

*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday, November 15, 2020*



*and the Ancient of days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;*

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Prayers

Prayer before worship *O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; 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: *Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Tristin Duncan, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Lorraine Mercier, Brian Mueller, Barb Putnam, Susie Rush, Nancy Stone, Steve Voelker, Harold Wolf, and Craig Wolff.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays**: *11/15 – Barb Putnam, Jeanine Putnam; 11/16 – Travis Stone, Wyatt Willenborg; 11/17 – Steve Voelker, Alyvia Wills; 11/20 – Melvin Stuemke, Waylon Willenborg; 11/21 – Holden Caraway*

Those celebrating a wedding **Anniversary**:

Dale & Connie Roll 11/19 39 years

Church News

➔ Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation in our area, considering the guidelines to make a good faith effort to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our worship service. Thank you.

Church Admin. Office is open Mon. – Thr. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - with additional hours throughout the week.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Wednesday Evening Service:

November 18th - Worship Service - 6:00 p.m.

Trinity 26 – Wednesday/Midweek Worship Service.

Any change or cancellation of the service will be announced on our church website (www.bethlehemaltamont.org) and facebook page.



Adult Bible Class:

Continuing the 2nd Article
The 2nd Coming of Christ

Trustee's Report:

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on November 08: \$4,045
Based on our weekly 2019 home purpose expenses, our anticipated 2020 weekly amount needed is \$5,972. All loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.
- Farmland rent payment received: \$1,052
- Building Fund collection on Nov. 08: \$250
- Church Window Project Fund total: \$2,285 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)
- Issues, Etc – Collected (and sent) \$613 of our \$1,000 annual commitment.
- Missions – We have sent \$4,000 to CID for missions.
Our annual commitment to missions is \$8,000.

Church Officer and Board Member Nominations - Please contact Pastor Manley if you would like to be considered by the Voters' Assembly for a congregational church office/board member position. Election of church officers and board members will take place at a special voters' assembly on the second Sunday of December.

Items are needed for the annual Thanksgiving Display for the front of the church. Pumpkins, gourds, Indian Corn, etc. can all be used. Please have items at the church by this Saturday, November 21st, 9:00 a.m. They can be placed in the outer hall. Contact Dean Manuel if needed.

1861 Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran – Cradle of Christ – 2021

In recognition for the 160th anniversary of our church's founding, a Power Point Presentation will be developed. We would like to make an AUDIO recording of the hymn "Nun danket alle Gott" by members who can sing in the German language. This is NOT a choir or anthem selection. The AUDIO from this will later be used within the Power Point presentation which will be developed.

Only the audio sound of the hymn being sung is needed. It is not a video.

On Sunday, November 22, this recording will take place. Those who wish to sing will simply remain in their pews after the church service. After a "practice" run though, with organ accompaniment, the hymn will be sung once more and then recorded. Please consider assisting this project with your singing. May the Lord bless our efforts to give him thanks for all the blessings bestowed on members past and present here at Bethlehem.

-Dean Manuel, Chairman 160th Anniversary Committee



The Youth Of Bethlehem and Zion would like to continue their annual tradition of shopping for local children through the angel tree mission this Christmas Season. If you would like to support the youth in this special project, they will be collecting monetary donations in the narthex for the next few Sundays. Thank you.


The Altamont Zone LWML will again collect food and personal items for the St. Louis Seminary. Items will be collected on Sunday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day, Nov.26, and Sunday, Nov. 29. Items will be loaded on a trailer on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1-3 p.m. at Immanuel Church, Altamont, and delivered to the seminary that week.

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

Thanks so much to all the wonderful volunteers that made the Drive Thru Chili Supper such a success. With all your hours of working, donations of food and monetary donations, the Ladies Aid/LWML could not have done it without all your help. The total raised was \$4,977 which will be given to the church window fund. What a blessing it is!

ALIS to Hire a Teacher for 2021-2022

The 2020-2021 school year will be Mrs. Stuemke's last year as she plans to retire at the end of this school year. ALIS will be hiring a full-time certified teacher concentrating in Middle School English Language Arts (grades 5-8) for the 2021-2022 school year. Those interested are asked to send a resume and letters of recommendation to Robi Flach at Altamont Lutheran Interparish School located at 7 South Edwards Street; Altamont, IL 62411. Resumes will be accepted through 5pm on November 16th, 2020.

 **Issues, Etc.** THEOLOGY FOR WHITE COLLAR, BLUE COLLAR & CLERICAL COLLAR... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Church Paraments & Vestments; Original Sin; The Passover; The Lord's Supper and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

→(BLC is \$387 from our \$1,000 annual commitment goal to Issues, Etc.)

March For Life: Pastor Mohr (Holy Cross) is leading a group of high school and college aged youth to Washington DC in conjunction with the March for Life. The trip is scheduled for Jan. 28-31. Cost (double occupancy) for adults is \$600, for HS/College age students is \$500. You must RSVP by Nov. 23rd. Please speak with Pastor Manley if interested.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, November 17 – BLC Chapel – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, November 18 – **Wed. Worship Service** – **Trinity 26** – 6:00 p.m.

– Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22 – **The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

-- Matins service - 9:30 a.m.

-- Adult Bible Study & Youth Sunday School – 10:45-11:30 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

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