

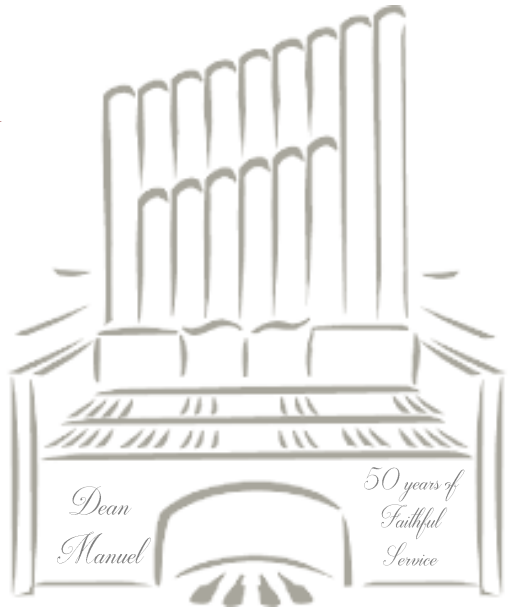
# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, July 24, 2022

*Next to the word of God, music deserves the highest praise... The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.*

*- Martin Luther*

*Letter to the Devotees of Music*



## 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: *Pam Berg-Kepley, Grant Boothby, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Joyce Winter, and Marcella Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays: (07/24-07/30): 07/24 – Blayke Huston; 07/28 – Lily Owen; 07/30 – Hiram Shoaf, Patti Wolff

Anniversary: 07/26 – Lonnie & Sally Wilson – 42 years

**Church News**

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

**Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on July 17: \$ 3,851

*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

Missions as of 06/30/2022 - \$2,000 sent of \$8,000 annual commitment.

Issues, Etc. as of 06/30/2022 - \$0 collected/sent of \$1,000 annual commitment.

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

**MATINS AT BETHLEHEM-** All are invited to Matins every Tuesday at 9:30am at Bethlehem, Altamont. Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something. Every service is themed around a part of the Small Catechism. Here is the schedule for the upcoming weeks:

Date	Hymn	Catechism	Bible
Aug. 2	LSB #644	Table of Duties (ToD)- To Wives	Eph. 5:22; 1 Peter 3:5-6
Aug. 9	LSB #862	ToD- To Parents + Children	Eph. 6:4; Eph. 6:1-3
Aug. 16	<i>NO MATINS – Pastor out of town</i>		
Aug. 23	LSB #857	ToD- To Workers + Employers	Eph. 6:5-8; Eph. 9
Aug. 30	LSB #864	ToD- Youth	1 Peter 5:5-6

**Meals on Wheels** – Bethlehem is scheduled to deliver meals this week on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. If you can help deliver meals on one or more of these days, contact Janice Heiden.

## CHURCH WIRING PROJECT UPDATE

Progress continues on the removing of old wiring and the installation of new in the church. Electrician Jay Deadmond and his assistant are in charge of the project. As of this date all of the 90 year old wiring in the attic has been replaced. Now each light in the balcony that hangs from the wood ceiling has new wiring. In addition, the wall lights at the front of the church on the north and south side has had the old wiring removed and replaced with new. The next step is to rewire the lights that are above the pews on the lower level. This task will be completed by the removal of sections of flooring in the balcony. This will allow replacing the old wiring with new. In addition, there are three (3) wall outlets that are part of the original wiring. One in the Sacristy, and one on the north and south walls near the front of the church. The congregation will be responsible for opening the floor in the balcony, by carefully removing pieces of the tongue and groove floor so the electrician can get to the old wiring. If you are interested in being part of this project, please inform Eric Grobengieser as soon as possible.

- HISTORICAL NOTES

The original wiring, light fixtures, and labor to install was completed around 1933 and was financed by the Bethlehem Band and Bethlehem Choir from the proceeds of the annual Church Picnic which was held in “Voelker’s Grove”. This was big event with attendance from a wide range of the county and surrounding towns. (The generator, which was housed in a building behind the church, was powered by a Model T engine.) It wasn’t until 1947 that the church property was “hooked” up to Southwestern Electric Coop. The members of Bethlehem had decided to have their church building wired for electricity before many of their homes were.

The oak flooring in the balcony was also financed by the Choir and Band (through the Picnic proceeds) This was completed in 1940. *“It was decided to have the (balcony) flooring committee ask our congregation at the April quarterly meeting to grant permission and help, to go ahead with the work. It was mentioned that it would take about 1,500 sq feet of flooring. It was also decided to use the same kind of flooring in the balcony (white oak) of the church as was used downstairs.”* Notes from Business Meeting of Bethlehem Choir ledger dated 1930-1941.

### 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.

★ Please note that on **August 7<sup>th</sup>, Bethlehem** will have **Sunday Worship service at 8:00 a.m.** (not at the regular scheduled time of 9:30 a.m.)

## ALIS NEWS:

- **ALIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ Fundraiser – Save the date → Saturday, Sept.10,** BBQ Team Entries are due July 31<sup>st</sup>, contact Jason Teasley 618-292-6461
- **ALIS is looking for a Teacher Aide, part-time (up to 20 hours per week).** This position will be shared between 1st & 3rd grades beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, year-to-year contract going forward. Start date would be August 12, 2022, with hours of 9 AM – 1 PM or 10 AM – 2 PM, with a starting wage of \$13.00/hour. Applications/resumes will be accepted beginning July 11, 2022, through July 22, 2022. To receive or submit an application, contact Robi Flach at [robiflach@alisrockets.com](mailto:robiflach@alisrockets.com) or pick up a hard copy application at the ALIS school office.

## LIFE QUOTES 2022

“God has come down and given us His Son. But in times of doubt or struggle we can clearly see—through the eyes of faith—Christ the Savior, shining bright into our world. And so, we go down the mountain to the everyday and even the unknown. Like the disciples then, we go with Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” *Rev. Cody Copper, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

*Lutherans For Life - Altamont Area Chapter - met on Wednesday, July 20, decided to rotate meetings among the churches in the future.*

**SAVE THE DATE! - 2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference – October 21-22 – All day Friday until Saturday at noon – Rock Island, Illinois**



**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*

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

#### **Tuesday, July 26**

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

#### **Sunday, July 31 – Trinity 7**

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

– *No Adult Bible Class scheduled during the month of July*

– 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**