

Third Sunday in Lent - Oculi

Sunday, March 07, 2021



Blessed are those who hear the

*Word of **GOD** and keep it!*

Luke 11:28

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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Prayers

Prayer before worship *O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Kaly Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Nancy Gelsinger, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: *03/07 – Alec Jahraus; 03/08 – Blayne Huston; 03/13 – Jeremy Ruffner*

Anniversary: *Mitchell & Shelby Wolff.....03/07.....1 year*

The Staff and Students at ALIS – Lutheran Schools Week:



Gracious and bountiful Lord, we humbly pray that You will continue to make this ALIS a center of godly learning and living. Give those who teach knowledge, patience, and a loving spirit and those who are taught receptive hearts and aptness to learn. Prosper the work of our teachers and students and all others who assist them in their labors that Your Church, the Altamont Community, and all Lutheran Schools may be edified and Your holy name glorified; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church News

➔ Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation in our area, considering the guidelines to make a good faith effort to ensure a safe environment for our worship service. Thank you.

Please note: We will be discontinuing temperature checks at the door.

Communion – Gluten free wafers and diluted wine available, please request prior to worship service.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Worship Services this week:

- *BLC Tuesday Morning Chapel Service – March 9 at 9:15 a.m.*
- ***Wednesday Lent 3 Worship Service – Take Heart! (Y'all) don't fear!** – Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem and 7:30 p.m. at Zion.*



Adult Bible Class: Come to Bible Study.
We are learning: The Sacrament of the Altar

What do Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and Reformed believe when it comes to the bread, wine, body, and blood in Holy Communion?

Trustee's Report:

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Feb. 28: \$5,415
(*Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.*)

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

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$11,820 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

- Anonymous donation for flagon repair / replate.

Have Thrivent Choice Dollars? – don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice by March 30th. Contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836.

Meals on Wheels - Bethlehem is scheduled to deliver meals this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 8, 9, & 10). If you are able to help on one or more days, please contact Janice Heiden.

Ladies' Aid / LWML Meeting – Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. – hosted by Karen Siddens and Mary Zumwalt.

Decorate the church on Easter with Spring Flowers. Blossom Paradise is offering a special church discount on all Easter Lilies and other spring plants.

Lilies - \$15, 2 bulbs pots - \$30, or 3 bulb pots - \$45

Tulips - \$15, Hyacinths - \$15, Azaleas - \$35, & Hydrangeas - \$38

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary with Easter flowers contact Janice Heiden at 618-483-6082 by Tuesday, March 16.

★The ALIS Families and Church Members of **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** are hosting a **Drive Thru Beef BBQ Dinner** on **Sunday, March 21**, from **4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Meal choices will include Beef BBQ Sandwich, Baked Beans, Baked Potato, Applesauce and Dessert (or) Grilled Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Chips, Applesauce and Dessert. Dessert choices include pie (coconut cream, raisin cream, apple, pecan or peach), chocolate layered dessert, or cherry delight. Free Will Donation with proceeds going towards the Bethlehem Lutheran Church ALIS student tuition costs.

★**BLC Members:** Please check your bulletin boxes regarding donation information and work schedule.

Planning Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m.

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church 160th Anniversary celebration will be Sunday, June 6, 2021. Join us for worship service at 9:30 a.m. with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ben Ball, 6th V.P. of LCMS. Several activities and presentations are planned and the Ladies Aid will also be providing a picnic lunch.

❖Following past anniversary tradition, a group congregational picture will be taken on May 2, with May 16 as the rain date.

More details on our upcoming anniversary celebration to follow.

Next Anniversary Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.



Braille / Large Print Center @ St. John Lutheran in Effingham is planning to resume their Large Print Center ministry in May. Bethlehem is scheduled to help out on every second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Mary Schmidt if you can help and for the complete 2021 schedule.

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



ALIS Lutheran Schools Week – March 1-5 – “To Serve”

The staff and students of the Altamont Lutheran Interparish School would like to thank you for your investment and support in Lutheran Schools. ALIS students will be participating in our worship service as church greeters on February 28 and March 7.

ALIS Job Notice – Applications for the position of Food Service Manager are currently being accepted. If interested, please see the position job description and application, copies available in the narthex.

The 27th annual ALIS PTL Dinner auction is being planned for May 8th at the Carriage House Event Center. This year’s event will begin with a social hour and pulled-pork meal provided by Janet Ramsey and the auction committee from 4:30-6:00 pm. The Live Auction will begin at 6:30 and the evening will conclude with a full live band performance featuring Jake Hoult and Mikayla Joy! The cost is \$25 per person or you may reserve preferred (near the front) seating on a first come, first served basis for \$300 (table of 8). For more information or to RSVP contact Jennifer Milleville 217-821-1898, Robin Elam 618-204-0397 or Kristen Savage 636-209-2118. You may also request an RSVP form from the ALIS office.

Paid RSVP is required by April 30th.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, March 9 – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, March 10 – Wednesday after Oculi – worship service – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 11 – Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

– Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

- LA /LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 14 – Fourth Sunday in Lent - Laetare

-- Matins service - 9:30 a.m.

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

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

(Also available on the BLC website home page)

-- Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81 – 5:00 p.m.

(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