

## Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*Lutheran Hour* — Sundays 7:30 a.m. on WTIM 870 AM & 96.1 FM / [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

### Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 21, A.D. 2024

#### Weekend Hymns

LSB 686, *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

LSB 740, *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

LSB 666, *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*

LSB 710, *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*



#### Scripture Readings for Home Devotions

**Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36; Luke 9:1–17

**Monday:** Leviticus 9:1–24; Luke 9:18–36

**Tuesday:** Leviticus 10:1–20 [*& 11:1–15:33*]; Luke 9:37–62

**Wednesday:** Leviticus 16:1–24; Luke 10:1–22

**Thursday:** Leviticus 17:1–16; Luke 10:23–42

**Friday:** Leviticus 18:1–7, 20–19:8; Luke 11:1–13

**Saturday:** Leviticus 19:9–18, 26–37; Luke 11:14–36

#### Offerings & Attendance Last Week

**Saturday, April 13** — Offerings: \$ 275.<sup>00</sup> Attendance: 10

**Sunday, April 14** — Offerings: \$ 2,485.<sup>00</sup> Attendance: 45 Facebook 35 views

We ask our Lord to bless *Laverne Markert*, as she enters hospice care, as has *Shirley Patrick* of Zion. We also pray the Holy Spirit's blessed guidance upon Zion—Plain's Voters as they extend a Call for their next Pastor this Sunday, while praying the Lord of the Harvest to send many more laborers into His Harvest Field. So we likewise pray for our two Seminaries' new graduates and Vicars as they receive their Calls & Assignments.

#### Coming Events

**Sunday, April 21** (*Fourth Sunday of Easter*)

Sunday School {*Upstairs*} — 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Communion, Divine Service 1** {*Sanctuary & Facebook*} — 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation {*Downstairs*} — 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 22**

Articles due for May 2024 edition of *The Bethlehem Star* {*Office / Text / Email / Mailbox*} — 10:00 a.m.

Book Club {*Downstairs*} — 7:00 p.m.

Dart Ball {*Immanuel-Springfield*} — 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 23**

Pastor's Facebook Bible Study {*Live from his study*} — 10:00 a.m.

St. Louis Seminary Call Service {*Live on Internet*} — 7:00 p.m. CDST

### **Wednesday, April 24**

Sunny Acres Devotions *{across the River}* — 10:00 a.m.

Ft. Wayne Seminary Call Service *{Live on Internet}* — 6:00 p.m. CDST

### **Thursday to Saturday, April 25 to 27**

Pastor & Pam attend CID LWML District Convention *{Immanuel, Rock Island}*

### **Saturday, April 27**

**Evening Service:** The Order of Vespers *{Sanctuary}* — 6:00 p.m.

Guest Preacher / Liturgist: Pastor Matthew Schneider of Good Shepherd—Sherman

### **Sunday, April 28** *(Fifth Sunday of Easter)*

Sunday School *{Upstairs}* — 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Communion, Divine Service 1** *{Sanctuary & Facebook}* — 10:00 a.m.

Final Confirmation Class of Spring Session *{Basement}* — 5:00 p.m.

**What Kind of Articles Do We Need** from **you** for *The Star*?? Tell us of births, graduations, family reunions, weddings, and more. Church Officers can place announcements and upcoming events. Please send them by email to **bethrev2@att.net**, text to (217) 416-4729, and typed / written articles mailed or in Pastor's box.

**Monday's Book Club** is reading Katie Schuermann's "The Saints of Whistle Grove" on Monday evenings at **7:00** p.m. **Everyone** is welcome for discussion, refreshments, and building up one another in love!

**Men's Dart Ball Season** is winding down. Our first place squad next plays Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel on the east side of Springfield. We can find you a ride if you'd like to join us or just watch the spectacle!

**LWML District Convention Ingathering** donations being accepted through Wednesday, morning, April 24. A partial list follows here, with a full list in the April edition of *The Bethlehem Star*: Eye glasses & cases; diaper wipes; diapers - newborn & sizes 5-6; newborn & toddler clothing – 2T and 3T, both boy and girl; burp cloths; new pacifiers; receiving blankets; baby shampoo & lotion (no powder or oil); small baby toys (teethers, etc.); baby bath towels; baby washcloths, all-purpose cleaners (Pine-sol, Mr. Clean); paper towels; toilet bowl cleaner; toilet paper; boxes of trash bags; sanitary products for women's shelter; canned fruit & vegetables; peanut butter, Hamburger Helper, shampoo, jelly, soup, toothpaste, cereal. Plus Checks payable to "Christian Family Care Center" or "Pregnancy Resources" or "Milan Christian Food Pantry." Please have all donations in by this Tuesday at NOON so we can pack everything up. Thanks!

**Our two Seminaries** will hold their Call Services for new Pastors et. al. this Tuesday and Wednesday. You can watch both Services live from the seminaries by going to their web pages. For our Ft. Wayne Seminary, this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. our time, go to **www.ctsfw.edu** then at the top click "Call Day". For our St. Louis Seminary, this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. our time go to **www.csl.edu** then click "Live". Please keep these men and their families in your prayers, and as our Lord Jesus urges us, "Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His Harvest Field, for the Harvest is great, but laborers are few."

**Ascension Day Service:** on the Fortieth Day of Easter we celebrate Christ's Return in Glory to our and His Heavenly Father. As always, the day falls on a Thursday. This year that date is May 9<sup>th</sup>, when we will gather in God's Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Lord's Supper new with Him in His Kingdom. After Service we will enjoy each other's company and some light snacks and refreshments. Hope you can join us!

**Secret Sisters** secret no longer! Our Ladies Aid had their big "Reveal" party Saturday. We thank all the gals who participated and organized the months-long event. This was not a chance to get gifts, but to give gifts and to pray in particular for another lady of our Church. Hope you ladies had a great time!

**Confirmation Day** this year is Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day) for confirmands ***Corajoy Koke & Eli Koke***. We congratulate them and pray Christ and His Spirit's blessings as they become communicant members! That morning our Fellowship Committee will serve coffee, milk, juice, and baked goods to celebrate Moms and to congratulate our confirmands starting at 9:00 a.m.

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