

# Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Announcements  
July 5, 2020**

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## **When larger worship services resume, follow these guidelines**

- Those with compromised health situations and children who cannot social distance are asked to continue to worship at home.
- Avoid all physical contact.
- Sanitize hands upon entering.
- Sit with your family six feet apart from other households.
- Masks are encouraged during singing.
- Handouts are on the table.
- Leave offering in the basket.

## **WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

**In Our Prayers:** Medical care: Heath Beccue, Claudia Berg, Tiffany Dunaway, Abbey Franzen, Stephen Heimgartner, Carol Kassel, Cathy Marble, Paulette Miller, Angela Kull Ohnesorge, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Walter Ruding, Evelyn Shumaker, Norma Siebert, Barb Smith, Roxie Wendling, Craig Wolff, Gina Wolff

**Comfort** to the family and friends of Lillian Heimgartner

**Homebound:** Delphene Duckwitz, Mary Frailey, Adela Goers

**Pastor Wright** will resume Bible class this Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Parish Hall on the Book of Revelation.

**Small Group Communion** - Those who would like small group communion may come Wednesdays at 5 PM. Please notify Pastor that you are coming. *This will not be offered on July 8.*

**Online VBS** - At *Rainforest Explorers* VBS, learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and in life. He leads us to the treasure of eternal life, and He'll never leave us! All VBS online content will be available July 19th. Register at our website or use the paper sign up sheet found in the bulletin (leave it in the offering basket or in the mail slot)!

VBS Packets will be available for pick up in the parish hall basement on July 19th 9:45-10:45am and Noon-1pm

July 20th 6-7:30 pm

July 21st 6-7:30 pm

**Children's Lessons** - Children can watch a Bible lesson every Sunday! This is a great way to teach your child about Christ during the summer. Videos can be found on the church website.

**Volunteer Opportunities** - The LYF needs volunteers to help us out! If you are interested in making dinner and dessert for around 20 people on Wednesdays by 5:30 OR if you would like to chaperone some LYF events please contact Andy Wendling. You do not need to be a parent or grandparent of a youth to help us minister to them!

**Volunteers** needed to assist with video/streaming. Basic computer knowledge needed. We need more volunteers to continue to reach our members not yet able to return to church! Contact Kyle Stuemke to help.

**Lutherans For Life** meet Sunday, July 26, 1:30PM in Parish Hall.

*This Week's Schedule*

<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control</i>
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Men BC in PH <i>Apollos</i>
		<b>No</b> Small Group Communion this week
	6-8 p.m.	LYF Mystery Event
<u>Sat. July 11:</u>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. July 12:</u>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class <i>Book of Revelation</i>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>

**Youth Mystery Events** 6-8PM on July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th  
How it works:

LYF is meeting again! During the month of July we will have four mystery events. PLEASE sign up! We need to make sure we have supplies/chaperones. If you are unsure if you can make it, sign up anyway! During the week leading up to the event clues will be given about what we are doing and information about what you may want to bring/ wear to the event (on instagram and facebook). The best part is you never know what we will do until you show up! To sign up and learn more about upcoming LYF events, check out our youth page on the church website.

Starting July 7 Altamont Food Pantry is changing their Tuesday hours in hopes that they will be available to more people. Thursday hours remain the same.

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS STARTING JULY 7:**

**TUESDAYS 1-2p and 5-6p** (*Pantry moved evening an hour earlier*)

**THURSDAYS 1-3p**

**Online giving** is available through Vanco Giving Plus. Please continue to support the ministry of Immanuel through regular offerings as you are able. Go to [immanuelaltamont.org](http://immanuelaltamont.org) for the web link or download the app on your phone and search your location for Immanuel Altamont. You may wish to cover the 3% service charge for this option. You can also contact your bank for free transfers.

**ALIS Registration** July 15 & 16, 3-6:15pm. An email will be sent out the week of July 6 through Sycamore on how registration will be handled. If you are unable to attend registration, email [alisoffice2@gmail.com](mailto:alisoffice2@gmail.com) to set-up another time.

**ALIS Kindergarten Orientation** will be held in small groups in July. Parents will be contacted to set-up a time.

**6:15am Wednesday Men's Bible Class** is meeting upstairs in the Parish Hall. Additional participants are welcome to attend!

**Portals of Prayer**, July- September, are at each of the church doors.

**Jonah Fish Fry** *Drive-thru only* at St Paul Lutheran Church 3 ½ mi S of Montrose on July 17, 4:30-7:30. Gluten free fish, baked beans, slaw, cookies. Adult \$9, child \$4.

**July 5** “Today we thank God that He believed so strongly in freedom from pain, sadness, mourning, and death that He was willing to sacrifice his Son for us. So even as we celebrate with our ‘close’ eye, our ‘far away’ eye is ‘longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them’ (Hebrews 11:16).” *Linda Buxa, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

*July 5, 2020* Pass This On:

It’s been months since New Year’s Day. Did you make resolutions? If so, how are you doing with them?

Do you remember what they were?

Losing weight, saving money and many other resolutions are fine initiatives. You would think people in general could stick to such causes better than we do, especially when we ourselves have resolved upon them.

Yet we fail to follow through. We do not consistently live up to the standards we set for ourselves. Then, to avoid thinking of ourselves as failures, we forget.

Maybe something similar lies behind the way our world lives from day to day: pretty much disregarding God. If we thought of Him, we might also be confronted by *His* standards. We are having enough trouble with our own standards.

When we don’t meet our standards, we can engage in motivated forgetting. How long, though, do you think it possible to pretend that we have kept God’s Law?

God’s Law is all-embracing. It obligates us not to do things that wrong others or offend God. He also commands us to put neighbor before self and to fear, love and trust in Him above all things. “You therefore must be perfect,” Jesus said, “as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

Yet Jesus brought another message, too. *We will hear it in our church service on Sunday*: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Only Jesus could say this. He took your place. He lived the perfect life you should have lived and died the condemned death you should have died.

Under a heavy yoke? He said: “my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28, 30). This is the risen Lord’s final word. He gives rest. Are you heavy laden?