

First Sunday in Lent

Invocabit – “He will call upon me, and I will answer Him.”

Sunday, February 22, 2026

*“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”*



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Pro Nobis means “for us.” We sing in Lent “He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people” (Ps. 32:1). In the Creed we confess Jesus’ incarnation, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection “for us men and for our salvation.” As we gather to worship our God this lent, let us remember God’s great love for us. In the Lord’s Supper we receive this love through the real presence of Jesus’ body and blood. If you are not a member and want to know more about taking Communion at Bethlehem please speak with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Bernice Graumenz	Brad Suckow – back
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Lillian Grobengieser	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Janice Heiden	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Heather Davis - cancer	Judy Stuemke – LCC	

Birthdays (02/22-02/28): 02/22 – Clint Storck; 02/25 – Preston Kroening

Anniversary: 02/22 – Alf & Nancy Davis

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 02/15	\$ 5164

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



Attendance: Sun., 02/15, 9:30am – 104 Ash Wednesday, 02/18, 7:00pm – 98



Bible Study Today: Matthew 6:22-24 | On Treasures

- How does Psalm 72 help us to keep our possessions in their proper place?
- How can mammon make us into Atheists?
- How does greed affect our preaching and vocation?



Midweek Lent 1 worship service – Wednesday, February 25th, 7:00pm at Zion – The Robe of Human Frame – Hebrews 1

Adult Instruction Class – Monday at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. Talk with Pastor if you or anyone you know is interested.

Youth Bible Bowl – Practice every Wednesday in February in the Parish Hall from 6–7 p.m.

- The Circuit Bible Bowl will be held on Sunday, March 15th, 2:00pm, at St. John’s, Effingham.
- The CID Bible Bowl is on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00pm at Camp CILCA.

ALIS Annual PTL Dinner Auction – Saturday, February 28th

Carriage House Event Center – Social hour begins at 4:30p.m., dinner starts serving at 6:00p.m. Silent Auction begins at 4:30p.m., Live Auction at 6:30p.m.



Immanuel Lutheran, Altamont, 25th Annual Pork Loin Dinner – Sun., March 1
– 11am-1pm – Pork Loin Dinner: \$15; Porkburger Meal: \$10; Hot Dog & Chips: \$7. Children 4 & under: free

Altamont First United Methodist Church Spaghetti Supper – Sunday, March 8, 4-7pm, Carry out available. Free will donation. Proceeds benefit the local food pantry & gutter repairs.

You are invited to the **3rd Annual Zion Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** at Altamont Lutheran School Gym, 7 S Edwards St, Altamont, **Sun., March 15, 2026**. Serving is 9:30AM to 1:00PM. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes and drinks for a free-will donation. A bake sale will be held. Proceeds from the benefit will be divided into thirds to: Altamont Lutheran Interparish School, Lutheran Care Center and Zion Lutheran Church.

Central Illinois LLL District Convention Join with others at the Central Illinois LLL District at the annual convention on Saturday, March 21 at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, Illinois. Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will provide the keynote address. Polly Faszholz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL will provide a virtual presentation with LHM Updates. The registration fee is \$25.00 per person including lunch. Please complete the registration form and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309.361,1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com.
Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.



Join us in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 28, 2026 to grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to Lutheran young adults, ages 18-30. Married or

single are welcome. Pre- and Post Conference activities are planned for March 27 and March 28. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. More information and registration is available at martinpluskatie.org. Please register no later than Friday, March 20th.

Camp CILCA flyers with information on upcoming events and Summer Camp 2026 are available in the narthex.



During this season of Lent and leading up to Easter, Worship Anew will offer special programs for an additional opportunity for aging adults to hear God's Word. We will offer programs for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and a special "My Song Is Love Unknown" Lenten Choir program. These programs can be found on our website at worshipanew.org/Lent.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. *The Food Pantry had **43** participants on Tuesday, 02/17/2026.* 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:

Monday, February 23

5:30 pm – Adult Instruction Class

Wednesday, February 25

3:30 pm – Kinderchor

6:00 pm – Bible Bowl practice

7:00 pm – Midweek of Lent 1 worship service at Zion

Choir practice following worship service

Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School

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