

# Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



## **The Wheat and the Weeds**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Announcements  
July 19, 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, Craig Wolff, Gina Wolff

**Homebound:** JR Newby, Gary Pryor, Carol Sheppard

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

**Baptized Saturday, 4:30pm: Blakeleigh Jo Camp**, born 6-11-20, daughter of Keifer & Kaci Camp. Sponsors are Anthony Camp, Clayton Camp and Danielle Camp. Please keep Blakeleigh, her parents and sponsors in your prayers.

**Voters' Assembly:** today, 1:30 PM.

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

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

**Online VBS is live!** Due to copyright regulations the videos will be available on our website from July 19, 2020-August 19, 2020.

VBS Packets are 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.

**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.

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

*This Week's Schedule*

<u>Monday:</u>	6-7:30 p.m.	VBS Packets Available
<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control</i>
	6-7:30 p.m.	VBS Packets Available
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Men BC in PH <i>God and Coronavirus</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Small Group Communion (Notify Pastor if you are coming)
	6-8 p.m.	LYF Mystery Event
<u>Thursday:</u>	1:00 p.m.	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Sat. July 25:</u>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. July 26:</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>
	1:30 p.m.	Lutherans For Life Meeting

**Youth Mystery Events** July 22nd and July 29<sup>th</sup>

JULY 22th Event, 6-8PM

Meet at the church's north parking lot

How it works:

LYF is meeting again! There are only two 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.

**The Baby Bottle Project** is the Family Life Center's greatest fundraiser. We will be kicking it off August 1 through September 1. Please don't forget to pick up a bottle! If you are not coming to church now but would like to donate, please make your check payable to FLC and drop it off at church or mail to: Family Life Center, 605 Eden Ave, PO Box 154, Effingham, IL 62401. Please be sure in the "note" section of your check to put: **Immanuel, Altamont.** Thank you so much for your help.

**Blood Drive** at Altamont VFW on Monday, July 27, 2-6pm. Blood needed badly due to COVID.

**Please** register to vote and fill out your census. It is important.

**Sr. LYF Lock-In** August 14th 7pm-7am

Come join us as we kick off the new school year! This will be the "official" grade transition and we will be electing LYF officers.

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

**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.

**July 19** “Lifting each other up, as we share our faith in Christ Who came to make all things new, is the only hope we have. Let us not waste this life God has given us, but let us move forward in faith, together, knowing that ultimately the gates of hell will not prevail against those who love God.” *Abbott Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

*July 19, 2020* Pass This On:

Take a look at the state of things in our country and in our world. We see a world infected with plague, with division, with violence, with injustice. It may seem as if one thing that has been completely wiped out is hope. We see a world filled with suffering.

The Bible doesn't dance around the difficult question of suffering. It says that sin's deep roots within mankind reach out to entangle the entire creation. Sin causes us to groan, eagerly anticipating relief from all this darkness.

Those who believe in Jesus do not escape suffering. However, Christians see suffering as following where Jesus once walked, enduring with patience while holding firm to their hope of eternal salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus calls Christians, as those who have been saved and who have been given the “firstfruits of the Spirit” (Romans 8:23), to spread their fruits throughout the world. The greatest of those fruits are faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

The Bible adds that the Holy Spirit given to Christians by Jesus intercedes on their behalf. When they experience burdens on their shoulders and hearts, the Spirit prays with “groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26).

All in all: the world may suggest that suffering reigns supreme, yet the Bible presents a different message in where hope comes out on top. It says that “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18).

In Jesus, Christians are nourished and sustained to endure this world of suffering and to spread the faith they have, the love they have been given, and the everlasting hope that they eagerly anticipate. *We invite you to hear more about the hope found in Jesus this Sunday at our church service.*