

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 25, 2024

## THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:29-37



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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

*The Trinity Season is the time of the church where we remember the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the one true faith. The Holy Spirit gives us union in doctrine and practice (Acts 2). This Holy Communion is as real as Christ's body and blood and is rightly practiced in closed communion to protect those who believe differently than our Lord commands, preserve unity, and to assure you of Jesus' forgiveness of sins. If you have not been confirmed in fellowship with the LC-MS, please speak with the pastor before taking communion.*

## Prayers

### In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Lucille Beccue- LCC	Pastor Heimgartner	Shirley Siddens
Heather Davis - cancer	Florence Leppin – cancer	Judy Stuemke – LCC
Bernice Graumenz - LCC	Todd Luedtke	Tim Stone - recovering
Lillian Grobengieser	Wanda Phillips – nursing home	Steve Voelker
Alice Harmon – recovery	Marybeth Potts – nursing home	Mildred Wolf - LCC
Janice Heiden – lung cancer	Marion Schmidt – lung	Catherine Zumwalt - cancer

For Immanuel Altamont and all who are in need of a pastor.

Birthdays this week (08/25 - 08/31): 08/26 – Lillian Grobengieser; 08/27 – Daphne Flood, Myrna Hites, Raymond Potts; 08/28 – Emily Putnam, Owen Phillips; 08/30 – Thea Spour; 08/31 – Mary Zumwalt

## Church News

### Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget (General Fund) ..... \$ 7,400  
Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on 08/18/2024 ..... \$ 5,099

The church was bequeathed a gift from the Hilma (& Lorna) Berg estate, a cash distribution of \$350,320 (in addition to 50% share of 40 acres of farmland) was received and will be managed by the Trustees for the church per the request of Hilma's last will & testament. The Trustees deposited 100,320 into the Building Fund Savings to be used to complete voter approved projects (i.e. steeple & roof), and the remaining 250,000 has been invested in a Thrivent account.



*Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions.*

Attendance: Sunday, 08/11, 9:30am – 106



### **Bible Class Today: Colossians**

Aug. 25 – Col. 3:12-17 | 5 Obvious Rules for Living as a Christian

The next several Sundays will be themed **Free and Living Faith**. These sermons will help us to remember the importance of our faith from God that is in Christ.

Aug. Free Faith Aug. 25 – Lk. 10:23-37 | Free Faith (from God) to the Rescue



**Wednesday 9:30am Matins Service** - For this academic year 2024-2025 we will meditate on the **Kings of Israel and Judah**. Each week we will hear and contemplate one of the kings of God's people, we will pray for our nation during this election year, and we will be comforted by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, even Jesus Christ our Lord! All are welcome.

**Youth Sunday School starts TODAY.** All Pre-K - 6th Grade are welcome to come to Sunday School (even guests). 7th Grade to Adults will be with Pastor for Bible Class. *Sunday School Teacher Installation is today, during the 9:30am worship service.*

**BETHLEHEM CHOIR:** Orientation & first practice, **Wed., August 28, 7 pm**

**KINDERCHOR:** Orientation & practice, **Wed., August 28, 3:30-4:15 pm**

We will plan on singing for Bethlehem's Mission Festival - September 22. More information will be discussed at the orientations. We will welcome two new members to the choirs! We continue to look for additional ones, let us grow in numbers! The Ev. Lutheran Church in general and the Bethlehem Congregation in particular are grounded in the WORD and this is expressed in our music though the singing of anthems, solos, and instrumental music. Let us be joyful and give God the glory though His gift of music! - Dean Manuel, Director, cell: 618-267-7914, email: [manueldean9@gmail.com](mailto:manueldean9@gmail.com)

**Bethlehem Youth Group:** The next meeting will be on Sept. 4th, 7pm.

**Private Confession** - Time has been changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month, 6-7pm. The next scheduled time will be Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. You are also welcome to schedule a different time with pastor.

Anyone troubled by particular sins are welcome to confess their sins to be absolved. "Of Confession they teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches, although in confession an enumeration of all sins is not necessary" (Augsburg Confession XI).

**Pledge Sunday** – September 22 - Members will be asked to plan their anticipated offerings for 2025 and fill-out an anonymous pledge card. This faithful participation will greatly help our congregation plan its mission. Please speak with the Budget Committee if you have questions: Addam Dahnke, Ronnie Putnam, Lantz Wills, Gary Winter, Lonnie Wilson.

**Mission Festival Sunday** – Join us Sunday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. for our Mission Festival with guest speaker, Rev. Andrew Preus, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran New Haven, MO, and a representative for **Luther Classical College**. Mission Festival starts at 7:00 p.m. with Vespers Worship Service. Following the service, Rev. Preus will have a presentation about the new **Luther Classical College** in Casper WY. Ice Cream & Desserts will be provided by the Bethlehem-Zion Youth Group in the Parish Hall.

 **District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments** 

**Lutheran Layman's League – CID Annual Fall Retreat** – Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-2:30pm (Doors open at 8:30am) – at Camp CILCA. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall, Assistant VP Mission and Identity; Associate Professor of Theology Concordia University Chicago. Please register by Sept. 3. \$25/person includes lunch. Send registration to Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850 N, Topeka, IL 61565, phone 309.361.1461, email: [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com)

Save the date: **Family Life Center – Annual Fundraising Banquet** – Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. *Every Child deserves a birthday with speaker Mike Williams.* Keller Convention Center, Effingham. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner starts at 7:00pm. To host a table or attend, call 217.342.5433 or email: [development@familylifepcc.org](mailto:development@familylifepcc.org).

**LWML Altamont Zone Fall Rally – “...For it is time to seek the LORD...”** Hosea 10:12



The Ladies Aid of St. Paul Blue Point invite you to the 2024 LWML Altamont Zone Fall Rally on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the St. Paul Blue Point Parish Hall. Registration begins at 4:30, rally begins at 5:00.

- Our rally speaker will be Dr. Gerald Perschbacher LLC from Orphan Grain Train.
- **Gifts from the Heart** for Lutheran Care Center Skilled Care & LCC Kids
- LCC Skilled Care: snacks, door hangers, Kleenex, nail polish, crystal lite drink mix
- LCC Kids: snacks, Kleenex, nail polish, juice boxes, baby wipes, Clorox wipes
- Bethlehem ladies, please contact Roberta Phillips by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.
- Additional information located on the event flyer in the narthex.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALIS BBQ COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER**

**SAT., SEPT. 14 1:00PM-9:00PM** Effingham County Fairgrounds

- ★ BBQ Cook-off - Contest prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and People Choice
- ★ Lutheran Ladies Bake Sale!!!
- ★ Dinner Served 4:00pm until gone Free Will Donation
- ★ Beer Garden, Food, Bounce Houses, Games,
- ★ Entertainment by Josh Holland 6pm-9pm
- ★ Bag Tournament sign up @ 1pm - Bag teams- \$25 per team



Visit us on Facebook @ ALIS BBQ Cook-off Fundraiser for more information.

*We are asking for donations for the Bake Sale – drop off donations on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds, starting at 8am. Contact Sherena Koester 618-554-6502 or Christy Beccue 217-343-2333*



Donation box for **non-perishable items** for the Altamont Food Pantry is located in the narthex. Monetary donations, checks payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted and may be placed in the “Church Office” box in the narthex.

*Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.*

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Wednesday, August 28**

- 9:30 a.m. – Matins – *King Solomon*
- 3:30 p.m. – Kinderchor
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> –Trinity 14**

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/ communion
- 10:45-11:30 – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

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– 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**