

St. Barnabas, Apostle

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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: *Butch Bahrns, Linda Crain, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Dennis Guffey, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff’s mother), Luella Rubin, Debra Sloan-Shirley (aunt of Alysia Wills), Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Mildred Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week (06/11-06/17): 06/13 – *Mark Durbin*; 06/17 – *Connie Roll, Juniper Phillips*

Anniversaries: 06/12 – *Mike & Diane Buzzard (53)*
 06/12 – *Tim & Jane Laatsch (31)*
 06/14 – *Alonzo & Megan Shoaf (15)*

Prayers and Blessings for Serena Strullmyer & Matthew Buchanan, who will be united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 17.

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 06/04/2023	\$ 4,353
Zion Dual Parish – May	\$ 2,021
<i>Weekly amount needed for unified budget:</i>	<i>\$ 7,400</i>
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Steeple Fund Donations	\$ 100
<i>Steeple & Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – collected \$42,807</i>	

Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites. Sunday School & Bible Class offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 06/04, 9:30am – 87

Today in Bible Class:

Judges 13 -- THE BIRTH OF SAMSON

- What is special about Samson's prophesied birth?
- Who are some other blessed barren women of the Bible?
- What is a Nazarite?
- How do Samson's parents speak with an angel?

Matins - Wednesdays - 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 Wednesday mornings for our Matins worship service.

Date	Hymn	Psalm	Text
06/14 – The Holy Spirit Calls	580	Ps. 143:1-2, 7-12	John 15:1-17
06/21 – The Holy Spirit Gathers	644	Ps. 106:1, 40-48	Eph. 4:1-16
06/28 – The Holy Spirit Enlightens	839	Ps. 19:7-14	1 Cor. 2:6-15



Bethlehem's VBS - Zoomerang

Sunday-Thursday, June 11-15, 6-8pm.



PreK - 6th Grade
Starts Today!



G'day, mates! *Grab your sunnies (that's your sunglasses) and get ready for a bonzer (great) time as we zoom off to the Land Down Under! Boomerangs, kangaroos, koalas, emus—what's not to love about Oz (Australia)? At VBS, we'll fill your breadbasket (tummy) with yummy lollies (sweets) and find out how you were created amazingly in the image of God! Vacation Bible School at Zoomerang will be a fair dinkum adventure filled with excitement, so get a wriggle on (hurry up) and contact us today!*

Donations of cookies or fruit would be much appreciated.

Schedule for VBS Kitchen Helpers:

Sunday, June 11th – Karen Siddens & Roberta Phillips

Monday, June 12th – Mary Schmidt & Janice Heiden

Tuesday, June 13th – Myrna Hites & Deb Guffey

Wednesday, June 14th – Daphne Flood & Roxie Alwardt

Thursday, June 15th – Family Cookout

Steeple Project - A display in the church hall has been created to show the progress of funds toward the goal of \$100,000. The down payment for the project has been sent to INSPIRED HEIGHTS STEEPLE JACKS. It is hoped that the steeple reroofing will be completed this fall.

Donations for this project should be designated **“Steeple Project”**.

*May the Lord bless this endeavor as our church continues to
“Lift High the Cross”.*



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

Bells In Motion, an advanced, auditioned community handbell ensemble, based in Springfield, IL, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont today, June 11th, at 4:00 pm, 203 E. Division Street, Altamont, in the upper Parish Hall. A free-will offering will be taken for Bells in Motion.

Work day at ALIS on Saturday, June 17th, at 9:00am, for any of those that would like to come help and volunteer to do some painting and other jobs around the school. Thank you.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church – Vandalia – Installation of their new shepherd, Rev. Brett E. Cornelius. The installation service will held on Sunday, June 18th, at 4:00pm, led by CID President, Rev. Michael W. Mohr.

❖ **BRING BOTTLES BACK NEXT SUNDAY** ❖

Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser) – Simply take a bottle provided to you at church and fill it with change from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and forward the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry.

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.



Donation box for non-perishable items 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: Hamburger Helpers, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Cereal Bars or pop tarts, Hot Dogs **School is out and kids are at home.**

Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.

Tuesday, June 6, the food pantry had a total of 18 participants.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday, June 11

– 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. – BLC VBS – Zoomerang

Monday, June 12

– 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. – BLC VBS – Zoomerang

Tuesday, June 13

- Braille/Large Print

– 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. – BLC VBS – Zoomerang

Wednesday, June 14

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

– 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. – BLC VBS – Zoomerang

Thursday, June 15

– 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. – BLC VBS – Zoomerang

– 7:15 p.m. – VBS Cookout

Sunday, June 18 – **Trinity 2**

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

– 10:45-11:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class

– 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