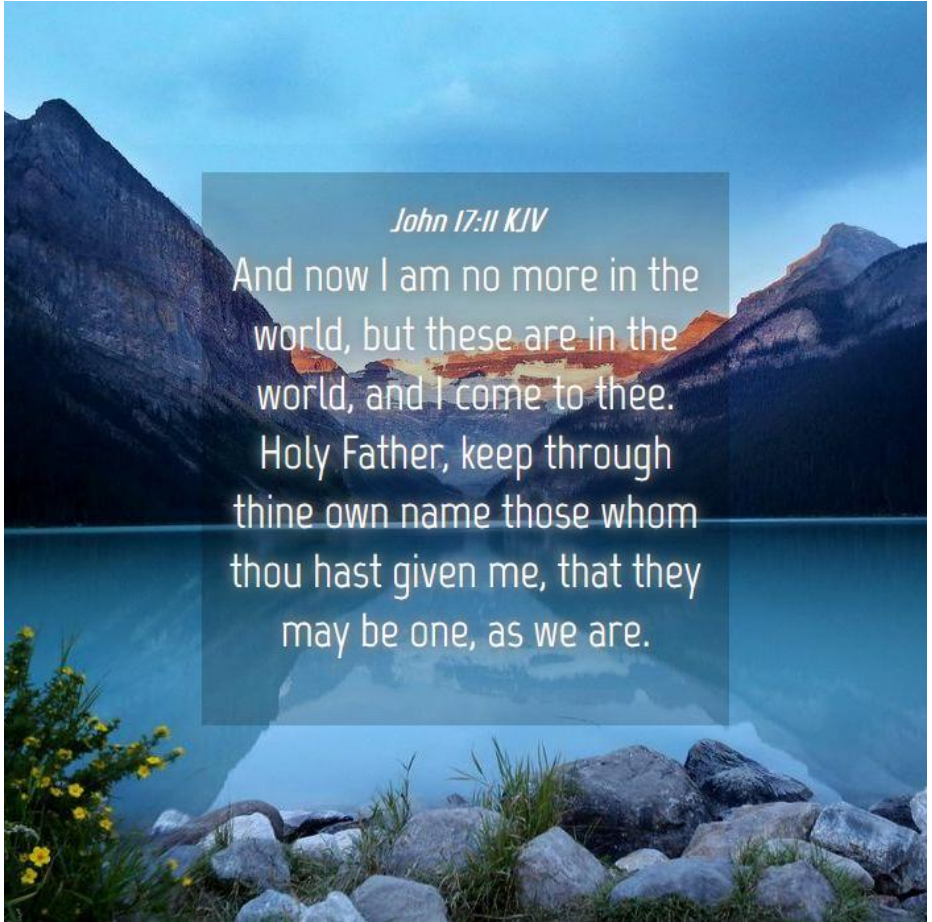


# Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



*John 17:11 KJV*

And now I am no more in the  
world, but these are in the  
world, and I come to thee.  
Holy Father, keep through  
thine own name those whom  
thou hast given me, that they  
may be one, as we are.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Announcements  
May 16, 2021**

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## **WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

**Worship:** Members and guests are asked to complete worship attendance cards. Please circle the names of those communing.

**In Our Prayers:** Medical care: Debi Bernahl, Tiffany Dunaway, Abbey Franzen, Pam Kepley, Judy Oldham, Deb Pagel, Julie Seales, Samuel Shelton, Evelyn Shumaker, Shirley Siddens, Lynn Winter, Craig Wolff, Lilly Wright.

**Comfort** to the family and friends of Bill Robison.

**Homebound:** Charlott Brauer, Delphene Duckwitz, Lorene Frederking  
**Offerings-** Week of 5/9: \$9,984; includes \$2,000 IRA.

**Senior Recognition Sunday** - See bulletin insert.

<b><u>Anniversary Committee</u></b> today in Parish Hall LL at 2PM.
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**High School Sunday School-** 9:45 in the youth room.  
*8th graders are welcome to join this month!!!*

**Fall '21 JR. High LYF** - Starting in Fall '21 JR. High LYF will be for 7th & 8th graders ***only***.

**VBS-** Immanuel will hold God's Wonder Lab VBS from June 1-4 (Tuesday - Friday), 9-11:50 AM. Sign up for Children is now open, use paper slips at church entrances or sign up at [immanuelaltamont.org](http://immanuelaltamont.org) under Ministries --> Vacation Bible School. Please let Andy Wendling know if you have any questions at [immandy15@gmail.com](mailto:immandy15@gmail.com).

