

SEPTUAGESIMA – GRACE ALONE

February 16, 2025



MANY ARE CALLED,
BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Lent reminds us that the Lord has redeemed His people. That's why we come to church. Jesus redeems His people by His payment on the cross. We receive that redemption in His church. God wants to redeem all people. If you'd like to learn more about God's redemption or take Holy Communion please speak with Pastor Manley. God's people are encouraged to always repent and when needed go to private confession (next private confession March 6th, 6pm). Let us live in our Lord's redemption.



Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

<i>Lucille Beccue- LCC</i>	<i>Florence Leppin – cancer</i>	<i>Steve Voelker</i>
<i>Heather Davis - cancer</i>	<i>Todd Luedtke - hospice</i>	<i>Mildred Wolf – LCC</i>
<i>Bernice Graumenz - LCC</i>	<i>Wanda Phillips</i>	<i>Patti Wolff - heart</i>
<i>Lillian Grobengieser</i>	<i>Nancy Schroeder - recovery</i>	<i>Catherine Zumwalt – cancer</i>
<i>Janice Heiden – cancer</i>	<i>Shirley Siddens – LCC</i>	
<i>Pastor Heimgartner</i>	<i>Judy Stuemke – LCC</i>	

Birthdays this week (02/16-02/22): 02/19 – *Bernice Graumenz, Diane Buzzard;*
02/20 – *Serena Buchanan;* 02/21 – *David Yagow, Joyce Winter*

Anniversaries: 02/17 – *Cody & Konnie Heiden*
02/21 – *Scott & Jo Ellen Wharton*
02/22 – *Alf & Nancy Davis*

† *Comfort for the family of Tony Kull who entered into glory.*



Church News

Trustee's Report:

<i>Weekly amount needed for unified budget (General Fund)</i>	<i>\$ 7,400</i>
<i>Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 02/09/2025</i>	<i>\$ 5,746</i>
<i>Gifts in memory of Marion Schmidt</i>	<i>\$ 60</i>
<i>Gifts in memory of Mary Ellen Wolf</i>	<i>\$ 120</i>
<i>Thrivent Choice Gifts</i>	<i>\$ 28</i>

Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions



Attendance: Sunday, 02/09, 9:30am – 103



No Bible Class today.

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION MEETING TODAY, directly following the Divine Worship Service, there will be an informational meeting. Plans and input will be shared for a proposed Pictorial Directory. In addition, updates will be given on the following projects have been approved by the Voters' Assembly.

- Reroofing the main roof of the church
- Projects at the parsonage: Front porch, first floor bathroom/laundry room, kitchen cabinets and appliance layout.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend the Voters' Meetings. The 2nd Quarterly meeting will be May 4, 1:30 pm.

♥ *Spaghetti Supper* ♥

Bethlehem Youth Group will host a Valentine's Spaghetti Supper
(salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, cheesecake)
TODAY Sunday, February 16th, 4-8pm.

Notice of Hilma Berg Estate Farmland Auction: 40 acres (50% share Bethlehem)
Auctions by Schackmann: www.schackmann.com - online only bidding,
01/27 – 03/10. For more information contact Eric Grobengieser.

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

ANNUAL ALIS PTL DINNER AUCTION will be held on Sat., Feb. 22nd, at the Carriage House Event Center. Money raised from this event will help support the school and the education of our children through the PTL. This year's event will begin with a social hour, silent auction, and meal from 4:30-6:00pm. The Live Auction will begin at 6:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person, or you may reserve preferred seating on a first come, first served basis for \$300 (table of 8). **RSVP by Feb. 7th**. For this auction to be a success, we need every family to donate an auction item. Families can go together to donate larger, more expensive items. If you prefer, you can donate money for the committee to purchase larger auction items by turning in your donation to the school in an envelope marked "*PTL auction item donation*" no later than Feb. 7th. It is requested that all donations slips/Google forms be submitted, and items dropped off no later than Feb. 14th to be included in the auction booklet. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kathy Wendt 217-343-9275, Shelby Robertson 618-267-4443, or Shelbi Willenborg 618-322-0011.

St Clare Catholic Church in Altamont will be having a Sausage Breakfast TODAY Sunday, February 16th from 7:30am until 12:00pm. Free will donation will be accepted.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Central Illinois LLL District Convention Saturday, March 1 at Camp CILCA, 9 am – 3pm. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President Emeritus, Concordia Seminary-St. Louis. Registration form available in the narthex, \$25 per person, register by Feb. 28.

Immanuel Pork Loin Dinner will be Sunday, March 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proceeds this year will go toward the elevator repairs at church and our youth going to the National LCMS Youth Gathering.

Spaghetti Supper – Altamont 1st Methodist Church – March 2nd, 4-7pm

ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION will be held on Tuesday, March 18 from 6-6:45pm. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate. RSVP school office by emailing alisoffice2@gmail.com or call 618-483-6428.



Join us for the 2025 Martin+Katie Conference at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 29, 2025. At this free conference, grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to ages 18–30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 21st. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>.

Plus: Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, March 28, and Saturday night, March 29! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, March 30.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is located in the narthex. Monetary donations, checks payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance (AMA) Food Pantry, are also accepted and may be placed in the “Church Office” box in the narthex.

In addition to the Food Pantry, the AMA, provides other financial support to those in need in our community. This support comes in the form of motel vouchers, gas vouchers, food vouchers, and payment on utilities. All made possible with your generous donations. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of items needed for the food pantry:

Cereal, Canned Tuna, Hamburger Helpers, Ketchup

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, February 18

– 6:30 p.m. – Adult Catechism Instruction

Wednesday, February 19

– **9:30 a.m.** – Matins

– 3:30 p.m. – Kinderchor

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir

Sunday, February 23 – Sexagesima

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

– 10:45-11:20 a.m. – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

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

– 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