

# Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



Sowing Seeds of Promise

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Announcements**  
**July 12, 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, Mary Frailey, Stephen Heimgartner, Carol Kassel, Cathy Marble, Angela Kull Ohnesorge, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Walter Ruding, Evelyn Shumaker, Norma Siebert, Barb Smith, Roxie Wendling, Craig Wolff, Gina Wolff

**Homebound:** Gert Heiden, Gerald Holste, Judy Mercier

**Pastor Wright** Bible class continues Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Parish Hall on the Book of Revelation.

**Small Group Communion** Wednesdays at 5 PM – If you would like small group communion, *please notify Pastor that you are coming.*

**Elders/Trustees** meet Monday, July 13, 7:00 PM; followed by **Church Council** at 7:30 PM.

**Voters' Assembly:** July 19, 1:30 PM.

**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)! Last day to register for VBS Packets is July 15th.

VBS Packets will be available for pick up in the parish hall basement 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.

**CEFS Meal delivery schedules**, July 27-August 7 are on the small table in the Parish Hall Lobby. Schedules were emailed to drivers on Tuesday.

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

### *This Week's Schedule*

<u>Monday:</u>	7:00 p.m.	Elder/Trustees
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
<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
	3-6:15 p.m.	ALIS Registration A-M
	5:00 p.m.	Small Group Communion (Notify Pastor if you are coming)
	6-8 p.m.	LYF Mystery Event
<u>Thursday:</u>	3-6:15 p.m.	ALIS Registration N-Z
<u>Sat. July 18:</u>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<u>Sun. July 19:</u>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:45-10:45 and Noon-1:00	VBS Packets Available
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class <i>Book of Revelation</i>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Quarterly Voters Meeting</b>

**Youth Mystery Events** continue on July 15, July 22, July 29 at 6-8PM  
Meet in Immanuel north parking lot.

How it works:

LYF is meeting again! During the month of July we will have 3 more mystery events. 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.

**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.

### ALIS REGISTRATION & KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Registration for ALIS will be Wednesday, July 15, from 3-6:15pm for families with last names starting with A-M and Thursday, July 16 from 3-6:15pm for families with last names starting with N-Z. Masks will be required. Directions were sent out in an email this past week about completing the online portion of registration through Sycamore before you come in, if possible. Families with incoming Kindergarten students will register their kindergartner and any other students during their scheduled kindergarten orientation session and will not need to come at 3-6:15pm on July 15 and 16. All families should bring required health papers to registration. Kindergarten students and new students should bring a copy of their certified birth certificate. Please call the ALIS office at 618-483-6428 if you have questions, or cannot attend registration.

**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.

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

**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 12** "What does it say to our neighbor when in our own families we care for our elderly, become foster parents, adopt children, care for the handicapped, or carry through with an unplanned pregnancy? What does it say to our community when in our churches we care and pray for each other, offer families respite care, visit nursing homes, or provide for the needs of pregnant women? It says that we are truly For Life because we are living it." *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

*July 12, 2020* Pass This On:

They say that one lie always leads to another. To cover the first lie, a second follows, then a third. Liars get trapped.

Eventually, liars themselves yearn to wrench free of their own entangling lies. They want to be real, for a change. Yet they may think of themselves as stuck, feeling that they owe too much to all the lies they have told.

You might think of God as having given humanity the gift of life with a built-in "flight plan." People created in God's image were to grasp God and reflect Him in their thinking, speaking, and doing. Here was life as God made it, and as He created people to live it.

The tragic story of human sin is the record of people believing that they know better, grabbing the flight plan and changing it as they have seen fit – erasing some parts here, adding others there. And one lie always leads to another!

After a while, the originally good but now-falsified flight plan can barely be understood anymore. It no longer points clearly to where we are going. It certainly offers no help in getting back to God. Unsatisfactory as it is, though, people can still feel trapped with it.

St. Paul wrote to Christians, *in words that will be read in our church service on Sunday*, "we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." People living by God-given faith in the crucified and risen Christ do not owe that old flight plan a thing anymore. "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons . . . [to be] heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:12, 15, 17). That's new life!