

# Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



"Living as Humble Little Children of the Father"  
Matthew 18:3

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Announcements  
September 6, 2020**

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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](http://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.

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

Week of 8/30/20: General Fund \$11,305.00; Judy Mercier Mem \$50.00.

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

**New Member Class** with Pastor Wright for adults will start this Tuesday, September 8 from 6:30-8:00 PM. We study the Bible and the Lutheran Catechism. Everyone is welcome; runs through mid-November.

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

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

**High School Sunday School** continues to meet at 9:45 am in the youth room. We are studying the beliefs of different denominations.

**PreK-8th Grade Sunday School this Fall** Please see the insert for the first ***weekly devotion!*** Children's ***video lessons*** are also available every Sunday on the church website under Ministry → Children.

**Together Time** has started and is every Wednesday. Jr. High is from 5:30-7:30 pm and Sr. High is from 7:00-9:00pm.

**CEFS Meal Deliveries** for Immanuel Week #1, Sept 8 – 11; no deliveries on Labor Day.

**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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

*This Week's Schedule*

<u>Monday:</u>	<i>Office Closed for Labor Day</i>	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Parables of Jesus</i>
	6:30–8 p.m.	New Member Class
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Men BC in PH <i>Zacchaeus</i>
	2:45-4 p.m.	Grades 5-8 Public School Confirmation
	5:00 p.m.	Small Group Communion
		<i>Must call to reserve</i>
	5:30-7:30 p.m.	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
<u>Sat Sept 12</u>	10:30-1:00	<i>Walk-up or Drive-through Sale:</i> <i>Porkburgers/pie &amp; ice cream-Parking Lot</i>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun Sept 13</u>	<i>CID Scholarship Sunday</i>	
	<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>

**Jr. High Lock-In** is September 18-19 from 7PM to 7AM. Please see the linktree to sign up!

**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.

**The Baby Bottle Project** is Family Life Center's greatest fundraiser. If you haven't already, please turn in baby bottles. Deadline was Sept. 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.

**CID Scholarship Sunday** Due to the coronavirus, Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday was postponed this year from May until September 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations in special envelopes gathered this Sunday will support our district scholarships to students preparing for full-time church work. Currently our church has three students enrolled: Claire Busby at Concordia Nebraska, Austin Wendling at Concordia Chicago, and Daniel Langewisch (married to Kali Weishaar) at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

**Altamont Food Pantry** - There were 25 participants for the Food Pantry for the week of August 24th. The total participants for August were 170. Items needed this week for the Food Pantry are **crackers and peanut butter**.

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.

**Sunday Praise Team** invites singers and instrumentalists to join them. Contact Bill Simmons at [bsmns@altamont.net](mailto:bsmns@altamont.net) or speak to the group after service.

**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.

**September 6** “On earth, there will be no shortage of burdens to bear as we care for those in need. But one day, these burdens will be lifted from our shoulders in Heaven, where the Lord will see us through the lens of Christ’s perfect sacrifice and will say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! ... Enter into the joy of your master’ Matthew 25:21.

Rest in His unfailing love.” *Marie K. MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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

September 6 - It was the time of year when kings went off to war. But not this king, not this time. He stayed at home. His eyes fell upon a beautiful woman in the neighborhood, and he desired her. He called for her, the deed was done, and soon she found that she was going to have a baby.

This is no plotline from some television show, but rather factual reporting straight out of the Bible. The king, David of Israel, concocted a devastatingly evil cover-up. He killed the woman’s husband, one of David’s loyal soldiers (!), so he could take this man’s wife. At the same time, David intended to hide his own sin.

Things were not so simple, though. In Psalm 32, *our psalm of the week at church service this Sunday*, David prayed, “When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me.”

Have you ever felt like this?

This psalm begins: “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity . . .” Sin rebels against God. It deviates from His will and distorts human life.

Only God has the answer for sin, forgiveness. It comes in Jesus Christ, Who died in place of sinners and rose again. David knew Jesus as the long-promised Messiah.

On account of this coming One, David was forgiven when a prophet confronted him with his sin. “I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity,” David wrote. “I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin’.”

Forgiveness is in Jesus, for you too.