

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Altamont, Illinois



### Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023

Church:	618-483-6395	<a href="http://www.immanuelaltamont.org">www.immanuelaltamont.org</a>
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**TO OUR GUESTS:** Welcome to Immanuel. We pray that you will be blessed worshipping the Lord with His people. Please sign a guest attendance card and place it at the end of your row. Please join us often.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated today. Here Jesus gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning the body and blood received a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of Christian concern for souls, we require thorough instruction in the teaching of the Lutheran Church before coming to the sacrament. Communion is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:27). Since unity at the altar means unity in doctrine and confession, we ask that only those who are in confessional fellowship with The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod attend the Lord's Supper. If you would like to come forward to receive a blessing, fold your hands across your chest before the pastor during the communion.

**DEAR VISITORS:** We recognize this communion practice is a sensitive issue for many, therefore we have prepared a brochure to explain it more fully. These are available in the entry to the sanctuary. See Pastor for questions.

**In Our Prayers: Medical Care:** Heather Davis, David Durbin, Abbey Franzen, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Myong Mayfield, Russell Phillips, Evelyn Shumaker, Shirley Siddens- surgery on Wednesday, Diana Wendling, Jenny Wendling.

**Homebound:** Evelyn Shumaker, Norma Siebert, Kay Traub

**Baptism** 11am Service of Isla Grace Robinson (born 3/31/2023) daughter of Mason Robinson and Gracie Young. Sponsors are Molly Hougham, Brittany Conner, and Stephanie Fox and Witness is Lindsay Burgess. Please keep Isla Grace, her parents, and sponsors in your prayers.

**5/14/2023 Offerings:** \$12,842.19 Includes:  
Sanctuary Renovation \$415 and IRA \$569.11

**9:45 Pastor's Bible Class** Life Together as Synod - Lower Level

**Family Life Center Baby Bottle Project** will be ready for Mothers' Day and then should be turned back in by Fathers' Day with contribution. Make checks payable to Family Life Center.

**Lord's Supper:** According to the voters' assembly on April 30, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated each weekend service through July.

**Cookbook:** Immanuel Ladies Aid will be putting together a cookbook to be available for purchase during our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. We are asking all members to submit two of their favorite recipes to be included in our cookbook. You may either drop your recipes in the boxes at the entrances at church, or you may email your recipes to [Immanuelrecipe@gmail.com](mailto:Immanuelrecipe@gmail.com).

<u>Monday – 22</u>	9:00 AM	WBC @ Vicki's
	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
<u>Tuesday -23</u>	10:00 AM	Grief Support Group
<u>Wednesday -24</u>	6:15 AM	Men's BC – <i>Good News: Comfort</i>
	7:15 PM	Women's Bible Class
<u>Thursday-25</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Saturday – 27</u>	11:00 AM -1:30 PM	Porkburger & Bake Sale
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sunday - 28</u>	8:00 AM	Men's Choir Practice
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 AM	Bible Class
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>
		Media DVD to Tower- Steve Miller

“God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God's family—and not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random.” *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Pork Burger & Bake Sale:** The 150th Anniversary Committee of Immanuel will have a pork burger sale at Immanuel parking lot on **Saturday, May 27** from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Proceeds will benefit the 150th anniversary celebration. Help will be needed (please invite youth); there is a sign up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to help and provide baked goods and desserts.

**Memorial Day Parade:** Our church will be participating in Altamont's Memorial Day Parade on **May 29th**. Let us let people know of our upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024! We are asking our members to walk or ride in the parade. We will meet at the church at 9:00am if you want to ride the People Mover, or you can get on it at 9:30am at the High School. If you are walking, meet at the church by 9:30am to join the parade enroute. We will stop at the cemetery for service at 10:30am. The People Mover will then bring riders back to the church after the service. We encourage all ages to join us in this event!

**Kendra Walker** has accepted the position of **Director of Youth and Family**. She will begin serving Immanuel on May 15. Our sincere thanks to Andy Dahnke for serving the past three plus years in this position. A public recognition is planned for Sunday, June 4 at 9:45am.

**VBS Sign-ups** available on table with bulletins or online at [Immanuelaltamont.org](http://Immanuelaltamont.org)



**Immanuel VBS “God’s Living Water” – Covered in Jesus Grace”**  
**May 30 – June 3, 9AM to Noon**  
**Opening and closing will be in the ALIS gym.**

**VBS Pre-registration** will end May 24th. Children can still participate after this but they will have to sign up at VBS.

**VBS Volunteer Meeting**- 8:15 a.m. Tuew, May 30th in A.L.I.S. gym.

**VBS Supplies needed:** Empty 21-ounce pie filling cans with labels removed-need 40; put in box at the Parish Hall entrance. Kids school scissors, labelled artificial palm trees, ferns, and desert greenery – put in front of elevator. For more info: contact Nanci Wolff 618.367.0766.

**Family Life Center/ Silk Purse Community Give Back Program**  
Ladies Aid will be providing volunteer workers at Silk Purse throughout June. **Please consider helping by signing in the purple scheduling binder on the counter by the Parish Hall.** Specific date and time slots are available throughout June. In return Silk Purse will donate up to \$3000 to Immanuel’s Ladies Aid.

**Bells In Motion**, an advanced, auditioned community handbell ensemble, based in Springfield, IL, will be on tour with a stop here at Immanuel on Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 pm. Free will donation will be accepted for Bells in Motion. **Immanuel** mixed choir director, Chris, rings with this ensemble.

**Tour the Holy Land** with Pastor Wright, October 29-November 7, 2024. \$4,199 round trip from Chicago. Get a brochure from the lobby table or at [immanuelaltamont.org](http://immanuelaltamont.org).

**Altamont Food Pantry** - Tuesday, May 9th, we had a total of 39 participants for the food pantry. Items needed for food pantry patrons for May: Hamburger Helpers, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Cereal Bars/Pop Tarts, and Hot Dogs. Thank you for your continued donations and support of the Food Pantry.