

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



"AND WHOEVER GIVES
EVEN A CUP OF COLD
WATER TO ONE OF THESE
LITTLE ONES IN THE
NAME OF A DISCIPLE—
TRULY I TELL YOU, NONE
OF THESE WILL LOSE
THEIR REWARD."

Matthew 10:42

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023

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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:** Dale Berg, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Sandy Falk, Karen Hammer, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Myong Mayfield, Dennis Meseke, Russell Phillips, Theda Rinker, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker, Jenny Wendling

Homebound: Norma Siebert, Kay Traub, Howard Voelker

Sunday, 9:45 Pastor's Bible Class "A Study of Angels" - Lower Level

6/18/2023 Offerings: Contributions: \$12,776.99, Includes: Sanctuary Renovation \$3,163.99, Thank offering in honor of Zeigler Anniversary \$60.00

Pie Baking for the Effingham County Fair All persons are welcome to help the Ladies Aid make pies for the Fair on **Monday, July 17, at 5:30 PM.** Donations of fresh or frozen fruit, flour, sugar, and Crisco are appreciated.

Immanuel Fair Stand Schedule: Please check the schedule in the lobby which is based on our prior year's scheduling to sign up or resign for Fair Stand shifts. We have many openings this year. **Mark with Y by your name if you are keeping the same slot as last year.** If you are unable to volunteer during the same designated slot, please cross out your name, give a suggested alternative or select a blank slot. Diana will contact everyone requesting changes to confirm new slot(s). **If your name is not crossed out by Friday, July 14th, we will assume you are available to work during the designated time(s).** ***New workers are encouraged to sign up!***

****Thrivent member** or associate member are needed to apply for Thrivent Action Funds Team cards for the fair stand, please call Diana Wendling. A Thrivent Action Fund Card is worth \$250 to help with the cost of the fair.

Mon. July 3

Tues. July 4

Wed. July 5

Thur. July 6

Friday July 7

Sat. July 8

Sun. July 9

6:15 AM

7:15 PM

1:00 PM

2:00PM

7:00PM

Closed for Holiday

Men's BC – *Good News: Comfort*

Women's Bible Class

Sewing Seeds of Kindness

Lutheran Care Center/ HC

Ladies Aid Meeting

6:00 PM

8:30 AM

9:45 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Bible Class: Parables of Jesus

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Men's Club

**Thank you to Pastor Fortkamp and Pastor O'Brien
for leading services today.**

"We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know ... Support leaders who embrace these words, 'All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness' ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus. Amen." *Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

150th Anniversary Committee will meet on July 10, at 7:00 PM.

SR LYF Summer Bash will be held at Ballard Nature Center on July 12th from 6-9 PM. This event is for High School Youth. Details and sign up can be found at <https://linktr.ee/immanuelyouth>

150th Anniversary Shirts and Merchandise The webstore is open and ready to go. We had lot of people see our shirts in the Memorial Day parade and ask about them. This store is open until Saturday July 15th, and is also linked on the church Facebook page: <https://immlutheran150yrs.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Altamont Food Pantry Tuesday, June 27th, had a total of 41 participants for the food pantry.

The Ushers' Schedule for next quarter is finished and ready for pickup in the entrance of the parish hall.

Lutheran High School Nine local LCMS congregations have asked the LCMS to begin a study about the feasibility of a Lutheran High School in the area. We are awaiting the arrival of our study representative. Pray for clarity of God's will in this endeavor.

Cookbook Immanuel Ladies Aid will be putting together a cookbook to be available for purchase during our 150th 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.

LCMS Youth Survey The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is asking the youth of our Synod to help us improve [Set Apart to Serve](#), the LCMS church work recruitment initiative. The survey is open to all LCMS youth in seventh grade through recent high school graduates. All responses are completely anonymous and confidential. The congregation's youth are also welcome to share the survey (lcms.org/sas-youth-survey-2023) with other LCMS youth. We would appreciate receiving all responses by July 15. Thank you for your time. Please contact me at james.baneck@lcms.org if you have any questions. – Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, Executive Director, LCMS Office of Pastoral Education *“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matt. 9:38).*

Dollar for Missions A Dollar for Missions invites each of us to contribute one extra dollar per week for designated mission projects in our Central Illinois District. The current project is to help one of our campus ministries, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000. See the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTJMriQtV8>

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.

Advance Date LWML: LWML Fall Rally September 19, 2023.