

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, January 25, 2026

**THE LORD IS MY LIGHT & MY SALVATION;
WHOM SHALL I FEAR?**

**THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE,
OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?**

Psalm 27:1



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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Blessed Epiphany, a time to recognize Jesus as the revealed Son of God. In many and various ways God spoke to the people of old by the prophets. But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son (Heb. 1:1-2). Jesus comes and shows Himself to us in His Word and Sacrament. Like the Magi, let us worship Him on His terms. In the Sacrament of the Altar God tells us to examine ourselves and discern His body and blood. If you have not been catechized and confirmed in the confession of the LCMS please speak with Pastor Manley before coming to Holy Communion.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Bernice Graumenz	Brad Suckow – back
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Lillian Grobengieser	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer - luekemia	Janice Heiden	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Heather Davis - cancer	Judy Stuemke – LCC	

Birthdays (1/25-1/31): 1/25 – Owen Kroening

1/27 – Jennifer Berg; 1/30 – Jeannie Durbin; 1/31 – Rachel Grobengieser, Ronnie Putnam

Anniversary: 01/27 – Cody & Maria Voelker

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026 (General Fund)	\$ 8730
Offering collected for General Fund on 01/18	\$ 5798 5

Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions



Attendance: Sun., 01/18, 9:30am – 129



Bible Study Today with Guest Pastor, Rev, Gary Fortkamp.

Thank you to Rev. Gary Fortkamp, Emeritus, for leading us in our worship services and bible class today.

Your **2026 offering statements** are printed and placed in your bulletin box. If you have any questions regarding the statements, contact Gary Winter.

Adult Instruction Class – Monday's at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. Talk with Pastor if you or anyone you know is interested.

Pastor is attending the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. Jan. 22-25.

He will be out of the office, Jan. 26-27. If you need pastoral assistance, please call elder Dennis Guffey.

01/18/2025 BLC Voters' Assembly – Approved Action Items

- *Expansion Joints to be installed in the North Wall of the Parish Hall building to avoid future cracking.*
- *Replacement of the sidewalk section leading up to the ramp on the North side of the Church building.*

Bethlehem Lutheran (Ferrin, IL) to Hold Its Winter Workshop on Necessary Masculinity: The world says all sorts of things about masculinity, even that it's toxic. Yet, Holy Scripture says otherwise. What does true masculinity look like? What are the responsibilities that God gives to men? How do we raise our boys to be godly men? On Sunday, January 25th, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Ferrin, IL) will host Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer for its annual winter workshop, where he will present on "Necessary Masculinity." Rev. Hemmer is the pastor at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church (Fairview Heights, IL) and is the author of *Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity*. He has presented this topic throughout the synod, which has been well-received. The workshop will be held at the church from 2pm to 5pm and is open to men in 6th grade and up. Refreshments will be served as well. For those interested in attending, please RSVP to bethlehemferrinchurch@gmail.com

Young Adult Bible Class – Wednesday, January 28th, 6:30pm, Immanuel, Altamont. Gather with other young adults to learn the difference between Christian denominations. Contact Violet Wendling, 618-704-6114.

St. Paul (blue Point) Men's Club Annual Sausage and Pancake Supper – Sunday, February 1st, serving starts at 4:00pm. Dine in or carry out. Packaged rope, cooked rope, and bulk ground sausage available.

St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont, IL will be hosting a **Sausage Breakfast** on Sunday, February 15th from 7:30am -12:00pm. The menu includes sausage patties, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice and coffee. St. Clare is located at 216 N. 9th Street, Altamont, IL 62411. Free-will donation accepted.



ALIS Annual PTL Dinner Auction – Saturday, February 28th.

Carriage House Event Center – Social hour begins at 4:30p.m., dinner starts serving at 6:00p.m. Silent Auction begins at 4:30p.m., Live Auction at 6:30p.m.

Cost: \$25/person or reserve a table for 8 for \$300. RSVP by February 13th. To donate an auction item please click on the QR code to submit form, and drop off item by February 20th, (special arrangements can be made for baked goods and large items.) PTL Dinner Auction RSVP forms and donation forms are also located in the narthex.



Do you know that the way Christian's go about their day and connect with members in their household is a critical aspect of spiritual growth? When the households of your church are spiritually vibrant, your church is more effective at faith formation, outreach, and community engagement. Come to learn more at the **Central Illinois LLL District Convention** hosted at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal on Saturday, March 21, 2026. All are welcome to attend. Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana is the guest speaker.

Presentation Topics:

- Rev. Dr. Scaer's presentation topic: "Act Like Men: Be Strong in Christ"
- Polly Faszholtz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL Virtual Presentation LHM Update

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the convention will conclude by 3:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 per person and includes the lunch meal. Please complete the registration form and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309.361.1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com. Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.



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

The Food Pantry had 41 participants on Tuesday, 01/20/2026.

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:

Monday, January 26

5:30 pm – Adult Instruction Class

Tuesday, January 27 – Church office closed

Wednesday, January 28

3:30 pm - Kinderchor

6:00 pm – Bible Bowl practice

7:00 pm – Choir

Sunday, February 1 – Septuagesima

9:30 a.m. – DSIII with Holy Communion

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

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)