

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



Love

Announcements

December 18, 2022

Church: 618-483-6395
Office Hours: Monday-Friday
Rev. Dr. James F. Wright, Pastor: 217-994-1116
Andy Dahnke, Dir of Youth/Fam: 618-335-1175
Church Secretary: 618-483-6395
Missionary Rev. Ted Krey, Dominican Republic

www.immanuelaltamont.org
9AM-Noon & 1PM-4PM
jimwright1961@gmail.com
immandy15@gmail.com
immalt22@gmail.com

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 Classes will not meet during the remainder of December and will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

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

Homebound: Judy Voelker, Debi Bernahl, Charlott Brauer

Comfort the family of Bob Waddell (brother of Marsha Mueller)

Offerings on 12/17 & 12/18: \$21,797.19; Sanctuary Renovation \$1,190; Lutheran Hour \$200; Food Pantry \$100; Lutherans for Life \$100; Bill Fritcher Memorial for Sanctuary Renovation \$90.

Children's Christmas Eve Service Practice today after Cantata (approx. 10-11am) in the church Sanctuary.

Immanuel Mixed Choir sings Wed. Dec. 21 and Sun. Dec. 25.

No Family Life Bible Class This Week. We will resume meeting in the new year.

Young Women's Bible Study is currently studying Esther. We will resume meeting in the new year.

New Usher List for January – Easter is ready for pickup in the narthex. A copy has also been sent to the ushers by email.

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 7th. 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.

Pre-K Sunday School will sing at the Advent Service this week.

This Week's Schedule

<u>Today</u>	10:00-11:00 AM	Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice
<u>Monday</u>	7:00 PM	ALIS Board of Directors
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:30 AM	Women's BC - <i>Study of Esther</i>
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:15 AM	Men's BC - <i>Heroes of the Faith – Paul</i>
	3:30 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	Advent Worship
		Preschool Class Sings
		w/Meal by LYF following
<u>Thursday</u>	8:20 AM	ALIS Christmas Sing
	11:05 AM	ALIS Early Dismissal / Christmas Break
<u>Sat, December 24th</u>	6:30 PM	Family Christmas Eve Worship
	11:00 PM	Candlelight Worship
<u>Sun, December 25th</u>	9 AM	Christmas Day Worship / HC
		No Sunday School, No Bible Class

Life Quote: "Unlike Christmas ornaments, each baby is a unique life never to be replicated in all of history. Each life brutally snuffed out by abortion will leave the world a lesser place for it." *Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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.

Intentional Faith Recognition- If your child is age 1 or 3 or in Kindergarten or 6th grade and you did not get an Intentional Faith Recognition Packet, please contact Andy Dahnke.

Children's Sunday School will not meet on December 25th & January 1st. 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 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.

Portals of Prayer for January – March 2023, both regular and large print, are at each of the church doors.

2023 Offering Envelopes remember to pick yours up from the narthex.

Altamont Food Pantry served 22 people on December 13. The Food Pantry, located at the First United Methodist Church, is open on Tuesdays from 1 PM - 3 PM. *Make Note: Food Pantry is not collecting empty prescription bottles or plastic lids at this time.*

CEFS Meal Deliveries for Immanuel are December 27 – 30; January 2 – 6. The schedules are emailed. Extra copies are available on the parish hall table and can be picked up in the church office.

The church office will be closed December 26-30. Phone calls will be forwarded.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Service: December 24th at 6:30 PM

Candlelight Service: December 24th at 11:00 PM

Christmas Day Service: December 25th at 9:00 AM /HC

New Year's Eve Service: December 31st at 4:30 PM /HC

New Year's Day Service: January 1st at 9:00 AM (only)

(Installation of Church officers Dec 31 and Jan 1.)

NOEL