembly – Sunday, July 16, 1:30 p.m.

Cemetery Bylaws- Please take a copy of a draft of the Cemetery Bylaws (copies are in the narthex). Everyone in the congregation should review the bylaws and give feedback to church officers. These bylaws will be considered for approval at the July 16th Voter's meeting.

Please join us for Breakfast!

**The youth group will be hosting Breakfast on
Sunday, July 16th, 8:00am - 9:30am**

Menu: Egg Casserole, Pancakes, Sausage, milk, juice, & coffee

Free will offering

Money raised is to offset the cost remaining of \$1,650 for Youth & Chaperones to attend The Higher Things Conference in Carbondale IL on July 18th-21st.



Steeple Project - A display in the church hall has been created to show the progress of funds toward the goal of \$100,000. The down payment for the project has been sent to INSPIRED HEIGHTS STEEPLE JACKS. It is hoped that the steeple reroofing will be completed this fall. Checks may be made payable to **“Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund”** with **“Steeple Project”** on the memo line. Special designated envelopes are also available in the narthex.

*May the Lord bless this endeavor as our church continues to
“Lift High the Cross”.*



The **church property disposal dumpster** is strictly for use only for church property trash disposal. – Thank you, Church Trustees

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

ALIS Registration – Wednesday, July 19th, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm



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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Samuel 16-19 plus a new Free Text Friday on Matthew 18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!



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".

Items in need: Hamburger Helpers, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Cereal Bars or pop tarts, Hot Dogs

School is out and kids are at home. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.

Tuesday, June 27th, the food pantry had a total of 41 participants.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sunday, July 9 – Trinity 5

- 9:30 a.m. – Matins Service *with guest pastor, Rev. Gail Heimgartner*
- 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