

THE THIRTEEN SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, August 30, 2026

*"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your strength
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."*



"And who is my neighbor?"



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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	Bernice Graumenz	Brad Suckow – back
Dwayne Beccue	Lillian Grobengieser	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Dave Manley - back	Steve Voelker
Bonnie Becker	Dale Roll	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Dean Biggs - back	Ron Siebert	
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Sam Stuemke – heart	

Birthdays (08/30-09/05: 08/31 – Mary Zumwalt; 09/03 – Pam Siddens

Anniversary: 09/04 – Jason & Sherena Koester

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 10416
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 08/23	\$ 4892
<i>Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions</i>	

Attendance: Sun., 08/23, 9:30am – 109



No Bible class or Sunday School today -- Enjoy the BBQ Picnic!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Altamont, IL – BBQ

August 30th - 11am - until the food is gone.

- Menu: Brisket, pulled pork, smoked chicken, hotdogs, German potato salad, sweet corn, apple pie baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Bethlehem Ladies Aid famous desserts. *Meal served in Bethlehem Parish Hall.*
 - Tours of our historic 1867 church at 12:30 and 1:30
 - Games: Barnyard Basketball, volleyball, badminton, cornhole, ring toss, and \$1 cake walk.
 - Freewill donation - Proceeds go to help with Bethlehem ALIS Tuition.
- All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and stay for games, fellowship, and fun.





It is time for the new "**Choir Season**". New music has been ordered, schedules written and plans made. Our music is praise to the Lord telling of "the great things He has done"! May He bless our new choir season.

- Dean Manuel, 618 267 7914

Orientation and first practices are as follows: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

KINDERCHOR: 3:30 PM

BETHLEHEM CHOIR: 7:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stewardship Sunday – September 20

Mission Festival – September 27th, 7:00pm – Pastor Patrick Gumz, CID Missions.

Reformation Run/Walk 5K – Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 8am – 10am – Reformation Run from Zion Lutheran Church to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This is a fundraiser to support the tuition of Bethlehem and Zion students at ALIS. Contact Lexie Caraway or Jenna Murray.

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

Altamont & Effingham/Shelby Zone 2026 LWML Rally – Wed., September 9, 9:30am @ Immanuel-Augsburg, Shobonier, IL. The featured mission speaker will be Pastor Michael Schuermann from the University of Illinois – Champaign.

- Registration deadline is Monday, August 31. Bethlehem members: please contact Roberta Phillips if you plan to attend the rally.
- INGATHERING will support the Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services in Vandalia, and the "Tools for Schools" assisting students throughout Fayette County. Shopping list and donation box is in the narthex.

The topic for this year's **Annual Fall Retreat of CID LLL District** is "Life Issues." We will have the Biblical Perspective, CID LCMS Perspective, and the Illinois Right to Life Perspective. We will be discussing the preborn issues, as well as end of life issues. This will be Saturday, September 12th, at Camp Cilca with doors opening at 8:30. Retreat will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration is \$25.00 which includes lunch; deadline is September 7th. Mail registration to: Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. For more information contact Deloris at delorisblessman@yahoo.com or 309-361-1461.

Celebrate 25 Years of The Cross at the Crossroads! The community is invited to celebrate "25 Years of Faith, Hope, and Impact" at The Cross at the Crossroads on Saturday, September 19, from 6:00–9:00pm. As we celebrate the Cross's 25th anniversary, we'll also commemorate the 25th anniversary of September 11, remembering those whose lives were lost and pray for our nation and its leaders.

- This FREE, family-friendly event will include hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and drinks, live music, a community prayer service, children's activities, a Prayer & Praise Wall, commemorative giveaways, and more!
- The anniversary will be highlighted by Effingham's first-ever DRONE SHOW at approximately 7:45pm, featuring hundreds of synchronized drones creating beautiful Christian and patriotic images choreographed to music.
- Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us as we thank God for His faithfulness and pray for our nation.
- Admission is FREE and all faiths are welcome! Learn more at CrossUSA.org or follow The Cross in Effingham on Facebook and Instagram.



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 1st Grade Teacher Mrs. Carmen Probst



I have been married to my husband, Terry, for 14 years. We have three children: Meredith, Callahan, and Maverick. I hold a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a concentration in mathematics. I began my teaching career in North Dakota as a pre-K teacher. After relocating to the St. Louis area, I worked as an RTI math teacher. We eventually moved back to Altamont, where I taught kindergarten before taking time off to stay home with my children. Since returning to the workforce, I have taught middle school science, and I'm now excited to begin a new chapter as a first-grade teacher.

I was inspired to become a teacher because I have always loved working with children and have a strong desire to help them learn and grow. Watching my mom teach and positively impact so many students over the years was a powerful influence that deepened my passion for education.



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:

Wednesday, September 2

3:30-4:15 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm - Choir

Sunday, September 6 – Trinity 14

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – No 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