

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Altamont, Illinois



### FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

#### **Announcements**

**November 27, 2022**

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## **We welcome all who worship with us today!**

**Worship Attendance:** Please complete the attendance card, circle the service time attended, place at the end of the pew, and the ushers will collect the cards during the first song.



**9:45 Bible Class** in Parish Hall (Pastor Wright)

Topic: Ephesians 3

**9:45 Bible Class** in Parish Hall (Andy Dahnke)

Topic: Rhythms in Worship

**In Our Prayers:** **Medical Care:** Stetson Adams, Pam Buening, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Wayne Franzen, Bill Fritcher, Pam Kepley, Myong Mayfield, Marty Pagel, Shirley Siddens & Jenny Wendling

**Homebound:** Karen Dall, Betty Devore, & Delphene Duckwitz

**Baptism** of Jordyn Mae Mette on November 26, 2022, in a private service. Jordyn is the daughter of Sam & Emily (Hammer) Mette. Sponsors are Keifer Camp and Katie Mette. Please keep Jordyn, her parents, and sponsors in your prayers.

**Offerings on 11/20:** \$13,595.00 (Includes: Sanctuary Renovation \$1,450.00; After School Care \$500.00)

**Young Women's Bible Study** is currently studying Esther and will meet Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM.

**Renovation News** – Anyone interested in church pews or the folding room dividers and track that will be removed from the sanctuary, please call the church office to put your name on a list. A committee member will contact you to make arrangements. Several of the pews are already spoken for by a mission church. First come, first serve.

**Renovation Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed to help in many different ways as we start the removal process in the Sanctuary on January 7<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is available at all three doors. Please sign up to help with this very large undertaking. The more helping hands the faster the job will get done. Thank you.

**Advent Devotionals-A Son Is Given,** are available in both regular & large print. They are located at each of the sanctuary entrances and on the Parish Hall shelf.

**Elders' Meeting** is scheduled for Monday at 7:00 PM.

**Sanctuary Christmas Decorating** will be this Sunday at 1:30 PM.

**A Hymn Sing** hosted by the youth for the WHOLE congregation and guests will be next Sunday at 7 PM. Desserts and fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall with a free will donation going towards the Church Renovation Fund.

**Holiday Bazaar-** December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 PM in the ALIS Gym. Proceeds go to the Immanuel Youth Group.

**2023 "God's Creation" Appointment Calendars** with Bible verses and great pictures (as in past years) are now available in the church office or see Vern Spilker. Price is \$8. All proceeds will benefit the After School Care program.

## **This Week's Schedule**

<u>Monday</u>	9:00 AM	Women's BC - <i>When Christ Comes</i>
	7:00 PM	Elder's Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:30 AM	Women's BC - <i>Study of Esther</i>
	10:00 AM	Living with Grief
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:15 AM	Men's BC - <i>Heroes of the Faith – Peter</i>
	8:20 AM	Chapel at ALIS
	3:30 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM	Hand Bell Practice
	6:00 PM	Mixed Choir Practice
	6:30 PM	Advent Worship followed by Advent Meal by LYF
	7:15 PM	Cantata Practice
	7:15 PM	Young Women's BC
<u>Thursday</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds
	6:00 PM	Ladies Aid Christmas Party
<u>Sat, December 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<u>Sun, December 4<sup>th</sup></u>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:45 AM	Children's Sunday School & Bible Classes
	9:45 AM	Life of Faith Bible Class
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	6:00 PM	Worship Broadcast <i>Mediacom Channel 81/Phil Grimsley</i>
	7:00 PM	Hymn Sing followed by Desserts & Fellowship

**Life Quote:** "These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**High School Christmas Party** will be December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 PM. Youth MUST RSVP by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at noon on [linktr.ee/immanuelyouth](http://linktr.ee/immanuelyouth).

**Children's Christmas Eve Service** practice has begun during Sunday school. Practices will also be held in the sanctuary on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11 AM & Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> after the Cantata Service.

**Jr. High Christmas Party** will be Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

**Christmas Eve Cookie Walk-** The youth will host a Cookie Walk in the Parish Hall 30 minutes before and after the Christmas Eve Children's Service.

**Lost & Found-** A prescription lens was found in the sanctuary. Please contact the church office if you have lost a lens from your eyeglasses.

**Large Print** is Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in Effingham. To volunteer, call Eloise at 618-322-7609.

**A Red Cross Shelter Meeting** will be held at Effingham on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. More volunteers would be great for our church in case we would have to set up a shelter. For more information, contact Kathy Corder at 618-367-4475.

**Children's Sunday School** will not meet on December 25<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>. Children's Sunday School will resume on January 8, 2023 at 9:45 AM. The last day of Children's Sunday School for the school year will be May 7, 2023.

**Altar Guild/Flower Committee Meeting** will be Sunday, January 8, 2023, at Barn & Bottle Winery, located at 10810 N 1st St, Altamont, at 5:00 PM. Please call Diana Wendling 618-335-0067 or email [texasgal62411@yahoo.com](mailto:texasgal62411@yahoo.com) if you would like to be added or taken off the 2023 Altar Guild or Flower Committee. We have openings. It is a one month commitment per year during Communion weekends. You will be working with others in a shift. Men are also welcomed to join.

**Lutheran Care Center 2022 Care Campaign** – For over 40 years, the Lutheran Care Center has been blessed financially by many generous supporters. It is with the assistance of our faithful supporters that LCC has been able to enhance the lives of the residents as well as our mission & ministry. It is our greatest hope to have monetary donations made towards the campaign for items that will benefit the residents who reside at LCC. The 2022 Care Campaign will run through November 2022. If you would like to give to our 2022 Care Campaign, please pick up a form located at both the church narthex & Parish Hall shelf.

**Fundraiser/Toy Drive for Effingham County DCFS Foster Children** organized by 10 year old, Jonah Jansen, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Altamont Grade School. For more information and/or to donate to his cause, please contact him at 812-902-8121 or go to his Facebook page: Fostering Christmas One Toy at a Time.

**Altamont Food Pantry** located at the First United Methodist Church, is open on Tuesdays from 1 PM - 3 PM. Food Pantry donations that are requested: canned Spam, canned chicken, hot dogs, pudding cups, Jello cups, shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste.

**A Blood Drive** is being sponsored by ACHS National Honor Society on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 AM – 2:00 PM in the ACHS Gymnasium.

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**Christmas Without Cancer Trivia Night** will be held on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a fundraiser for LeAnn's Light, an Effingham-based charity, helping families find hope in their battle with cancer. Doors open at 6:30 PM and trivia starts at 7 PM in our Parish Hall. Participation fee is \$10 or \$80 total to reserve a team table. Point of contact is Sara Ruding at [sara.ruding@gmail.com](mailto:sara.ruding@gmail.com) or text to 217-240-4487.

**30th Annual Coles County Barbershop Chorus Christmas Benefit Concerts:** For the 30<sup>th</sup> year, the Coles County Barbershop Chorus (CCC) will present two concerts on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The first performance will start at 3 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2206 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Charleston and the second concert starts at 7 PM at the United Christian Church, 200 E Lafayette in Mattoon.