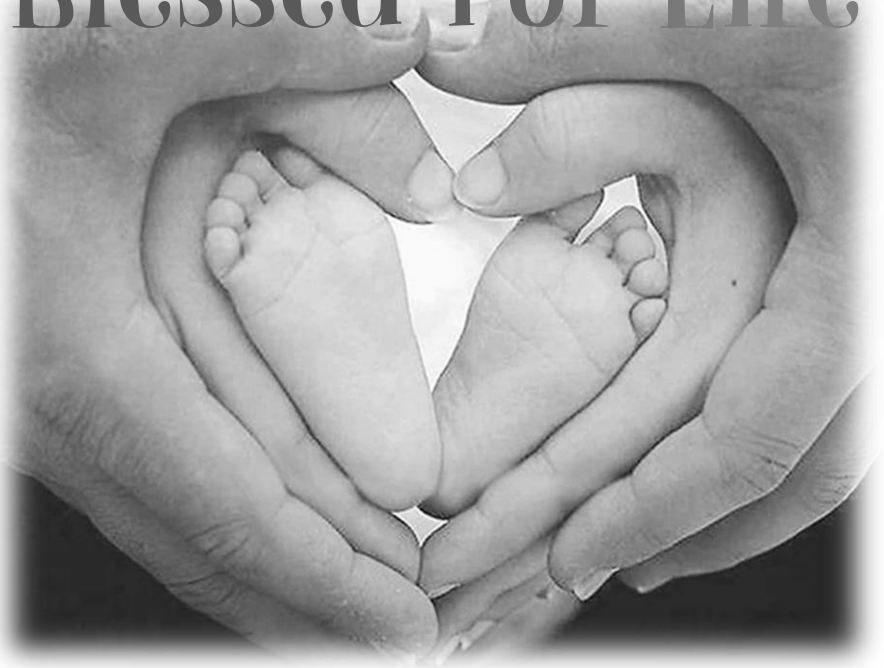


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY
Sunday, January 22, 2023

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BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Bethlehem is Hebrew for “House of Bread,” the city of David, King of Israel, and the birthplace of the Lord Jesus. This land was originally planned to be a town called Bethlehem, and eventually our congregation adopted it as its name. You are invited to believe that Jesus is present here, at Bethlehem today according to His Word and to confess the very Bread of Life Jesus feeds us with in the Sacrament.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Howard “Butch” Bahrns, Pam Berg-Kepley, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Lillian Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays: (01/22-01/28): 01/23 – Jeannie Yagow; 01/25 – Owen Kroening; 01/26 – Michael Yagow-Wenthe; 01/27 – Jennifer Berg

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on January 15: \$ 6,157

Weekly amount needed for unified budget.....\$ 7,400

Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 01/15/2023, 9:30am – 106



Today in Bible Class – Judges 2 continued...

- Who did Israel make a covenant with?
- What is the significance of Bochim?
- What is the significance of Moses and Joshua's ages and burials for us?
- What are the consequences of Israel's failed conquest of Canaan?

Tuesday Matins - 9:30am at Bethlehem - Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something, Join us on Tuesday! Tuesday’s Matins service is themed around a part of the Small Catechism.

Date	Hymn	Catechism/Theme	Bible
Jan. 24	No Matins		
Jan. 31	430	5 th Commandment	Ps. 143 1 Tim. 1:12-20

Voters’ Assembly – TODAY Sunday, January 22, 1:30 p.m.

Installation of Church Officers – next Sunday, January 29, during the worship service.

Lutherans for Life – Sanctity of Life Sunday - “BLESSED FOR LIFE”

The LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. Psalm 41:2

- *Lutherans For Life coloring page and devotion for children is available in the narthex.*
- *Lutherans For Life 2023 Illinois Essay Contest for Students in Grades 6-12 information also available in the narthex.*
- *Save the date: The Altamont LFL Chapter is organizing a bus to the March for Life in Springfield, Il, on March 21. Cost will be free – more details to follow in the next few weeks.*



For Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, our congregation will be “hosting” a **“Baby Shower”** for the Family Life Center throughout the month of January.

Family Life Center Baby Shower Wish List: (new items only please) Diapers NB-18 months, baby wipes, bottles, clothes NB-5T, winter clothing, socks, bath towels & washcloths, pullups, blankets & tag blankets (new or homemade), car seat covers, baby thermometers, safety first baby kits, baby laundry detergent, bibs, burb cloths, baby toiletries, sippy cups, baby toys, baby books, illustrated baby first bibles.

Donated Items may be placed in the laundry baskets located in the narthex.

Thank you for your support!

In 2022, 34 beautiful babies were born with the help of the Family Life Center, Effingham – thanks be to God for the Family Life Center and your support and donations. These families received free education and items such as diapers, wipes, a car seat, and clothing for their babies. The Family Life Center also continues to support these families emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. The Family Life Center also provides free medical-based education to share that could SAVE A HUMAN LIFE! Let’s help them to continue providing these services to these mothers, fathers and babies.

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

Benefit for Pastor Heimgartner, Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, Il, on **February 5th, 11:30-2:00pm**. Chili, Potato Soup, Hot Dogs, & Desserts. Free will donation with proceeds going towards medical and living expenses for Pastor (double leg amputee) and his family. Donations may also be mailed to Salem Lutheran Church, 1401 Hawthorne Road, Salem, IL 62881.

Save the date: **St. Paul Blue Point Sausage Supper** – **February 5th**

The **Altamont National Honor Society** is having a **blood drive** on Wednesday, February 22 from 8:15 am- 2:00pm in the Altamont High School gym.

SAVE THE DATE - ALIS 29th Annual PTL Dinner Auction – Saturday, March 11th. Information letter, including the RSVP and donation slip forms (due by Mar. 3rd) are located in the narthex.

St. Peter's Lutheran School, St. Peter, Illinois is seeking a 1st and 2nd Grade teacher beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. St. Peter's Lutheran is a Christ centered LCMS school, Biblically based, and state recognized. For more information, please contact Principal Dr. Larry Wooster (lwooster.spls@gmail.com) by either e-mail or in the school office (618-349-8888; 701 E 3rd St, Saint Peter, IL 62280)

PURE GERMANY TOUR- Mr. Jim Yagow is planning a trip to Pomerania and other sites in Germany Sept. 11-22, 2024. More information can be found on the Trip Handout in the narthex. Or you can contact Mr. Yagow directly: jimyagow@aol.com.



Donation box is located in the narthex. Monetary donations and checks, payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted, please place in the “Church Inbox”.

Items in need at the Food Pantry: Canned meals, with meat if possible, Boxed potatoes, Pudding and jello, and Chunky soup.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, January 24 – *St. Timothy* - No Matins service today

Wednesday, January 25 – *Conversion of St. Paul*

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Thursday, January 26 – *St. Titus*

Sunday, January 29 – **Transfiguration Sunday**

– *Installation of Elected Church Officers*

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

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

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

– 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