**VBS Volunteers-** We are in need of more volunteers for VBS. It is okay if you cannot help all 4 days. Anyone going into 7th grade through adults can volunteer. Sign Up on the church website under Ministries--> Vacation Bible School.

**Congratulations to April Stuemke** - Everyone is invited to a reception June 6 from 2-4 p.m. at ALIS. Mrs. Stuemke is retiring from a teaching ministry of 39 years.

**CEFS Meal Delivery Schedules** May 17-28 for Immanuel were emailed or mailed. There are extra schedules on the small table in the parish hall lobby.

### *This Week's Schedule*

#### *CEFS Meal Deliveries for Immanuel Week #1*

<u>Monday:</u>	9:00 a.m.	WBC @ Vicki R <i>Unshakable Trust</i>
<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Abiding in Christ</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Dismissal
<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
<u>Friday:</u>	5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
<u>Sat May 22:</u>	2:00 p.m.	Wedding – Alex Turner & Sadie Spilker
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun May 23:</u>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class
	9:45 a.m.	High School BC in Youth Room
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>

**May 16** “William Shakespeare once reasoned, ‘Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.’ How do you know that God loves you? While you and I were yet wandering, Christ was wandering after us, pursuing us, even by way of the cross: love seeking the lost in human flesh. It is this sacrifice that stands as the greatest marker in all time.”

*Ravi Zacharias, evangelist – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Silk Purse Resale** - The Ladies Aid are asking Immanuel members to deliver items to the Silk Purse in Effingham during May and June. Deliver items to the purple door on the east side of the building. **Please tell the person at the door that the items are from Immanuel Lutheran Church so we will get credit for them.**

Volunteer during June to help the ladies reach a goal of 100 hours. Volunteer workers should sign up in the “purple binder” on the table in the Parish Hall lobby.

“Drop Off Day” at the Immanuel Parish Hall Monday, **June 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Items will be delivered to Silk Purse for you. If anyone has large items, call Ruth Spilker (618-267-7478) or the church office, and arrangements will be made for pick up and delivery to Silk Purse.

**Baby Bottles** for Family Life Center are at each of the church entrances and should be turned back in by Fathers’ Day with contribution. Make checks payable to Family Life Center.

**Ramsey Plus** - The start date for the program is now set for July 4th and will be good for 1 year. The Stewardship Committee will be meeting this month to put together the plans and will update the congregation when we have them set.

**Summer Schedule** – The church office will be closed on Fridays during the summer with the phone forwarded to accept phone calls.

**Greeter Schedule** - Immanuel is re-activating the church greeter schedule starting the first weekend in June. Schedules are on the small table in the PH lobby and were emailed.

**Altamont Food Pantry** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3PM.  
For May 4 and 6, we served a total of 20.

### **Recruiting Pastors and Other Church Workers Me?**

**In Church Work?** A convocation on church worker recruitment, particularly that of pastors, will be sponsored by the Shelby, Effingham, and Altamont Circuits at St. John Lutheran Church, Effingham on Pentecost, May 23rd, 3 to 6 p.m.

**Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church**, Altamont, IL, will celebrate their 160th Anniversary on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Join us for the Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday morning at 9:30 am with guest preacher, Rev. Benjamin T. Ball, 6th Vice President of the LCMS. Following the service, you are invited to a picnic luncheon at noon, with indoor and outdoor seating.

Additional celebration activities planned for the afternoon include a presentation on the early history of Bethlehem church, a walking tour of church and cemetery, lawn games and kick ball

*"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all". Eph 4:4-6*

By God's design, we have realized that we are to be in communities that celebrate and fellowship with each other. God's people are to be together to worship, to celebrate life's joys and sorrows. By this design, God has placed particular individuals who support and develop our mutual Christian faith.

As spring turns into summer, our prayer is that we will continue to return to our "normal" summer activities. May God continue to bless us so that we can share Christ's Love for each other. As is stated in Ephesians 4, we have one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. – Trip Rodgers, Excerpt fr: CID Mid-May Update