

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, July 31, 2022



*When you were slaves of sin,
you were free in regard to righteousness.*

Romans 6:20

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, Lillian Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Thea Spour, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Scott Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.

Those celebrating Birthdays: (07/31-08/06): 08/01 – Ella Benning, Kaly Benning; 08/04 – Mike Buzzard; 08/06 – Matthew Manley

Anniversary: 07/31 – Dean & Karen Manuel – 46 years

Altar Flowers are given to the GLORY of GOD and in celebration of the 46th wedding anniversary of Dean and Karen Manuel - married July 31, 1976.

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 24: \$ 3,639

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

Building Fund donations from 07/24/2022: \$290.00

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

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.

Dear Bethlehem Congregation:

Wow! Such hard work, planning, coordination and keeping "tight lipped"... for the SUPRISE event. I truly had no idea. (I did wonder why there would be so much dessert leftover from the "Putnam Reunion" as desserts are usually the first to go.) What a blessing you all are to me! As long as our Good and Gracious Lord gives me the ability I will continue in His Name. Let us all continue to praise our Lord with music! God Bless Bethlehem Congregation! All Glory Be to God Alone!
Sincerely, Dean

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 **next Sunday, August 7th, Bethlehem will have Sunday Worship service at 8:00 a.m. (not at our regular scheduled time of 9:30 a.m.)**

A Young Women's Bible Study group has been meeting every other Wednesday. Andy (Wendling) Dahnke is leading the Bible study and would like to invite any young women who are interested in studying "How God is in Control". The next class is Wednesday, August 10th at 7pm and will be meeting in Immanuel's Parish Hall. Children are welcome.

ALIS NEWS:

- **ALIS 2nd Annual BBQ Fundraiser – Save the date → Saturday, Sept.10,**
BBQ Team Entries are due today, July 31st, 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 or pick up a hard copy application at the ALIS school office.

LIFE QUOTES 2022

“‘Therefore choose life,’ God said, ‘that you and your offspring may live.’ The way to choose life is to trust. Don’t panic. Did you think human life was going to be humanly possible? It’s not. It was never meant to be. Guiding a human being through the journey of life is possible only for God. That’s why the only way to choose life is to trust, to trust God. God gives no one a possible life. The call of God is to an impossible life. Otherwise, why trust? And life was created for trust.” *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutherans For Life - Altamont Area Chapter - met on Wednesday, July 20, decision was made to rotate meetings among the churches in the future. More info to follow...

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, August 2

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

Friday, August 5

– 6:00 – 8:00 a.m. – Private Confession

Sunday, August 7 – Trinity 8

– **8:00 a.m.** – Divine Service with Holy Communion

– *No Adult Bible Class*

– 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