

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, September 27, 2026

*“For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles
himself will be exalted.”*



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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

The Lord calls us by the Gospel to His house to worship Him. It is only by the Holy Spirit that any of us can believe in Jesus Christ and receive His gift of salvation. The LC-MS confesses that the one holy Christian church includes all believers of Christ in all denominations, while also confessing Jesus’ teaching of Closed Communion. If you are not in altar fellowship with the LC-MS please refrain from the Lord’s Supper at Bethlehem until you have spoken with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:		
Annette Altman	Lillian Grobengieser	Joe Strullmyer
Lucille Beccue – LCC	Dave Manley – back	Sam Stuemke – heart
Bonnie Becker	Noah Luke Owen	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Dean Biggs – back	John Putnam	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer – leukemia	Dale Roll	Carter Wasson
Bernice Graumenz	Ron Siebert – ankle	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer

Birthdays (09/27- 10/03): 09/27 – Henry Alwardt; 09/30 – Madison Beccue;
10/02 – Betty Lou Heiden

Anniversary: 09/29 – Allen & Lorene Schultz

Prayers for Griffin & Shelbi Jackman for their wedding on Saturday, October 3.

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026\$ 10416
Offering collected for General Fund on 09/20\$ 5670
Change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions

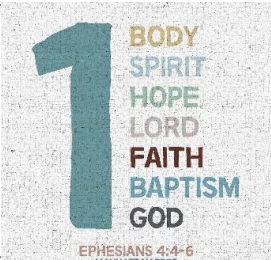
2026/2027 Sunday School offerings project – The Sunday School students will be deciding a project to support with their offerings.

Attendance: Sun., 09/20, 9:30am – 111



Bible Class Today:
Ephesians 4:1-6 Word Study

- Who is Paul a prisoner for?
- What is the significance of “one” in this reading?
- What does “one baptism” mean?



Mission Festival – Join us on this evening for a worship service at **7:00 p.m.**, which will include singing by the **Kinderchor**. Following the service, our guest, **Pastor Patrick Gumz of CID Missions** will give a presentation in the Parish Hall. **Ice cream and desserts** will be provided by the Youth Group.

The **Bethlehem Youth** are sponsoring a **Fall Festival** for the Congregation on **Friday, October 16th**.

WHERE: Wolf/Manuel Barn built in the 1870's

TIME: Potluck Meal begins at 6:00 p.m.

BRING: Side Dish, Lawn Chairs

PROVIDED: Hot Dogs, buns, table service

The Youth will provide drinks and S'mores.

ACTIVITY: Fellowship, games, and hayrides



Reformation Run/Walk 5K – Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 8am – Join us for a Reformation Fun Run/ Walk from Zion Lutheran Church to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in rural Altamont on October 31, 2026! This is a fundraiser to support the tuition of Bethlehem and Zion students at ALIS. This is a 4 mile, one-way route. Transportation by hayride will be provided back to parking at Zion. Age group awards will be given along with “Fastest Pastor” and best Martin Luther costume. Scan the QR code to register. For more information contact Jenna Murray [618-292-1411](tel:618-292-1411) or Lexie Caraway [217-343-8884](tel:217-343-8884).



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

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway, is having their annual **Soup Supper**, Sunday October 25, 2026, from 4:00 to 7:00p.m. Our menu will consist of Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, pies, cake, and drinks. This will be a FREE will offering. All proceeds will go to Enduring Freedom Ministries of Shumway.

Save the date: Altamont Garden Club Christmas Walk – Sunday, December 6th. More information will be provided at a later date.

On December 6th the **Coles County Chorus** will be presenting their Christmas Concert on the campus of Lakeland College on the theater stage in the Luther Student Union . We are inviting men and women to join us on stage to perform one song – **Carol Of The Bells**. We will be singing a traditional SATB arrangement. We ask that you join us for three rehearsals before the show and be “off paper” for the performance. We will provide the sheet music and rehearsal tracks to help you along the way. For more information or questions please email: colescountychorus@gmail.com or call or text us at 414-563-SING.



Altamont Lutheran
INTERPARISH SCHOOL

What a great gift it is to have such wonderful ALIS Lutheran teachers. For the next several weeks we will feature information from one staff member to remind us who we are supporting in our offerings at ALIS, and the faithful work they do serving our children through our Lutheran School.

ALIS 5th Grade Teacher Mrs. Stephanie Morrison



I've been married to Beau for 13 years. I have 1 daughter, Elizabeth who is 10. I also have 2 boys, Quinn (7) and Liam (5). Beau and I both have lived in Altamont our whole lives. I graduated from college in 2004. I've taught mostly 2nd grade but have worked in 3rd grade and 1 year of 4th. I believe I was born to be a teacher. I've always been drawn to it and have known this is what I would be when I grew up. I want to make a difference in the world and

what better way to do that than working with kids. It all starts with them. Working in public schools, I've always tried to be a teacher that God works through to reach my students. At ALIS, I can be more direct in teaching kids about God. I love to read and listen to music. My favorite hobbies are spending time with family and watching my kids participate in sports.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt. 25:35). The Altamont Ministerial Alliance does this by caring for the poor in our community. The Altamont Food pantry is open at First United Methodist Church every Tuesday, 1-3pm for citizens with an Altamont address. When available, other funds are given to the poor with an Altamont address to help with their needs. The Altamont Ministerial Alliance has checks and balances to properly steward all donations to those who are living in our community and follow Jesus' words to care for the poor.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, September 29 – Michaelmas

Wednesday, September 30

3:30-4:15 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm – Choir

Thursday, October 1

6:00pm – LWML Salad Supper, Meeting & Devotions

Sunday, October 4 – Trinity 18 LWML Sunday

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

8:00 am – Bethlehem's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM

5:00 pm – 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**