

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**Sunday, January 30, 2022**



**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Lutherans for Life  
“God Chose You”

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”

John 15:16

Welcome to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are happy you are here today. It is customary when you enter the church nave to observe silence for meditation during your silent prayer, the ringing of the bells, and the prelude, in order to prepare you for the beginning of the worship service.

Thank you for joining us today and God’s Blessings.

Prayers

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: Vanessa Adams, Benning Family, Jim Brasel, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Gary Wendling, Marcella Wolf and Lilly Wright.

Those celebrating Birthdays: (01/30 – 02/05) 01/30 – Jeannie Durbin; 01/31 – Ronnie Putnam; 02/01 – Lexie Caraway; 02/03 – Samuel Harmon, Shela Yagow; 02/04 – Catherine Zumwalt, Elizabeth Huston, Gary Grobengieser; 02/05 – Kevin Heiden

Church News

Communion Note – diluted wine is available, please request prior to worship service.

**Adult Bible - Why? In the Liturgy**

- We will look at why we say what we say in church
- When we say what we say
- Youth Sunday School will learn the Seasons of the Church Year!



Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on January 23: \$ 5,890

Weekly amount needed for Bethlehem’s tuition students to ALIS.....	\$3,238.46
Weekly budgeted for salary and home purpose in addition to tuition.....	\$2,733.54
Weekly total.....	\$5,972.00

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

Building Fund collection on 01/23/2022: \$300

Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,987 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

**Parsonage Basement Repair Project** - Motion was accepted at the January 23, 2022 Voters' Assembly to accept the bid of \$13,105 from Woods Basement to repair the parsonage basement. Funds for the bid will come out of the Home Purpose General Fund. Anyone who wishes to donate to the project may do so through their gift to the General Home Purpose Fund.

**Special Voters' Assembly** – Sunday, February 6, following the worship service, to discuss and vote on the final draft of the ALIS constitution.

**BETHLEHEM HISTORY – ECCCMA** - The early history of *Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church (zum Kripplein Christi)* will be the featured presentation for the Winter Lecture Series on FEBRUARY 10 at 7:00 pm at the Effingham County Museum. What caused the Confessional Lutherans to be uprooted and leave Prussia for America? Why did they not stay in New York state? What can we learn from their example today in 2022? Did you know that our present church edifice is the second oldest structure used for worship in Effingham County? Please check the websites of Effingham County Cultural Center Museum Association & Bethlehem's facebook page for updated information should the presentation date or time be changed. It is scheduled as of this date.  
([www.effinghamcountymuseum.org](http://www.effinghamcountymuseum.org))

**★★ Bethlehem church contact information update:**

All mail for the church should be directed to the church office address:

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**☼☼☼☼ District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments ☼☼☼☼**

**St. Paul Blue Point – Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper (Drive-thru style)**

TODAY – Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 4:00 -7:00 pm

**Trivia Night Fundraiser at Immanuel, Altamont Parish Hall-** Mark your calendars for February 11th! The LCMS Gathering youth will be holding a trivia night fundraiser. Doors open at 6:30, trivia starts at 7 pm! \$10 per participant. Max 10 ppl in a group. Come with a group or come by yourself! \$2 per person discount will be given to those who sign up on or before Feb. 1st. Text Sara Ruding 618-704-8510.

**ALIS will be accepting applications for 4th grade teaching position** that will be available next year as Mary Zumwalt is planning to retire. Applications and nominations will be accepted from January 22 through February 7. Resumes may be sent electronically to [robiflach@alisrockets.com](mailto:robiflach@alisrockets.com) or dropped off at the school office. ALIS has a mailbox next to front doors of the school if dropping off after hours.



**Lutherans For Life** believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and

society on these and other related issues, such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. We will call God's people to compassionate action and foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations.

## LIFE QUOTES 2022

“Because of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, our Father now holds His hand out to each and every human being: perfect inclusion, perfection belonging—no exceptions! You are chosen! You are a branch who has received the Life of the Vine!” *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**God Chose You ...  
and that changes  
everything!**

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

#### **Today, Sunday, January 30**

– 6:30 p.m. – Catechesis Class

#### **Tuesday, February 1**

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins Service

– 7:00 p.m. – Bible Class @ Zion

#### **Wednesday, February 2**

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

#### **Thursday, February 3**

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

#### **Friday, February 4**

– 6:30-7:30 a.m. – Private Confession

#### **Sunday, February 6 – Epiphany 4**

– 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

– 10:45 a.m. – Special Voters' Assembly (*following worship service*)

– 10:45-11:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School

– 6:30 p.m. – Catechesis Class

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

(Also available on the BLC website home page)

– 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**