

Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



Kingdom people produce
KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*



LWML SUNDAY 2020

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Announcements
October 4, 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, Melissa Kruse, Cathy Marble, Brian Mueller, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Julie Seales, Evelyn Shumaker, Barb Smith, Doris Strullmyer, Craig Wolff.

Homebound: Norma Siebert, Howard Voelker, Charlott Brauer

Baptism 6:00 Service **Landry Mae Meier**, born 8-2-20, daughter of Erik & Micah Meier. Sponsors are Dave & Bailey Wolff. Please keep Landry, her parents and sponsors in your prayers.

Week of 9/27/20: General Fund \$7,728.

Pastor Wright Bible class continues Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the PH.

New Member Class with Pastor Wright Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM.

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

Prayer Vigil continues this Sun. **Oct 4.** Commit to a half-hour of prayer for government and life issues. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and don't forget to take a **40 Days for Life** booklet to guide your prayer.

Life Chain 2020 2-3 p.m. this Sunday, October 4 in Effingham.

Prayerfully, peacefully and legally line Henrietta, Keller and Fayette. Bring lawn chairs if needed. *See the bulletin board for information.*

Reformation – Choir The joint Festival of the Reformation Service is October 25, 5:00 p.m. Choir Practices: October 4, 11 and 18, 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel. Members from, St. Paul – Blue Point, Bethlehem, 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. For info: Dean Manuel manueldean9@gmail.com cell: 618-267-7914.

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."-Martin Luther

Church Council Meeting: Monday, October 12, 7:30 PM. Elders and Trustees convene at 7:00 PM.

Church Voters' Assembly: Sunday, October 18, 1:30 in Parish Hall.

This Week's Schedule

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| <u>Monday:</u> | 9:00 a.m. | WBC@ Vicki R <i>Unshakable Trust</i> |
| <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/PH <i>World Today – Biblical Perspective</i> |
| | 2:45-4 p.m. | Grades 5-8 Public School Confirmation |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Sm.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> | | <u>No</u> School for ALIS: Teacher Conference |
| <u>Sat Oct 10</u> | 6:00 p.m. | Worship/Holy Communion |
| <u>Sun Oct 11</u> | 8:30 a.m. | Worship/Holy Communion |
| | 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/Holy Communion |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Choir Practice here for Reformation |

October 4 “Whenever I read Scripture that talks about how much God loves each of us, that He has created us, and that He wants us to share His love, I am always struck by the lack of qualifiers. I do not see where God makes distinctions about who He loves and calls into His family. He loves and calls all—each and every one of us.” *Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

On Saturday, October 17th, Altamont Chapter Lutherans for Life will be hosting a fundraiser on the north parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church at 203 E Division St. in Altamont. Fresh baked homemade pies, porkburgers, butterfly chops, hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream will be served by Immanuel's youth fellowship club. Serving will be from 10 – 1 with proceeds going to Lutherans for Life chapter that includes Immanuel, Bethlehem, St Paul-Blue Pt and Zion. **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.

Thank you to our church and school families for the outpouring of love you have shown our family during this difficult time. We appreciate and thank you for the kind words, cards, visits, donations, food, thoughts and prayers. Thank you to Pastor Wright for his calls and for his visits with Amiee during her many hospital stays and to Pastor Spilker. Thank you to the ALIS teachers and staff for their kindness shown to our family, especially the 2nd and 3rd classes, parents and teachers. Words cannot express our gratitude for everything that was done for us. We feel blessed by the love and support. It is greatly appreciated. --Sincerely, the family of Amiee Lowry. Andrew, Ophelia and Oliver Lowry, Maurice & Alta Lowry

High School Sunday School continues 9:45 am in the youth room. We are studying the beliefs and differences among denominations.

Together Time is every Wednesday. Jr. High is from 5:30-7:30 pm and Sr. High is from 7:00-9:00pm. *Parents sign up to chaperone on linktree.*

CEFS Meal Delivery Schedules for Immanuel, Oct 19-30, are on the small table in the Parish Hall lobby.

Portals of Prayer, Oct – Dec, available at each of the church doors.

Usher schedules are on the Usher's table in the narthex.

Free Clothing Drive at Altamont Christian Church on Oct 17, 8-3. Contact the church if you have clothing to donate 618-483-6018...office hours 1-6 on Mon. and Wed. and **Free Haircuts** Oct 17, 8-3. Call 618-483-6018 to make an appt. Leave a msg and you will receive a call back. *See bulletin board.*

Trustees Harvest Sack Lunch Sat. **Oct 24**, 11-2, by 1st United Methodist Church. Butterfly pork chop meal \$7; Hot dog meal \$4 (meals include chips & drink). Sack lunch ready for field or home; pick up curbside at Monroe St entrance. Proceeds to repair Methodist church elevator.

Drive-Thru soup supper St. Paul Blue Point Sunday, Nov 1, 3:30-6:30pm.

Altamont Food Pantry - We served 84 in the Food Pantry the week of Sept 21-25. Item needs for the pantry this week are: *Spaghetti Sauce and Mustard*. Open: Tuesday 1:00 - 2:00 pm and 5:00 - 6:00 pm; Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Pass This On (PTO) to friends and neighbors from Central Illinois District - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: October 4, 2020

You are only as good as your last performance. So we are taught to think by a world whose motto often seems to be, "What have you done for me LATELY?"

Our society presents itself as extremely laid-back, accepting of virtually anything. In many ways, it is. Still, it tends to take a dim view when others do not do all they can to express themselves . . . in ways that society finds acceptable, that is. Society goes so far as to tell people to engage in such self-expression not to please anyone else, but strictly for themselves.

This can become a crushing burden. You must fashion an identity for yourself. Make sure it is genuine, not something you are merely copying from someone. Then at all times live it, and live up to it. In the end, this kind of project takes people nowhere. Really, no one can rest with saying, "I don't care what anyone else thinks." For you really do care.

What we all need is an approving word from outside ourselves, from someone who loves us. We need an approving word from One Whose judgment upon us matters supremely, regardless of any failings of ours or any feelings of others.

In a Bible passage to be read at our church this Sunday, St. Paul wrote that "whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Paul wanted to be "found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith" (Philippians 3:7-9).

A book title said it all: not "self-esteem" but "Christ-esteem"!