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Sunday, February 20, 2022



## THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD



### **BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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: Vanessa Adams, Pam Berg-Kepley, Tina, Kaly & Ella Benning, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Judy Koester, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Marcella Wolf and Lilly Wright.

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (02/20-02/26) 02/20 – Serena Strullmyer; 02/21 – David Yagow, Joyce Winter; 02/23 – Arlin Grobengieser; 02/25 – Preston Kroening

**Anniversaries:** 02/21 – Scott & Jo Ellen Wharton – 1 year  
02/22 – Alf & Nancy Davis – 53 years

**Church News**

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

**Bethlehem Bible Class Today:** Bearing Fruit Luke 8:4-18

- How does Jesus tell us to bear fruit?
- How do we do that?
- What does that look like at Bethlehem?



**Trustee's Report:**

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on February 13: \$ 9,389	
Weekly amount needed for Bethlehem's tuition students to ALIS.....	\$3,238.46
Weekly budgeted for salary and home purpose in addition to tuition.....	\$2,733.54
Weekly total.....	\$5,972.00

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

Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,987 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

**Parsonage Basement Repair Project** - Motion was accepted at the January 23, 2022 Voters' Assembly to accept the bid of \$13,105 from Woods Basement to repair the parsonage basement. Funds for the bid will come out of the Home Purpose General Fund. Anyone who wishes to donate to the project may do so through their gift to the General Home Purpose Fund.



Trustees will be accepting bids through Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> for **lawn mowing of the church property** for the 2022 season. Contact Dale Roll for additional information and to submit your bids.

*Have Thrivent Choice Dollars?* – don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836.

**LWML FALL RALLY**- All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to come to the next LWML meeting on Mar. 10th, 7pm at the Bethlehem Parish Hall to discuss plans for hosting the Sept. 20th LWML Fall Rally for the Altamont Zone. We need as many ladies as possible to host the rally.

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

**92<sup>nd</sup> CID Lutheran Layman's League Convention**- March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 2055 South Franklin Street Road, Decatur. We are pleased to have as our speaker Dr. Walter Maier III. Registration will begin at 8:30, The Convention will begin 9:30. The registration fee is \$20.00.

For more information contact Danny Magelitz at [dmagelitz@hotmail.com](mailto:dmagelitz@hotmail.com) or Deloris Blessman • [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com)

## Lutherans For Life

Altamont Area Chapter update (01/20/2022 meeting):



Between now and July 8 of this year, the Altamont Area LFL will apply for a matching donation grant from the LCMS for any contributions made towards the Family Life Center. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the value of life in our area. Gifts should be given to Altamont Area Lutherans for Life to make the match.

- **Altamont Lutherans For Life Pork Burger and Bake Sale** – Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Triangle in Altamont. Donations of pies and baked goods would be greatly appreciated.
- The next meeting of Altamont Lutherans for Life will be March 6 at 7pm at Immanuel.

## **LIFE QUOTES 2022**

“Jesus Christ has made every human life indispensable.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**God Chose You ...**  
**and that changes everything!**

**ALIS 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PTL DINNER AUCTION** is being planned for March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Carriage House Event Center. This year's event will begin with a social hour, silent auction and meal from 4:30-6:00 pm. The Live Auction will begin at 6:30pm and the evening will conclude with musical entertainment by Blazing Saddles. The cost is \$25 per person or you may reserve preferred (near the front) seating on a first come, first served basis for \$300 (table of 8).

**Tre Ore** On Apr. 15, Good Friday 12pm-3pm, Immanuel Augsburg is hosting this year's Tre Ore Service for the Altamont Circuit. Tre Ore means "three hours" and denotes the hours of darkness in which Christ hung on the cross until His death. The three hour service (12pm-3pm) is comprised of meditations preached by LC-MS pastors on the 7 words of Christ on the cross. All are welcome.

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today, Sunday, February 20**

- 1:30 p.m. – Budget Committee
- 6:30 p.m. – Catechesis Class

**Tuesday, February 22**

- 9:30 a.m. – Matins Service
- 7:00 p.m. – Bible Class @ Zion

**Wednesday, February 23**

- 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**Thursday, February 24**

- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

**Sunday, February 27 – Quinquagesima**

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
- 10:45-11:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School
- 6:30 p.m. – Catechesis Class
- 8:00 a.m. – Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM  
(Also available on the BLC website home page)
- 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**  
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**THE SALVATION OF MAN**