

FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

Sunday, October 18, 2026

*For that below'd physician
All praise, whose Gospel shows
The Healer of the nations,
The one who shares our woes.
Your wine and oil, O Savior,
Upon our spirits pour,
And with true balm of Gilead
Anoint us evermore.*



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

The Lord calls us by the Gospel to His house to worship Him. It is only by the Holy Spirit that any of us can believe in Jesus Christ and receive His gift of salvation. The LC-MS confesses that the one holy Christian church includes all believers of Christ in all denominations, while also confessing Jesus' teaching of Closed Communion. If you are not in altar fellowship with the LC-MS please refrain from the Lord's Supper at Bethlehem until you have spoken with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Lillian Grobengieser	Joe Strullmyer
Lucille Beccue – LCC	Dave Manley – back	Sam Stuemke – heart
Bonnie Becker – LCC	Noah Luke Owen	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Dean Biggs – back	John Putnam	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer – leukemia	Dale Roll	Carter Wasson
Kiefer Camp	Ron Siebert – ankle	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer

Birthdays (10/18-10/24): 10/18 – Judith Koester; 10/20 – Jonathan Kesterson,
10/20 - Olliver Shoaf; 10/25 – John Parker; 10/23 – Alysia Wills; 10/24 – Jack Webb
Anniversary: 10/21 – Gary & Joyce Winter



October - Pastor Appreciation Month – A prayer of thanksgiving for Pastor Manley for 9 years serving as our Pastor at Bethlehem, 14 years as an ordained Pastor:

Savior, bless our pastor with faithfulness to Your Word. Cause him to grow in knowledge of Your Word. Give him courage and strength for his tasks. We thank you for Pastor Marcus Manley and for all faithful pastors. And give our pastor joy. We ask this for Your sake alone. Amen.

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 10416
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 10/11	\$ 7924
Gifts in memory of Bernice Graumenz	\$ 1020
Gift for the new Church sign	\$ 7000

Change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions

2026/2027 Sunday School offerings project – The Sunday School students will be deciding a project to support with their offerings.

Attendance: Sun., 10/11, 9:30am – 103



Bible Class Today: LUTHERAN IDENTITY
Your Identity in Christ (cont.)

- What are 2 ways Christians are to "discern the body" concerning Holy Communion?
- How does our Christian identity and vocation relate to Holy Communion?
- What does denomination mean and why is yours worth suffering for?



The **Church Altar Frontispiece**, "**The Last Supper**", has been temporarily removed for professional restoration. The restored frontispiece is expected to be returned before Christmas 2026.

Reformation Run/Walk 5K – Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 8am – Join us for a Reformation Fun Run/ Walk from Zion Lutheran Church to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in rural Altamont on October 31, 2026!

BETHLEHEM'S ANNUAL CHILI/SOUP SUPPER- Sunday, November 1st starting at 4pm. The menu will include Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sauerkraut Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, BBQ, Hot Dogs, Pies and Desserts. Free Will Donation. Proceeds will go towards the landscaping project around the church.

Members: Slips for donations & work schedule will be handed out today. If you will not be available to work or donate this year, please let Sherri Strullmyer know as soon as possible 618-553-0960.

Several items no longer needed from the parish hall are available, silent auction, ending Monday, October 26, 9:00am. All items must be removed from the parish hall by Friday, October 30th. For more information, contact Trustee Eric Grobengieser.

List of the items available (located in the parish hall gym):

- (2) 2-drawer file cabinets
- Old sound system from parish hall
- Pull behind metal lawn cart
- 2 door wood storage cabinet
- Wooden bookshelf
- Plywood storage shelf unit
- Infant changing table cabinet
- (2) 2-door tall metal cabinets with shelves

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Zion 4th Annual Chili Cook off at Barn & Bottle Winery (Altamont, IL) TODAY – serving starts at 4:30pm. Free will donation. Proceeds to offset tuition for Zion ALIS students. Contestants need to arrive 4:00-4:15pm, bring your chili and ladle for serving.

Pork Burger/Bake Sale Fundraiser For Mae's Miracle

Saturday, October 24th - 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - on the Altamont Triangle
Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church **We need workers and bake sale items. Please bring your Bake Sale items to the Triangle Saturday morning between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Any Questions Call Nancy Bowman [217-821-6266](tel:217-821-6266) or Nanci Wolff [618-367-0766](tel:618-367-0766)

Reformation Sunday is October 25th. Area Lutheran Churches will be celebrating Reformation with a Vespers Joint Worship Service and Reformation Rally on October 25th at 5:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 203 E. Division Street, Altamont, IL. Rev. Dr. Gerhard "Gerry" H. Bode from Concordia Seminary will be preaching. ALIS Students will be singing at this service, and the celebration will begin with a presentation on "Martin Luther and the Translation of the Bible" prior to the worship service at 3:30 PM in the Immanuel Parish Hall.



Altamont Lutheran
INTERPARISH SCHOOL

What a great gift it is to have such wonderful ALIS Lutheran teachers. For the next several weeks we will feature information from one staff member to remind us who we are supporting in our offerings at ALIS, and the faithful work they do serving our children through our Lutheran School.

ALIS 8th Grade Teacher Mrs. Brittany Conner



I am married to Tyler. We have 3 children: Tate, Avanelle, and Mabry. I received my AS from John Wood Community College and my BS from Eastern Illinois University. I also completed the colloquy program through Concordia University. I teach grades 6-8 math and science. I have several teachers in my family and extended family. Teaching was something I grew up always thinking I would do. I enjoy sports, shopping and through my family I have some knowledge of farming and other outdoor activities. Through Christ we share our faith and lessons to lead the students the best we can.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt. 25:35). The Altamont Ministerial Alliance does this by caring for the poor in our community. The Altamont Food pantry is open at First United Methodist Church every Tuesday, 1-3pm for citizens with an Altamont address. When available, other funds are given to the poor with an Altamont address to help with their needs. The Altamont Ministerial Alliance has checks and balances to properly steward all donations to those who are living in our community and follow Jesus' words to care for the poor.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, October 21

3:30-4:15 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm – Choir

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation Sunday

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

8:00 am – Bethlehem's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM

(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