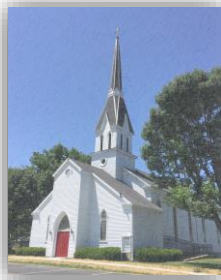


ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD
Sunday, August 15, 2021



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal kingdom; 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: Carl Becker, Kaly Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Bonita Hoffman (grieving loss of son and grandson), Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** 08/08 – Eileen Grobengieser;
08/11 – Jackson Mottashed; 08/16 – Kayla Miller

We would like to welcome new members, Greg and Sarah Courson, into our congregation today through their profession of faith during the worship service.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Luke Owen & Lily Laatsch were blessed with the birth of a son, Samuel Leo Owen, on Friday, August 13, 2021. Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them as they celebrate this blessing.

 Church News 

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

Adult Bible Study Bible Study on Christian Stewardship

- Where in the Bible does God say to give your first fruits?
- How do we decide how much ___ to give to ___?
- What are God's promises to us when we give faithfully?

For those parents who plan to attend bible class and have young children, we will offer a children's bible lesson in the Sunday School elementary classroom during this time.

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on August 8: \$ 5,371

(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

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

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,678 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

- Building Fund donations on August 8 for parking lot: \$200

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CID LCMS Missions – YTD 06/30: \$3,200 (2021 annual Commitment is \$8,000)

Issues, Etc. – YTD 06/30: \$325 (2021 annual commitment is \$1,000)

Youth Sunday School will be starting September 12th, and we are in need of volunteers to teach in the Pre-K and Elementary classrooms? Anyone interested should contact Jenn (618)339-2101 or Lexie (217)343-8884.

Ministry of Music:

BETHLEHEM CHOIR - orientation & 1st practice on Thurs., Aug. 19, 7:00 pm

KINDERCHOR - orientation and 1st practice on Thurs., Aug. 26, 3:30 pm.

Parents: if your child wishes to sing in the Kindercor, (and did not sing last season) please contact Dean Manuel: 618-267-7914

Adult Catechesis (Instruction) Classes: If you or anyone you know is interested in learning what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess please speak with Pastor Manley. Adult Catechesis is open and free to all. Spouses are encouraged to attend together. Classes are held at Bethlehem Parish Hall on Sundays at 5pm, beginning on Sept. 12.

Final Victory Workshop – Sunday, September 19, 2021 – 12pm-3pm

Featured speakers will address how to faithfully make preparations for yourself and your family to leave the church on earth and enter into the church triumphant. Luncheon provided at noon. Featured Presenters: Rev. Marcus Manley- Making the Case for Lutheran Funerals; Rev. Ken Schurb - Gift Planning; Mr. Dale Wolff - Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning; Mr. Wayne Yagow - Burial Basics; Rev. Michael Mohr - "Ars moriendi" The Art of Dying; and a Funeral Hymn Sing -- Workshop will be held at the Bethlehem Church Parish Hall. Lunch and workshop 12pm-3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. To register for this free workshop, please contact the Bethlehem Church Office by Mon., Sept. 13, email: bethlehem@altamont.net, or call 618-483-6756.



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

ALIS NEWS:

- Sun., Aug. 15 from 2-4pm will be a "Back to School Event" for students to see their classroom, drop off supplies and meet their teacher.
- School starts on Tuesday, Aug. 17 with early dismissal at 11:10am. Opening chapel will be held at 8:20am. Mrs. Marcail Allen, Mrs. Brittany Conner, and Mrs. Amber Schnarre will be installed by Pastor Wright during the service.
- Kathy McGuire has accepted the position of assistant cook.

National Youth Gathering Informationals- There will be informational meetings to discuss youth/ adult leader participation in the 2022 National Youth Gathering at Immanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall on August 18th at 7PM. One parent and the youth must be at one of the meetings in order to participate. Adult leaders do not have to be parents!

If you have any questions please contact Andy Wendling at 618-335-1175

St Clare Catholic Church in Altamont will be hosting a pork chop drive-up dinner on Sunday, August 22 from 11:00-2:00, or until pork chops are gone. Menu includes butterfly pork chop sandwich or pork burger, chips, baked beans, pickle spear, and chocolate chip cookies. The cost of the meal is \$7.00. This replaces their annual breakfast. There will also be a pie sale. The address of the church is 216 N. 9th St, Altamont.

The LYF of St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville, IL will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 22 with serving from 4:30-7 p.m. The menu will include pork burgers, pulled pork, hot dogs, pie, homemade ice cream and drinks. This will be a free will donation. All are invited to attend!

ALIS 1ST ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

2:00 PM Close at 8:00PM @ Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont, IL

Games for Kids and Adults.

Bake Sale

Speakers will begin at 3:00 PM:

Dr. James Wright - will speak on America's 9-11

Tripp Rogers - CID will speak on Lutheran Education.

Christine Anderson - CID - CEF will give a speech.

Meal start serving at 4:00 PM - Free Will Offering

Serving - Brisket sandwich, Pulled Pork sandwich.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs; Sides - Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Beans, Chips

Tournaments: We need teams to sign up for: BBQ Cook Off, Volleyball,

Bag Toss



This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, August 17 – Bible Class at Zion – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 22 – Trinity 12

-- Matins Service – 9:30 a.m.

-- Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM – 8:00 a.m.
(Also available on the BLC website home page)

-- Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81 – 5:00 p.m.

(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