

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 28, 2021

“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs
eat the crumbs that fall from
their masters’ table.”



“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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Prayer before worship

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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: *Kaly Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Nancy Gelsing, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, and Craig Wolff.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: *03/01 – Megan Shoaf; 03/04 – Kathy Grobengieser; 03/05 – Harry Braasch*

The Staff and Students at ALIS – Lutheran Schools Week:



Gracious and bountiful Lord, we humbly pray that You will continue to make this ALIS a center of godly learning and living. Give those who teach knowledge, patience, and a loving spirit and those who are taught receptive hearts and aptness to learn. Prosper the work of our teachers and students and all others who assist them in their labors that Your Church, the Altamont Community, and all Lutheran Schools may be edified and Your holy name glorified; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church News

➔ Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation in our area, considering the guidelines to make a good faith effort to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our worship service. Thank you.

Church Admin. Office is open Mon. – Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - with additional hours throughout the week.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Worship Services this week:

- *BLC Tuesday Morning Chapel Service – March 2 at 9:15 a.m.*
- *Wednesday Lent 2 Worship Service – Take Heart! Saved! – Wednesday, March, 6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem and 7:30 p.m. at Zion.*

Any change or cancellation of services will be announced on our church website (www.bethlehemaltamont.org) and Facebook page.

Worship services and bible class available online - Subscribe to our Youtube channel



Adult Bible Class: Come to Bible Study.
We are learning: The Sacrament of the Altar

WHY SHOULD WE OFFER COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY?

Trustee's Report:

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Feb. 14 and Feb 17 (Ash Wednesday): \$6,945
- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Feb. 21 - \$4,418 (*Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.*)
All loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.
- Church Window Project Fund total: \$11,820 (Total amount needed: \$55,000) (\$430 – In memory of Lorraine Mercier)
- Donations to Choir in memory of Lorraine Mercier: \$170
- Donations to building fund (general): \$400
- Donations to building fund for parking lot: \$1776

Have Thrivent Choice Dollars? – don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice by March 30th. Contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836.



Bethlehem Window Project The project includes the restoration and/or replacement of all exterior windows of the church building. Donations and memorials are still being accepted and should be identified as "BETHELHEM WINDOW PROJECT". What a blessing to be able to give toward the WINDOW PROJECT in this the 160th year of the founding of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran. All Praise and Glory to God Alone!

❖ A discussion for a church meal fundraiser, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 21, will be held today after the worship service. Anyone interested in helping out please meet in the church nave. The proceeds for the church meal fundraiser will benefit the BLC children tuition costs for attending ALIS.

Printed copies of the **Lenten Devotional booklet "From His Fullness We Have Received"** are available on the table in the narthex, or you may prefer to download a digital copy by visiting this link from the Steadfast Lutherans website:

<https://steadfastlutherans.org/2016/02/from-his-fullness-we-have-received-2016-lenten-devotional/> (The devotional was originally printed for Lent 2016, so please note that the 2016 year calendar is exactly 1 week earlier than 2021.)



The Bethlehem Lutheran Church 160th Anniversary celebration will be Sunday, June 6, 2021. Join us for worship service at 9:30 a.m. with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ben Ball, 6th V.P. of LCMS. Several activities and presentations are planned and the Ladies Aid will also be providing a picnic lunch.

❖ Following past anniversary tradition, a group congregational picture will be taken on May 2, with May 16 as the rain date.

More details on our upcoming anniversary celebration to follow.

Next Anniversary Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.



ALIS Lutheran Schools Week – March 1-5 – “To Serve”

The staff and students of the Altamont Lutheran Interparish School would like to thank you for your investment and support in Lutheran Schools. ALIS students will be participating in our worship service as church greeters on February 28 and March 7.

ALIS Job Notice – Applications for the position of Food Service Manager are currently being accepted. If interested, please see the position job description and application, copies available in the narthex.

Save the Date - The Annual PTL Dinner Auction is usually in February or March. Due to the uncertainty around COVID, we have delayed this year's auction. We are hopeful things will continue to improve and have tentatively set a date of **May 8th, 2021** for the 27th annual event to again be held at The Carriage House Event Center. The goal is still to raise money to support the school and education of our children through the PTL!

LCMS National Convention –the resolution to defer the National Synod Convention to 2023 – The congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) have approved, by over 90%, a proposal to extend the current 2019–2022 triennium, pushing the Synod's previously scheduled 2022 national convention to 2023 and extending the timeline for districts that wish to delay their conventions from 2021 into 2022. The measure comes as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt in both the church and the world.

Additional information may be found on the LCMS website:

<https://blogs.lcms.org/2021/congregations-vote-to-delay-synod-convention/>

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, March 2 – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, March 3 – 2nd Wednesday in Lent – worship service – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 4 – Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

– Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 7 – Second Sunday in Lent

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

-- Adult Bible Study & Youth Sunday School – 10:45-11:30 a.m.

-- Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM – 8:00 a.m.

(Also available on the BLC website home page)

-- Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81 – 5:00 p.m.

(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

Bulletin Cover: Egyptian/Roman Floor Mosaic, Dog with Askos Wine Vessel, c. 200-100 B.C., 70cm (consisting of 1-2 mm glass & stone mosaic tiles). Discovered in 1993 in Alexandria during construction of the new library. Currently on display at the Greco-Roman Museum in Alexandria.