

# Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



Matthew 16:18

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Announcements**  
**August 23, 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, Delphene Duckwitz, Tiffany Dunaway, Abbey Franzen, Stephen Heimgartner, Pam Kepley, Cathy Marble, Brian Mueller, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Walter Ruding, Evelyn Shumaker, Barb Smith, Doris Strullmyer, Phil Walk, Craig Wolff, Gina Wolff.

**Comfort** to the family and friends of Sue Riley, mother of Susan Wright.

**Homebound:** Howard Voelker, Jim Voelker, Charlott Brauer

**Altar Flowers** given to the glory of God in honor of Wayne & Ellie Franzen on their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Week of 8/16/20: General Fund \$10,792,00; Judy Mercier Mem. \$150.00.

**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.*

**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.

**Rainforest Explorers VBS**- Thanks to all who participated in this year's online VBS program. 75 VBS Packets made. 41 families participated. Children joined us from 4 different churches!

**High School Sunday School Class** meets 9:45am today in youth rm.

**LYF Parent Meeting**- August 26th 7pm in the Parish Hall

There will be an LYF parent meeting for students in 6th-12th grade. We will discuss upcoming events, fundraisers and more!

**Ladies Aid Pie Making** Thursday, August 27, 6 p.m. All supplies and fruit was purchased with Thrivent Action Grant. We will be making approx. 30 pies for the Pork Burger Fundraiser on Sat, Sept 12. *Thanking all you wonderful ladies in advance for your willingness to always help out!*

**Young Adult Meeting** - Sunday, August 30 12:15 PM in Parish Hall

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

**Elders** meet on Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.

*This Week's Schedule*

<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>Naaman</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Small Group Communion <i>Must call to reserve</i>
	7:00 p.m.	LYF Parent Meeting Upstairs in PH
<u>Thursday:</u>	1:00 p.m.	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
	6:00 p.m.	Pie Making in PH Kitchen
<u>Sat August 29</u>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun August 30</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>
	9:45 a.m.	High School BC in Youth Room
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
	12:15 p.m.	Young Adult Meeting

**Immanuel's After School Care is not available at the beginning of the school year.** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the safety of participating children, the After School Care program will not be able to begin operation until some current restrictions and guidelines can be removed.

Parents who have submitted Enrollment Forms will be contacted when After School Care is allowed to operate again. Enrollment Forms are still available at the Immanuel Church Parish Hall lobby, and completed forms can be placed in the deposit box or turned in to Immanuel Church office.

Our After School Care staff is sad and disappointed that we cannot begin when schools begin. Once COVID safety requirements can be terminated, ASC can again resume.

**Public School Confirmation Class** will be Wednesdays from 2:45-4 pm starting September 9th. Members in grades 5-8 are welcome to attend.

**Lutheran Care Center** is closed to visitors, but residents would appreciate cards and letters from family and church family. Notes to residents in general will be read over the intercom at lunch.

**New Member Class** with Pastor Wright for adults will start on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM beginning on September 8. We study the Bible and the Lutheran Catechism. Everyone is welcome to come. Runs through mid November.

**The Baby Bottle Project** is Family Life Center's greatest fundraiser. Please turn in baby bottles by September 1.

Another way to donate: make 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.

**Altamont Food Pantry** - 26 people were served by the food pantry the week of August 10. Items needed are Peanut Butter and Canned Meals.

We are also in need of helpers/volunteers to work in the Food Pantry. Hours are: Tuesday 1-2 pm and 5-6 pm and Thursday 1-3 pm. Volunteer by calling the Altamont First United Methodist Church at 618-483-6036.

**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.

**August 23** “We run to help people in need; we run to deal with emergencies and crises and the problems of every day; we take the Good News to people we love, family and friends and neighbors alike. But there are also times we can sit—and rejoice that Jesus is risen, that evil is conquered, and that God’s victory is certain.” *Dr. Kari Vo – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Pass This On: *August 23, 2020*

“You do you,” says our society. Don’t let anybody else tell you who you are. This is not just about you yourself, either. A former U.S. Supreme Court Justice wrote in 1992 of “the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.”

Teachers used to tell students that although everyone may be entitled to their own opinion, no one is entitled to their own facts. You don’t hear that a lot any more these days.

You have to be you, our society says, and you must “do you.” The more unlikely or flamboyant you think yourself to be, the better. The Red Cross now asks blood donors what their gender identity is *that day*. It may change, which would be all right too. More than all right! You have to be you.

This philosophy may seem to break people out of various molds. Yet it demands that others not only tolerate but also recognize and accept even the most outlandish or unreal assertions. Everyone else must conform, our society stipulates, when you do you.

“Do not be conformed to this world,” says the Bible *in one of the readings for our church service this Sunday*, “but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Romans 12:2). The key to who you are lies not within you but in the God Who created you, Who sent His Son to be THE sacrifice for all your sin.

Jesus Christ died, then rose from the dead as Lord. By God-given faith in Him people become not dead sacrifices like animals in the Old Testament, but living sacrifices, living in and for the One Who loved them and gave Himself for them.

Instead of “doing you,” Christians are called to “do Jesus.”