

Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



MERCY OVER REVENGE

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Announcements
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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

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

In Our Prayers: Medical care: Heath Beccue, Tiffany Dunaway, Abbey Franzen, Stephen Heimgartner, Pam Kepley, Cathy Marble, Brian Mueller, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Evelyn Shumaker, Barb Smith, Doris Strullmyer, Phil Walk, Craig Wolff.

Thanksgiving for Tyler & Gretchen (Simpson) Alwardt united in marriage on Saturday in Alexis, IL.

Homebound: Adela Goers, Gert Heiden, Gerald Holste

Baptized Saturday, 4:30pm: **Wyatt Henry Mette**, born 7-16-20, son of Sam & Emily (Hammer) Mette. Sponsors are Kaci Camp and Lee Buehnerkemper. Please keep Wyatt, his parents and sponsors in your prayers.

Week of 8/23/20: General Fund \$8,071.00.

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.*

PreK-8th Grade Sunday School this Fall The Board of Christian Education has made the difficult decision to suspend PreK-8th grade Sunday School for the time being. We will reevaluate as we see fit. However, because our zest for God should be continuous, we want to work together with families so they can continue in their faithfulness and grow in their understanding and love for God. Parents are the primary influence for their child, both in life and faith. A child's understanding of God and what it means to be faithful to Him is impacted most when learned from a person they admire. Immanuel thanks God for all our parents and caregivers. To support parents in teaching God's word to their child(ren), Immanuel will provide parents with **a weekly devotion** (via the bulletin and website) to use with their child(ren) to help them learn more about what God has done and is doing for them through Jesus. Parents will have the opportunity to present the information to their children in a way that they will understand and are encouraged to make the lessons relatable to their lives. It is of the utmost importance to continue to teach your children God's word and help them stay faithful throughout this time of irregularity. This resource will be available on September 6th. Additionally, children can watch **a video lesson** every Sunday! This is a great way to teach your child about Christ during the summer. The weekly devotions and videos can be found on the church website under Ministry → Children. It is an encouragement to know that God is faithful, and even through uncertain times, He is still in control. As faithful believers, we know it is God's will for all to know Him and have eternal life. Find comfort in knowing that Jesus Christ has already conquered sin, death, and the devil through His death on the cross!

This Week's Schedule

<u>Monday:</u>	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders
<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
	5:30-7:30 p.m.	<i>Must call to reserve</i>
		Jr High Together Time
	7-9 p.m.	Sr High Together Time
<u>Thursday:</u>	1:00 p.m.	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
	6:30 p.m.	Praise Team
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid Meeting
<u>Sat Sept 5</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship
<u>Sun Sept 6</u>	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class <i>Book of Revelation</i>
	9:45 a.m.	High School BC in Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

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 this Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Aid Meeting this Thursday, Sept 3, 7 p.m. Devotion by Ruth Ann Spilker. Hostesses: Ruth Ann Spilker, Diana Wendling, Roxanna Wendling.

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; runs through mid November.

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

On Saturday, September 12th, members of Immanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting a fundraiser on the north parking lot of the church at 203 E Division St. in Altamont. Fresh baked homemade pies, porkburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and Homemade Ice-cream will be served by Immanuel's youth fellowship club. Serving will be from 10:30 – 1:00 pm with proceeds going to benefit the Church worker scholarship fund, members in need projects and Immanuel's 150th anniversary.

Both walk-up and drive thru service will be available. Please follow the signs. All active social guidelines will be followed. **SIGN UP** in narthex to help.

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. In the "note" section of your check, put: Immanuel, Altamont.

CEFS Meal deliveries for Immanuel are September 8-18. Schedules have been emailed and are available on the small table in the PH lobby.

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.

Altamont Food Pantry - The Food Pantry served 58 participants the week of August 17th. Items needed this week for the food pantry are: Chunky Soup and Spaghetti Sauce.

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.

August 30 “The One who created the heavens and the earth, the Author of the sun and the stars in the sky, is also the One who came Himself as the promise of light. Into the darkness of this world, the Word at the very beginning became flesh to dwell among us. Of this remarkably authored story, one witness writes: In Him was life and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:4-5
Tejedor Tiewsoh, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, Shillong, India – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Pass This On (PTO) to friends and neighbors from Central Illinois District LCMS:

Why does Jesus matter right now? With a global pandemic still in progress, tension and unrest filling society, and uncertainty looming over the future, people sometimes wonder what difference Jesus might make.

What did Jesus Himself say? *In words we will hear in our church service on Sunday*, “Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25).

That’s bold. Not long before this, Simon Peter had acknowledged that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16). Well, Jesus was now speaking like Someone of such importance! You cannot remain neutral about Him.

Furthermore, we ourselves are hardly neutral. Human beings do not sit at point zero on some scale, waiting to jump into the acceptable or unacceptable column before God. The whole human race has been estranged from its Creator, and that shows up in many ways: evil outside ourselves, weakness and failure within ourselves, alienation from life, meaninglessness, disobedience, and mortality. In our sin, we die.

Really, there is no rescuing ourselves. “Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

Why does Jesus matter? He, the Man Who is also God, lost His life for us. He gave Himself as a ransom for all.

You go with Jesus from death to life in baptism. “We were buried . . . with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).

Because of Jesus there is redemption, reconciliation, and transformation. He gives forgiveness and hope and resurrection and life. These things matter. He brings them to you.

How does that sound?