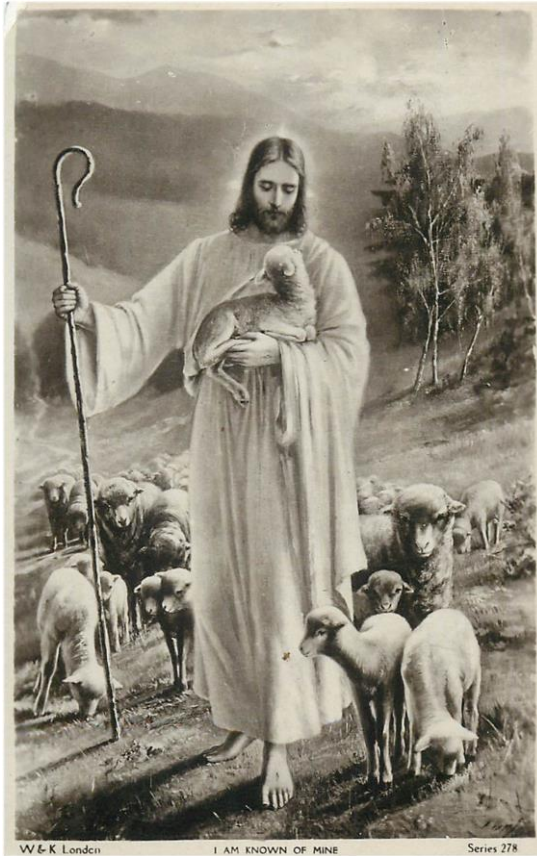


Third Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 23, 2023



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

Those celebrating Birthdays this week: (04/23-04/29) 04/24 – Klaiton Strullmyer; 04/26 – Jersey Hille; 04/27 – Lauren Yagow; 04/28 – Elsie Shoaf, Pete Putnam

Anniversaries: 04/23 – Addam & Andy Dahnke (1)
04/24 – Jason & Lexie Caraway (13)
04/25 – Larry & Sharon Goers (58)

Prayers for those attending the 77th LWML CID Convention on Friday & Saturday

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on 04/16/2023\$ 4,008

Offering collected on Good Friday is designated for Mission fund.

Weekly amount needed for unified budget: \$ 7,400

Donations to Steeple Fund (Thrivent Choice Dollars): \$212

Steeple Fund balance as of 04/12/2023 - \$13,058

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

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 04/16, 9:30am – 87

Today in Bible Class –

Gideon’s sons, Abimelech Lies, and Jotham’s Parable (Judges Ch. 9)

- ✘ How many sons did Gideon have?
- ✘ What do these mean: Jerubaal, Abimelech, Jotham?
- ✘ What’s so special about Philadelphia or Shechem?

Homemade Pie baked by Janice Heiden - One pie will be offered for silent bid auction every Sunday, during Bible Class – highest bidder will take home the pie – all proceeds will go towards the church steeple project.

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
04/26 – The Close of the Commands	555	Psalm 19	Romans 7:1-13

Part-time Bethlehem Church & Parish Hall Custodian position available starting May 1

– Bethlehem Church & Parish Hall custodian is responsible for keeping the church sanctuary and parish hall clean & tidy between worship services and various church events. If you or someone you know are interested in this position please contact Trustee Eric Grobengieser or Trustee Jeremy Ruffner.

- ❖ A Special Voters' Assembly Meeting is scheduled for May 7, following the worship service, to discuss the position.
- ❖ The Church Trustees are also asking for any volunteers who would like to help clean the church & parish hall during the interim hiring period.
- ❖ *Thank you to Lorene Schultz for her many years of service to the church as custodian.*

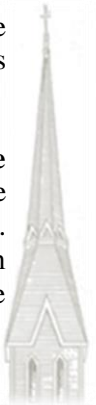
BLC will be recognizing our 2023 graduates in May. If you are graduating this year or have graduated this year from grade school, high school, college, vocational or other, please contact Pastor or the church office.

Prayer Cards- CID office and Life Coordinator Mr. David Ward have produced Prayer Cards for Wednesday's Child. These cards are intended for you to take and pray each Wednesday for God's gift of life and protection of the helpless against danger. You may also take more to give to friends and neighbors. Prayer cards are in the narthex.

ENTRANCE CANOPY – DOORS – The arrival of the siding for the canopy is delayed until mid-May. This project was approved by the voters and is funded by a member donor.

Voters have approved a contract with Inspired Heights to shingle the steeple. Tentatively work could begin this fall. The 2nd phase is to shingle the entire church roof. The voters approved \$100,000 for the project. Donations for this project should be designated “Steeple Project”, as an account will be set up for this project. More info will be shared as the project proceeds.

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



Save the Date:

Bethlehem's VBS - Zoomerang
Sunday-Thursday, June 11-15, 6-8pm.

Please mark your calendars and speak with Jennifer Berg if you'd like to help.



ALIS positions available - ALIS will soon be interviewing for an assistant cook position for the 2023-2024 school year, and a part-time summer janitor for the summer of 2023. Job descriptions available in the church narthex. For more information and to apply contact ALIS. Please submit completed applications to Robi Flach at robiflach@alistrockets.com.

Camp CILCA – copies of the Camp CILCA May 2023 newsletter are available in the narthex.



LUKE BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study this week in Luke 22 on The Institution of the Lord's Supper, Who Is the Greatest?, Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial, Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Jesus, Jesus Prays in the Mount of Olives and The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



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".

Tuesday, April 18th, the food pantry had 13 participants.

Since the kids will soon be out of school, the pantry could use some kid friendly foods that they can grab and eat with little preparation.

- Items in need: Pudding cups/mixes, Fruit cups, Toilet paper, Toothpaste

Thank you!!

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, April 26

- 9:30 a.m. – **Matins**
- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Sunday, April 30 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 10:45-11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Class & 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)