

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 15, 2022



SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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: *Pam Berg-Kepley, Tina, Kaly & Ella Benning, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Luella Rubin, Joyce Stein, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Marcella Wolf, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (05/15-05/21):
05/15 – Jeff Alwardt, Sherena Koester; 05/19 – Brian Carlson

In our prayers we also include our Bethlehem members 2022 school graduates:

Dayton Tabbert - 8th Grade AGS Graduate

Isabella Yagow - 8th Grade ALIS Graduate

Ella Ruffner - ACHS Senior Graduate

Rachel Grobengieser - SIUE Graduate (2021 Fall graduate)

Church News

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

Today in Bible Class:

HYMN STUDY: DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE!

1. Who is this hymn talking about?
2. Do we have to sing all 10 stanzas?
3. What does this hymn have that contemporary ones mostly lack?



Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on May 8: \$4,251

Zion Dual Parish (March 2022): \$1,981.44

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.

Window Project Fund total amt. collected: \$14,217 (Total needed: \$55,000)

Building Fund donations on May 8: \$460

Lutheran Witness – Subscription renewals were due May 1, if you currently have a subscription, please forward your LW envelope and \$15.96 to the office.

Building Fund -- Church Property - Emergency Repairs: There are several emergency repairs on the church property that will need funding (*as of 04/24/22*):

- Wiring in church attic for lights to replace current fire hazard wiring (approx.. \$5,000-10,000)
- Wiring to the pump and alarm system for the septic system at parsonage (approx.. \$1,500)
- Parking lot repairs (fill cracks & seal) (remainder needed \$2,560)
- Church Window Project – (\$42,000 outstanding)

Please consider faithfully giving to the BUILDING FUND. Checks may be made to the Bethlehem Building Fund, no need to designate to a project, as the building fund is a unified account for all improvements with the church property and donations received will be used as needed for the projects previously mentioned along with other emergency and voter approved projects.

The Bethlehem Youth Sunday School last Sunday of the school year is today. Youth Sunday school will resume September 2022.

Bethlehem Choir Practice scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 has been rescheduled to **Thursday, May 19, 7:00pm.**

Cookout for Choir and Kinderchor members and their families on Sunday, May 22 at the Manuel residence - 3:00pm for swim/visit and 5:30pm supper.

A VOTERS MEETING is scheduled for next Sunday, May 22 immediately following the worship service. The purpose is to seek approval for an overhead covering over the planned replacement doors which received voter's approval last fall. The overhead covering will give weather protection to the new doors and prevent wind driven water from leaking onto the entry floor. A visual design of the overhead covering will be shared. The front doors, which have received voter's approval, and proposed covering are both being donated to the congregation.

Ascension Service – Thursday, May 26 - Vespers Worship Service, 7:00pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

In observance of **Armed Forces Day (observed on Sunday, May 29th at BLC)** we will be recognizing our BLC affiliated servicemen, past and present. Our current list is available for review in the narthex. Please contact Pastor or the church office for additions and/or corrections. Thank you.

Catechetical Instruction – classes starting June 2022. Anyone interested in membership, please contact Pastor Manley.



An Open House and Card Shower Celebrating Mary Zumwalt's Retirement and 45 years of service in Christian education will be held on **Sunday, May 29th**, 1-3pm in the ALIS Gym.



Memorial Day Parade at Altamont, Monday, May 30 – The Church will be entering a float and walking in the parade this year, if you wish to participate meet at ACHS by 9:45am or join us along the parade route. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments

Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser) – Bottles available in the narthex. Simply take a bottle provided to you at church and fill it with change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry. The Family Life Center, a Christian not-for-profit ministry, provides practical assistance, education and support to empower and equip women, men and families experiencing pregnancy, parenting and related issues, to live healthy, productive lives. Family Life Center is supported solely by churches and individuals in our community.

LIFE QUOTES 2022

“CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE TRUTH, AND THAT TRUTH IS CLEAR: ALL LIFE IS VALUABLE. EACH MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RACE IS VITAL. ALL LIVES ARE INDISPENSABLE BECAUSE OF CHRIST.” *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 19

- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Sunday, May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Class
- 8:00 a.m. – Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM (Also available on the BLC website home page)
- 1:30 p.m. – Budget Committee Meeting
- 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