

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

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**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years*



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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:** (08/22-08/28) – 08/23 – Kingston Koester; 08/24 – Jennifer Kroening, Tim Laatsch; 08/26 – Lillian Grobengieser; 08/27 – Daphne Flood, Myrna Hites; 08/28 – Owen Phillips, Emily Putnam

**Anniversary:** Cody & Shelbi Willenborg.....08/27.....5 years

**Church News**

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

**Adult Bible Study Christian Stewardship: Tithing**

- What is tithing?
- What are the different tithes in the bible?
- What does tithing have to do with our faith in Jesus Christ?
- Should Christians tithe today?

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 15: \$4,899  
(*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 donation on August 15: \$60

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)

**Note from our Church Elders:** Beginning September 2021, we will begin offering Holy Communion every Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this decision, you are welcome to address the Elders at their next meeting on September 6, 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

**Meals on Wheels** - Bethlehem is scheduled to deliver meals this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (August 23, 24, & 25). If you are able to help on one or more days, please contact Janice Heiden.

**Youth Sunday School will be starting September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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:


KINDERCHOR - orientation and 1st practice on Thurs., Aug. 26, time TBD  
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](mailto:bethlehem@altamont.net), or call 618-483-6756.

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

**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 Sunday, August 29th at noon. 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 today, 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.

**LLL District** – will host Guest Speaker: Dr. Russell Dawn, President of Concordia University, Chicago; Topic: “How Critical Race Theory and Wokism Are Their Own Religion” - Saturday, September 11 at Camp CILCA, Cantrall, IL, 9:00am-2:00pm, lunch included.

Registration fee of \$15 due Sept. 5, Contact Deloris Blessman, 309-361-1461, [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com) – registration forms also located in the narthex.

**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.

**Thursday, August 26** – Kinderchor – TBD

– Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 22** – Trinity 13 – **Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist**

-- Divine Service with Holy Communion – 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**