

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



"The Sower"

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

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Office Hours:	Monday-Friday	9AM-Noon & 1PM-4PM
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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, Kathy Corder, Myong Mayfield, Dennis Meseke, Russell Phillips, Theda Rinker, Diana Robbins, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker, Jenny Wendling

Homebound: Joyce Cameron, Karen Dall, Betty Devore

50th Anniversaries: In honor of their 50th wedding anniversaries, Dave & Betty Heiden (July 7th), Dan & Marilyn Burrow (July 22nd) and Rich & Debby Frailey (August 4th) are purchasing new collection plates for Immanuel.

Sunday, 9:45 Pastor's Bible Class "Parables of Jesus" - Lower Level

7/9/2023 Offerings: \$24,287.00 Includes: IRA/Gift in Kind \$10,400 and Sanctuary \$2630

Financial In order to meet our general fund commitment for the month of June, \$10,000 was borrowed from the approved line of credit.

Junior/Senior LYF Mill Road Thresherman's Show is coming up August 10th – 13th. Thank you to those who have signed up. There is also a sign-up sheet in the youth and family corner at church.

Higher Things Youth Conference: Please pray for safe travels for Kendra Walker, Alex Walker, Brayden Schnarre, Brayden Elam, Evan Elam, Logan Cornett, Cooper Pals and Keagan Tappendorf as they attend Higher Things in Carbondale July 18-21st. Please pray that this experience strengthens them to remain faithful and focused on God's word.

Pork Burger Sale: There will be a pork burger and bake sale on Saturday, August 19 from 10:30-1:00 in the church parking lot to assist the Immanuel 150th anniversary celebration.

<u>Mon. July 17</u>	5:30 PM	Pie Baking for the Effingham Co Fair
	7:00 PM	ALIS Board Meeting
<u>Tues. July 18</u>	7:00 PM	Elders and Trustees Meeting
	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
<u>Wed. July 19</u>	6:15 AM	Men's BC – Good News: Comfort
	7:15 PM	Women's Bible Class
	6:00 PM	SR LYF Summer Bash
<u>Thur. July 20</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Friday July 21</u>	-----	-----
<u>Sat. July 22</u>	6:00 PM	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
<u>Sun. July 23</u>	8:30 AM	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	9:45 AM	Bible Class: Parables of Jesus
	11:00 AM	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	1:30 PM	Voter's Meeting
		Media DVD to Tower – Bob Mayhaus

“Jesus, who is all Man and all God, becomes one of us in order that all of us might become one with Him. Finally, a sigh of relief, a cry of joy, even, a shout of thanksgiving! God is on the throne. Amen.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

Immanuel Fair Stand Schedule: New workers—adult and youth—are encouraged to sign up to work a slot! 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. **If your name is not crossed out by Sunday, July 16th, we will assume you are available to work during the designated time(s).**

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 We are currently in need of the following food items: Canned chicken, Spam, Instant mashed potatoes, Pudding/jello, Kids cereal, Nonfood items: Shampoo, Toilet paper.

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...\$19,000 has been raised so far. See the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTJMriQtV8>

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.

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 Fall Rally September 19, 2023 4:30pm – 9:00pm

Advance Date Circuit Pastors Conference November 14, 9:00am - 2:00pm