

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, January 24, 2021



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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Prayers

Prayer before worship *O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, 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, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Susie Rush, Hayden Summers, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, and Craig Wolff.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: 01/25 – Owen Kroening; 01/27 – Jennifer Berg; 01/30 – Jeannie Durbin



Lutherans
For Life

In Observance of Lutherans For Life – Life Sunday 2021 we pray: *Heavenly Father, before we were formed in the womb, you knew us, and wonderfully knit us together in your image. In the miracle of the Incarnation, Your Son bore our flesh to save all human flesh. Bless us with fear, that we see Your creative hand and redeeming love for all people, and that we consider every single person indispensable. Grant forgiveness and peace to those who have suffered abortions and give comfort to all who have lost their children that they may know You never leave them or forsake them, but have come vanquish death and to give life and give it abundantly, 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 - Jan. 26 at 9:15 a.m.*
- *Transfiguration of Our Lord, DS III, Wed., Jan. 27 at 6:00 p.m.*
- *No Wed. 6pm service on February 3 – Pastor will be at a Conference*

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

Adult Bible Class:

Why did they use bread and wine in the Passover and in Holy Communion?

What does bread and wine mean?

Why does it matter what food we use in the Lord's Supper?



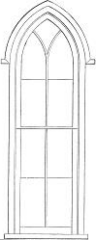
Voters' Assembly Meeting – TODAY - Sunday, January 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Trustee's Report:

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Jan. 13 & 17: \$4,546
(*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: \$11,205 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)



Bethlehem Window Project Progress The project includes the restoration and/or replacement of all exterior windows of the church building.

- The 10 main windows of the church nave will be replaced with exact duplicates of the style that is seen now – clear glass. The same number of lights (panes of glass) with wood on the inside and maintenance free white on the exterior. They will be thermopane windows thereby eliminating any need for the separate plexiglass covering as we now have.
- The stained glass windows on the east side of the church will be addressed also. The lead in the window to the north has sagged due to excessive heat build up leaving a gap at the top. Glass FX Art Glass from Champaign will be at the church on January 22 to repair that window on site. The coverings for the two side windows are to be replaced with actual glass. All three stained glass windows will have correct venting installed (this was not done originally) to eliminate future damage to the lead and the stained glass from excessive heat build up between the stained glass and the clear glass covering. The arched window above the doors previously had the plexiglass replaced by a donor with clear glass.
- The wood basement windows will be replaced with fixed thermopane windows. 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!

Meals on Wheels – Bethlehem is scheduled to deliver meals this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (Jan. 25, 26, & 27). If you are able to help on one or more days, please contact Janice Heiden.

1861 Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran – Cradle of Christ – 2021

For the 160th anniversary of our church’s founding, we would like to make an AUDIO recording of the hymn “Nun danket alle Gott” by members who can sing in the German language. The recording will take place next Sunday, January 31 following the worship service. Those who wish to sing will simply remain in their pews after the church service. After a “practice” run though, with organ accompaniment, the hymn will be sung once more and then recorded. Please consider assisting this project with your singing. May the Lord bless our efforts to give him thanks for all the blessings bestowed on members past and present here at Bethlehem. -Dean Manuel, Chairman 160th Anniversary Committee

St. Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club annual sausage & pancake supper is set for Sunday, January 31. *It will be a drive through event with pancake & sausage meals, packaged rope, cooked rope, and bulk ground sausage available. Serving begins at 4:00 p.m.*

SAVE the DATE - The CID IL LLL Convention

What - The CID IL LLL Convention

Where - St John's - Effingham IL

When - March 6th, 2021

Who - Speaker - Lutheran Hour Speaker

Rev. Michael Zeigler

Please plan to attend - Look for Specific Times and more details to come

SAVE the DATE - The LWML CID's 75th Convention and 75th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2021 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

St. Peter Lutheran School in St. Peter, Illinois is seeking a 7th/8th grade teacher/principal beginning the 2021/2022 school year. We are a small, farming community located 90 miles East of St. Louis, MO. Interested candidates must be members in good standing of a Missouri Synod congregation, hold (at least) a bachelor's degree with a current state teaching certificate, and be looking for an opportunity to spread God's Word in an educational setting. Concordia University system trained candidates or those willing to commit to completing the Lutheran Teacher Colloquy are preferred, but not required. Please contact: Church Office at 618-349-8321 after 12 p.m.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, January 26 – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, January 27 – Transfiguration of Our Lord (DS III) – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 28 – Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 31 – Septuagesima

-- 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