

Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



Easter Sunday Announcements April 4, 2021

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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: Mike Bowman, Tiffany Dunaway, Gloria Fortkamp, Abbey Franzen, Judy Oldham, Deb Pagel, Samuel Shelton, Evelyn Shumaker, Irene Spilker, Cathy Swingler, Linda VanAlst, Craig Wolff, Lilly Wright.

Homebound: JR Newby, Don Ousley, Carol Sheppard
3/28: \$12,365.22; Incl. IRA \$1,000; Ruby Duckwitz Mem \$25.

Worship: Members are asked to complete worship attendance cards: circle *time of service* and circle *those communing*.

Ladies Aid Meeting Thursday, April 8, 7pm. Devotion by Sherri VonBehren. Hostesses are Christine Alwardt and Linda Baginski.

Church Council meeting, Monday, April 12 at 7:30 PM.
Elders and Trustees meet at 7:00 PM. *Voters' Assembly* meets Sunday, April 25 at 1:30 in the upper Parish Hall. All church members are included.

Confirmation Sunday On April 18 at **10:00 a.m.** eleven students will be confirmed in the Christian faith at our altar. There will be a regular Sunday service at 8:30 AM.

CEFS Meal Delivery Schedules April 5-16 for Immanuel are on the small table in the Parish Hall lobby and were emailed.

We would like to thank everyone who helped support our Annual Pork Dinner. This year was a challenge, however with the great help of both adults and youth, and the support of our congregation and community, approximately 425 to go dinners were served. A complete list of profit distribution will follow.

— The Pork Dinner Committee.

Thanks to all who participated in the Easter Experience last Sunday. There were over 45 cars that came to see the story of Jesus' last week!

This Week's Schedule
CEFS Meal Delivery Week #1
No School – Easter Break

<u>Monday:</u>	9:00 a.m.	WBC@ Vicki R <i>Unshakable Trust</i>
<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Prophecy</i>
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Mens BC <i>OT Minor Prophet: Zechariah</i>
<u>Thursday:</u>	1:00 p.m.	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
	6:30 p.m.	Praise Team
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
<u>Sat April 10:</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
<u>Sun April 11:</u>	8:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class
	9:45 a.m.	High School BC in Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

April 4 “As we gather this Easter just with our household, or perhaps all alone, we will undoubtedly miss some of the traditions that we have embraced over the years. Do not lament the loss of what does not last. Rather, embrace the enduring message that ‘He is risen! He is risen indeed!’ It changes everything!” *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Ramsey Plus program (updated) – The Stewardship Board is working with the Central Illinois District on a program that will allow 1 year access to the Ramsey Plus suite of financial education programs to every family in our congregation. The timing is still TBD but looking like at least a mid-late summer start. Please complete the survey we have posted on both the Immanuel website (www.immanuelaltamont.org) and the Immanuel Facebook page to provide your feedback to help us develop the plan to implement the program at Immanuel. You only need to complete the survey from 1 of the sites. We will keep this survey posted and available on both locations until **April 9th** and then we will compile the information so we can report our implementation plans back to the District.

Altamont Food Pantry Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3PM. March 23 and 25, we had a total of 20 participants for the Food Pantry.

LWML Joy Shop St. John's, Effingham, Tuesday, April 20, with 6:00 p.m. light meal. Theme is "A Time for Everything" based on Eccl. 3:1-8. RSVP by April 12 to: marilyn67@frontiernet.net or 217-821-0508
Bring used Portals of Prayer and stamps.

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip

Immanuel, Springfield is hosting a trip see the Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. Dates are April 26-29...roundtrip motorcoach, 3 night stay in Cincinnati area, breakfast and dinner 3 days, admissions, baggage handling...all for \$450.00 per person (double occupancy). Call Pastor Stuenkel at 217-622-7266 (cell).

ALIS kindergarten orientation Mon., April 26 in two sessions (5:30-6pm or 6:15-6:45pm). Register 618-483-6428 school ofc.

2021 PTL Dinner Auction – May 8th Send in your RSVP to ALIS ofc Donation slips available at ALIS office for silent and live auction items starting April 12. All donations/slips must be submitted by Monday May 3 to guarantee they will be in the auction booklet.

"He is not here!" Such good news, but such an odd choice of words. We hear these words from the angel in the Bible reading from Mark this Sunday. Mark describes the angel as a young man. But we know from other places in the Bible that this is an angel, there to deliver this good news.

Some of the women who had been following Jesus are there at the tomb, early on Easter morning, to care for Jesus' body. There wasn't time on Friday when the soldiers took Him down from the cross, and His followers laid Him in a tomb. The women love Jesus. They are coming to care for Him in the best way they know how.

But **"He is not here,"** they hear. Why? **"He has risen"** from the dead! Just as Jesus promised, the grave cannot hold Him. Death is defeated. Sin is paid for. The Fall into Sin of the first parents, Adam and Eve, no more has hold over the fate of mankind. Instead, in Christ, man shall not die but shall live and call upon the name of the Lord.

The women trembled with astonishment and fear as they ran away. Their hearts and minds couldn't quite grasp this wonderful news. Though they will, soon.

We are tempted to think that **"He is not here"** even today. That is, that Jesus isn't present with us in the church service on Sundays. Or, when things go wrong, that Jesus isn't with us any longer and doesn't care for us. But none of this is true. Whenever Christians gather to hear the good news of Christ's death and resurrection for our sins, Jesus *is* present. He *is* here. He continues to care for you. Jesus promises, **"Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

Every Sunday is a little Easter.
This Sunday is the big one. He is risen!