

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Exaudi (Hear, Oh Lord)

Sunday, May 29, 2022



*God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.*

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

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: Pam Berg-Kepley, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Joyce Stein, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.

Those celebrating **Birthdays**: (05/29-06/04): 05/29 – Ian Phillips; 06/02 – Blayze Huston; 06/03 – Ella Ruffner; 06/04 – Shelbi Willenborg

Anniversaries: 05/31 – Luke & Amanda Grobengieser – 8 years
05/31 – Thomas & Heather Webb – 9 years

Church News

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

Come to Bible Class and Learn About: Exaudi- Easter VII

- Where was the Holy Spirit during Jesus' earthly ministry?
- How did the Holy Spirit help the Apostles?
- How can we sort out who has and doesn't have the Holy Spirit today?



Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on May 22: \$4,584

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.

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 to the church property and donations received will be used as needed for the projects previously mentioned along with other emergency and voter approved projects.



An Open House and Card Shower Celebrating Mary Zumwalt's Retirement and 45 years of service in Christian education will be held TODAY, 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! *(Float preparations today at 1:30pm at the Schmidt residence.)*

Bethlehem Church is having a food drive for the Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry throughout the month of June.

Suggested food items:

Canned meats, tuna,	pancake syrup, sugar free	shampoo
Spam, vienna sausages	canned corn	conditioner
chicken cream soup	no beans	hand soap
chicken & stars	spaghetti-no wheat	shaving cream
chicken & rice	noodles	disposable razors
Soups, not tomato	macaroni & cheese	4-pack toilet tissue
chili, chili beans	hamburger helper	facial tissue
canned fruit: peaches,	baby food cereal	baby wipes
pears	baby formula	diapers
fruit cocktail	ramen chicken noodles	
pancake mix	<u>Non-food:</u>	
	toothpaste/brushes	

Please place items in the designated box in the narthex. Monetary donations also accepted (checks may be made to the Altamont Ministerial Alliance). Thank you.

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

Zion's 100th Church Building Anniversary Celebration – The celebration service will be held on Sunday, August 7, at 10:30 AM. A catered meal and fellowship will follow the service. Guest speaker is Rev. Frederick Riemer, Pastor Emeritus, of Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, IL.

To plan for the catering and seating accommodations, they are in need of tentative RSVPs from BLC members. Please let us know if your family will be joining us for the service and celebration meal. Your tentative response is requested by May 30. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

COACHING POSTION Altamont Lutheran is looking for a 5/6 basketball coach for the 2022-2023 school year. If interested or for more information please contact Bethany Nelson at bnelson@alisrockets.com or 217-240-0556.

Camp CILCA Lowdown newsletter which includes information about many events coming up at Camp CILCA is available in the narthex.

ALIS will be painting the hall and entryway, and installing new lockers at a date to be set in June. Old lockers will be sold for \$10.00 each. Please contact your church's school board members or the school office at 618-483-6428 if you are interested in purchasing lockers or would like to assist with painting or locker removal and installation. Work date details will be posted on the ALIS facebook page and in member church bulletins.

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 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

“EVERY CHILD IS CREATED BY GOD, IN HIS IMAGE, ON PURPOSE—FOR HIS PURPOSE! THIS IS THE WONDERFUL THING ABOUT HUMAN BABIES: ALL OF US SHARE THIS EXACT SAME THING IN COMMON—EACH OF US IS PLANNED!” *Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M. Lutherans For Life assistant director of volunteer relations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, May 30 – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

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

Friday, June 3

- 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. – Private Confession

Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost

- 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)
- 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