

Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



15th Sunday after Pentecost

**CID Scholarship Sunday
Announcements
September 13, 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.
- 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: Tiffany Dunaway, Abbey Franzen, Wayne Franzen, Stephen Heimgartner, Pam Kepley, Cathy Marble, Brian Mueller, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Elnor Rhodes, Julie Seales, Evelyn Shumaker, Barb Smith, Doris Strullmyer, Craig Wolff.

Thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter Laynee Grace Burrow to David & Kelsey Burrow on Saturday, September 5.

Comfort to the family and friends of Phil Walk.

Homebound: Norma Siebert, Howard Voelker, Charlott Brauer
Week of 9/6/20: General Fund \$14,220; Judy Mercier Mem. \$25.00; Mary Frailey Mem. \$45.

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 is Tuesdays 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 is Wednesdays from 2:45-4 pm. 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 and differences among denominations.

PreK-8th Grade Sunday School this Fall Please see the insert for the *weekly devotion!* Children's *video lessons and the weekly devos* 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.

Jr. High Lock-In is postponed.

This Week's Schedule

<u>Monday:</u>	9:00 a.m.	WBC@ Vickis
	7:00 p.m.	Budget Meeting
<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Pew Sisters</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>Friday:</u>	11:10a.m.	<i>Early Dismissal - School Improvement</i>
<u>Sat Sept 19</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship
<u>Sun Sept 20</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

LWML Fall Rally Tuesday, September 22, at Holy Cross, Vandalia. Ladies wanting to attend, call 618-267-7478 Ruth Spilker for info.

FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION – CHOIR The joint Festival of the Reformation Service will be held on October 25 at 5:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran. A choir is being organized to sing. Practices will be October 4, 11 and 18 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel. Members from Bethlehem, St. Paul – Blue Point, Immanuel and Zion churches are invited to sing in the choir. This is the 503rd anniversary of the Reformation. Detailed choir information will be shared at the October 4 practice and orientation. *“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.”* -Martin Luther

-Dean Manuel will be the organist and director for the choir.

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The Baby Bottle Project - If you haven't already, please turn in baby bottles for Family Life Center.

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.

Corrected Email: Contact Bill Simmons at bsmns@altamont.net to join **Sunday Praise Team**. Singers and instrumentalists are invited to participate or speak to the group after service.

CEFS Meal Deliveries for Immanuel continue through September 18.

Altamont Food Pantry - For the week of August 31- September 4: we had 33 participants for the Food Pantry. Items needed this week are: **Cereal and Chunky Soup.** (These items go fast).

We are 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. To volunteer 618-483-6036 Altamont First United Methodist Church.

September 13 “When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefiting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Pass This On (PTO) to friends and neighbors from Central Illinois District LCMS: September 13, 2020

When people meet with reverses, they often ask WHY? This is one of the most common questions put to God by human beings, even those who rarely think about God otherwise.

In the Old Testament, Joseph’s jealous brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt. Making things worse, he was falsely accused of a crime. Joseph languished in prison for over two years. Many times, he could have asked God WHY.

Still, the Lord was with Joseph. At length, He brought about a stunning turn of events. Miraculously, the Pharaoh made Joseph his second-in-command over all Egypt.

When a famine struck that whole part of the world, Joseph’s brothers came to Egypt seeking food. Little did they know that the grain administrator was really their long-lost brother! Joseph led his brothers to see their wrong. He identified himself to them, then brought them and their father Jacob to live as honored guests in Egypt.

After Jacob died, though, Joseph’s brothers grew fearful. Would Joseph now take revenge on them? *In words to be read in our church service on Sunday,* Joseph reassuringly told them: “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Genesis 50:20).

Notice that Joseph did not attempt to talk about WHY, not even WHY they did evil. Instead, referring to God sparing many lives, Joseph spoke in terms of WHAT FOR.

How does WHY differ from WHAT FOR? WHY searches for a cause, which may always elude us. WHAT FOR acknowledges that Someone is in charge, working His purposes. Joseph was confident that his faithful God had been with him. Jesus Christ is “Immanuel,” God with us. He loves you. He died for you and rose again. Come what may, in Him there is a gracious and forgiving WHAT FOR. Trust Him.