

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 25, 2023



RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

HE WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND

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 (06/25-07/01): 06/25 – Cody Voelker, Leigh Ann Ruffner; 06/27 – Easton Caraway; 06/29 – Chad Grobengieser, Dayton Tabbert, Janet Hamilton; 06/30 – Sally Wilson

Anniversaries: 06/26 – *Mike & Patti Wolff (30)*
06/27 – *Matt & Jeanine Putnam (36)*

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 06/18/2023.....	\$ 4,160
Donations to Church General Fund – In memory of Mike Mercier.....	\$ 185
Donation from Studebaker Friends Club – in memory of Marcella Wolf.....	\$ 25
<i>Weekly amount needed for unified budget:</i>	\$ 7,400
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Steeple Fund Donations.....	\$ 75
Steeple Fund Donations – In memory of Mike Mercier.....	\$ 290
<i>Steeple & Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – collected</i>	<i>\$43,347</i>

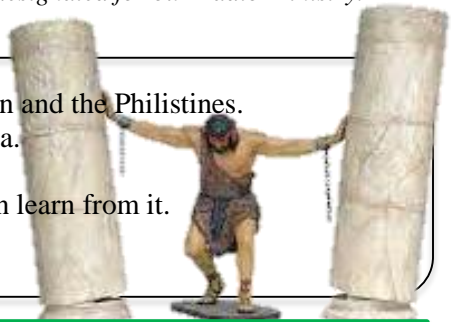
*Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.
Sunday School & Bible Class offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.*

Attendance: Sunday, 06/18, 9:30am – 73

Today in Bible Class: Judges 15-16 Samson and the Philistines.

- Samson's sins in Timnah, Lehi, and Gaza.
- Samson's lies to Delilah.
- Samson's life and death and what we can learn from it.

No Bible Class scheduled during July.



Matins - Wednesdays - 9:30am at Bethlehem - Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something, join us on Wednesday mornings for our Matins worship service.

Date	Hymn	Psalm	Text
06/28 – The Holy Spirit Enlightens	839	Ps. 19:7-14	1 Cor. 2:6-15

No Wednesday Matins worship services scheduled during July.

Bethlehem Cemetery Meeting – Monday, June 26 – 6:00pm

Meals on Wheels - Bethlehem is scheduled to deliver meals on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, June 26, 27, & 28. Contact Janice Heiden if you are able to help deliver the meals.

Please join us for Breakfast!

Youth Breakfast – 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.

Donations for this project should be designated “**Steeple Project**”.

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

- ❖ ❖ Please respect that the **church property disposal dumpster** is strictly for use only for church property trash disposal. – Church Trustees ❖ ❖

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

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



UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and

Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc, or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

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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 20th, we had a total of 38 participants for the food pantry.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, June 28

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

Sunday, July 2 – The Visitation

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

– 10:45-11:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class

– 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

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