

# Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



**Sheep and Goat Stewardship**

**Last Sunday of the Church Year  
Announcements  
November 22, 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: Marilyn Bushue, Tiffany Dunaway, Abbey Franzen, Wayne Franzen, Stephen Heimgartner, Don Hiser, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Larry Quandt, Clark Schulze, Evelyn Shumaker, LeRoy Tucker, Craig Wolff.

**Homebound:** Adela Goers, Gert Heiden, Gerald Holste

**Births:** Case Thomas & Cade Paul Hooks, sons of Josh & Nichole Hooks.  
Abram Kane, son of Travis & Megan Shellenbarger.

**Comfort to the Family and friends of:**

Ruby Duckwitz mother of Ron Duckwitz.

Phil Stuckemeyer son of Peg Stuckemeyer.

Malinda Hinton mother of Sandra Stuemke.

Week-11/15/20: Gen. Fund \$20,056.00 incl. \$500 to Churchworker Scholarship.

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

*"Courage in a Time of Crisis"*. See Pastor's podcast on Facebook.

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

**Thanksgiving Service** 9AM Thursday, November 26, NO HC.

**We are now collecting non-perishable food and items** in the narthex for St. Louis Seminary Students, Altamont Food Pantry and Effingham Co. FISH.

**Final drop off:** Thanksgiving Day and Sunday, Nov 29 at 2:00PM.

**Immanuel Board of Elders** this Monday, November 23 at 7:00 PM in the PH.

**Ladies Aid Christmas Party** postponed for a later date.

**High School Sunday School** meets at 9:45 am in the youth room.

**PreK-8th Grade Sunday School** - 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.

**Live Nativity** - The drive through live nativity will be on December 13th from 5-6 PM. **Children are asked to help celebrate the birth of our Savior by singing Christmas songs.**

ALIS students K-6 should have received their songs last week. If your child does not attend ALIS (or if they did not receive their song sheet), please reach out to me at [immandy15@gmail.com](mailto:immandy15@gmail.com) and I will send you the songs.

**Volunteer your animals for the Live Nativity.** If you have farm animals and would be willing to volunteer them for our live nativity December 13, please let Andy Wendling know.

**Advent Meals-** This year the meals will be put in take home containers and each family will pick up their meals after the Advent service and head home to eat them! *Youth families please sign up on linktree.*

### *This Week's Schedule*

<u>Monday:</u>	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6:30–8:00 p.m.	New Member Class
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Men BC/PH <i>Old Testament Prophet: Hosea</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Sm. Group Communion <i>Must call to reserve</i>
<u>Thursday:</u>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>
<u>Friday:</u>	<u>No School</u>	
<u>Sat Nov 28</u>	6:00 p.m.	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun Nov 29</u>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class
	9:45 a.m.	High School BC in Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>

**November 22** “This Thanksgiving, let’s remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet “[t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy” (*Psalm 126:3*).”

*Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**Order poinsettias** for church by **Mon. Nov. 30**. Make checks payable to “Blossom Paradise.” For General Fund donation, make checks payable to “Immanuel Church” by Fri. Dec. 11. *See bulletin insert for further instructions.*

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church Turkey Supper** this Sun. Nov. 22 at the gym starting 5:00 p.m. **CARRY OUT ONLY.** Enter West door of the school and form a line down the hall. If you need your meal carried out to your car, call 618-349-8888. Adults \$10; Children 12 & under \$5; Children 3 & under—Free. **ALL MEALS INCLUDE:** *Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, Corn, dessert.* **NO rolls/ drinks.** **OPTIONAL:** Gravy, turnips, cranberry salad.

**“Cards of Kindness”** – Remember LCC residents by placing “Thinking of You” cards in the box in the narthex. Sign card with either “your name” or “A friend from Immanuel”. Write “Resident” on the envelope or leave the outside blank for cards to go to any resident. Greeting cards for a specific resident are also welcome.

**Cards** - Send get well cards to: LeRoy Tucker, c/o Frank Tucker, Deaconess Midtown Hospital, 600 Mary St, Evansville, IN 47710.

**Altamont Food Pantry** – We served 36 people November 10 and 12.

**Pantry hours** are Tues 1-2pm & 5-6pm; Thurs 1-3pm. Volunteers call 618-483-6036 to help with the Food Pantry. Rather than weekly needs:

*Ongoing needs posted here in narthex and on bulletin board in PH lobby.*

**Thanks & Giving Community Raffle** – United Way of Effingham Co. is having an online raffle because this year's fundraiser events had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Tickets: \$5 each, or book of 5 for \$20 and gives you the chance to win 77 prizes valued over \$20,000. Tickets are available at [www.effinghamunitedway.org/raffle](http://www.effinghamunitedway.org/raffle) or from local businesses or United Way board members. Drawing will take place on Facebook live on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised benefit 20 local partner agencies; *Altamont After School Program, Andrew Gobiczynski Big Heart Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters (Mid Illinois), Boy Scouts – Effingham Co. troops, Catholic Charities, CEFS Literacy Program, Child Advocacy Center of E. Central IL, Effingham Child Development Center, Effingham Co. FISH Human Services, Effingham Co. Search & Rescue, Enduring Freedom Ministries, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois – Effingham Co. troops, Meals on Wheels of CEFS, One Hope United, SAFE (Sexual Assault and Family Emergencies), Senior Services of Effingham Co., STAR (Strategic Training and Restoration), SWAN (Stopping Woman Abuse Now) and the Unit 40 Mentoring Program.* Get your tickets today!

**Pass This On (PTO) to friends and neighbors from Central Illinois District - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: November 22, 2020**

Our society today may speak often of big-picture thinking, yet it can be remarkably short-sighted. It doesn't think a lot about the past, giving little attention to history. As for the future, it fails to think very far ahead. It tends to be wrapped up in the present moment and the near term.

The current church year ends this coming Sunday. The world's year runs until December 31, of course, but the church ends its year earlier.

Here's a reminder: It's later than you think.

The church year ends in contemplation about "last things": death, the end of the world and the return of Christ, and resurrection. However long we live, these topics never lose their importance. For it IS later than we may think.

A pastor was talking with a woman whose child was enrolled in a church preschool. He told her that the best thing the church had ever done for him was, in effect, getting him ready to die. It got him ready for the "last things." She wondered, though. Really, she asked? Was that truly THE most significant thing the church had done for him? Wouldn't he want to think again and single out something, perhaps, more immediate?

However, the pastor stuck with his original statement. The apostle Paul wrote, "If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." Then, *in words that will be read in our church service this Sunday*, he went on: "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:19-20). "Firstfruits" indicates more to come.

Those who die in Christ do so confiding in His promise to raise them up too. With such God-given faith, they can take the long view. *Join us.*