

Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

**9th Sunday after Pentecost
Announcements
August 2, 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, Claudie Burgess, Tiffany Dunaway, Abbey Franzen, Stephen Heimgartner, Carol Kassel, Pam Kepley, Cathy Marble, Angela Kull Ohnesorge, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Walter Ruding, Evelyn Shumaker, Barb Smith, Linda Smith, Charlie Stuemke, Doris Strullmyer, Phil Walk, Craig Wolff, Gina Wolff

Comfort to the family and friends of Judy Mercier.

Homebound: Charlott Brauer, Delphene Duckwitz, Mary Frailey

Giving for week of 7/26/20: General Fund \$9,780.75.

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

No Small Group Communion on Wed. August 5.

Online VBS is live! You may still participate by viewing VBS online from now thru August 19 at www.immanuelaltamont.org.

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.

Parents, please sign up to chaperone on our linktree.

Young Adult Meeting

Sunday, August 30 12:15 PM in the Parish Hall

All young adults are invited to talk and discuss what they would like to see in a young adult ministry at our church.

CEFS Meal deliveries for Immanuel continue through August 7.

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.

This Week's Schedule

View VBS at www.immanuelaltamont.org

<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Parables of Jesus</i>
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Men BC in PH <i>Quiet Heroes of the Bible</i>
		<u>No</u> Small Group Communion
<u>Thursday:</u>	1:00 p.m.	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
		<u>No</u> Ladies Aid
<u>Sat August 8:</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
<u>Sun August 9:</u>	8:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class <i>Book of Revelation</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Cards - Charlott Brauer and Lorene Frederking both celebrate their 93rd birthdays on Tuesday, August 5. Please send cards to 700 W Cumberland Rd, Altamont. Charlott is Apt 107; Lorene is Apt 116.

Fall Sunday School Survey- Please fill out the Sunday School survey on our website (immanuelaltamont.org) to let us know if your child will be attending Sunday School this fall with our new precautions. Last day to fill out the survey is Monday, August 17th.

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.

High School Sunday School Class will start August 23 at 9:45 am in the youth room.

LYF Parent Meeting - August 26th 7pm Parish Hall – Upper Level
There will be an LYF parent meeting for students in 6th-12th grade. We will discuss upcoming events, fundraisers and more!

Lutherans for Life Donations – If you use Lutherans for Life offering envelope, donation will go to *National* Lutherans for Life. If you want donation to go to *local chapter*, use a Designated envelope and mark "Immanuel Lutherans for Life".

Pork Chop Meal Sat, Aug 8, 11-2 at Altamont 1st United Methodist Church, 308 N 2nd St. Curbside pickup at the north door. Cost is \$7 per meal for butterfly pork chop sandwich, chips, coleslaw, pickle. Pre-orders are accepted (but not required): call 618-483-6036 Mon-Wed 9-12.

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 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.

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.

August 2 “If God does not remember your forgiven sin, then why should you? Paul knew that when a penitent person confesses [his or her] guilt to God and seeks pardon through the merit of Christ the Savior, God forgives the sinner completely, absolutely, and without reservation.” *Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

Pass This On: *August 2, 2020*

It’s amazingly easy to turn a blind eye to the needs of a neighbor. We may have intentions of helping someone, yet the temptation to do what we want all too often gets the upper hand.

This is how Jesus’ disciples were acting *in a story that will be read in our church service this Sunday*. They had looked on while Jesus healed great crowds of people and taught them all day.

Now the sun was setting. It was time for food and rest. The disciples asked Jesus to “send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves” (Matthew 14:15). Yet Jesus did not stop showing compassion to the thronging crowds.

Instead, Jesus presented his followers with a challenge: “You give them something to eat” (Matthew 14:16). This completely blindsided the disciples, whose minds were set on their own bellies and beds. How were they to feed over five thousand people with “only five loaves . . . and two fish” (Matthew 14:17)?

Jesus used this situation to teach his followers about faith in God. He also revealed His own heart of overflowing love for people. He blessed the small amount of food, broke it, and fed each and every person in attendance.

Not only did Jesus satisfy the hunger of all the people there, but there were even “twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over” (Matthew 14:20)! The disciples had been setting their focus on themselves, but Jesus’ sole focus remained on showing God’s love and compassion to others.

Christians seek to follow Jesus their Lord by serving their neighbors with the gifts that God has given them. For the compassionate heart of the One Who died and rose again is always directed toward others. Today it is directed toward you.