

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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, Sandra Grimsley, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Dennis Meseke, Russell Phillips, Theda Rinker, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker

Homebound: Debi Bernahl, Helen Brauer, Joyce Cameron

*****Notice - New Date for Pork Burger Sale!** The date for the pork burger and bake sale *has been changed to Saturday, August 26th from 10:30AM – 1PM* in the church parking lot. Proceeds will assist with the 150th anniversary celebration.

8/13/2023 Offerings: Contributions August 13th 2023: \$17,434.16
Includes: Sanctuary Renovation \$700.00, CID Dollars for Missions \$116.00, IRA/Gifts in Kind \$2,568.19.

9:45 AM Bible Class: Church lower level.

Mixed Choir will meet *on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:15* to rehearse to sing at sanctuary dedication on August 27.

Grieving Together: August 22, 2023 at 10AM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham.

Sanctuary Dedication Service: One Service, Sunday, August 27, 9:30 AM: See Insert!

150th Celebration Cookbook 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.

<u>Mon. August 21</u>	7:00 PM	ALIS Board Meeting
<u>Tues. August 22</u>	10:00 AM 5 PM	Grief Support at St John's in Effingham Board of Christian Education Meeting
<u>Wed. August 23</u>	6:15 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Men's Bible Class Jr/Sr LYF Parents Meeting in Parish Hall Mixed Choir Practice
<u>Thur. August 24</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Friday August 25</u>		
<u>Sat. August 26</u>	10:30 AM	Pork Burger Sale until 1:00 PM
<u>Sun. August 27</u>	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sanctuary Dedication Worship/HC Potluck Media DVD to Tower – Marlin & Rita Guse

"Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, 'These are not Our kind of people.' Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Board of Christian Education Meeting this Tuesday at 5PM in the parish hall.

LYF Youth/Parent Meeting in the Parish Hall August 23rd at 6PM. Please make plans to attend!

5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation will be starting in September. Please contact Kendra Walker for more information or to get your child enrolled.

Children's Sunday School classes will resume September 10th from 9:45-10:45 for ages 3-12th grade.

Together Time will resume September 13th in the basement of the Parish Hall. There will be a signup on Linktree to begin recruiting parent volunteers. Jr High youth will meet from 4:30-5:45. Pizza at 5:45 and Bible Study at 6 for Jr and Sr High and then Sr High only from 6:45-8PM. Please attend the meeting on August 23rd for more details.

After School Care: The Immanuel After School Care Program has reached maximum enrollment capacity and is no longer taking additional enrollments.

Louisville Ice Cream Social The LYF at St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville, will be hosting their annual ice cream social on Sunday, August 27 with serving from 4:30-7 PM.

Lutheran High School Survey: Members of all ages are asked to take an online survey to explore the possibility of a Lutheran high school in the local area. Go explorelhs.net to take the survey

FYI Baby Bottle Campaign: FYI Immanuel's contribution to the Baby Bottle Campaign was \$1,571.45. In total at all three centers \$108,000 was raised. We received a letter of thanks, and their next fundraiser is a banquet on September 14th. More info is available in the church office for interested persons.

PTL Apparel Fundraiser: Attached is the link for the PTL Apparel Fundraiser. This is an **online order only**. The last day to order is Saturday, August 26.

Link: <https://alisfangear2023.itemorder.com>

Other Advance Dates:

ALIS Board Meeting, August 21, 7:00 PM

ALIS PTL Meeting: September 12, 7:00 PM

Elders Meeting August 28, 7:00

Church Office Closed on Labor Day, September 4th

Ladies Aid Meeting Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 PM. Devotion by Deb Winter; topic presented by Pastor Wright. Hostesses: Kathy Corder and Deb Winter.

3rd Annual ALIS BBQ Cook-Off Fundraiser is being sponsored by Bethlehem, St. Paul "Blue Point", Immanuel, and Zion Lutheran Churches at the Altamont Fair Grounds on Saturday, Sept. 9th from 1 – 9 PM. Dinner is served starting at 4 PM and will continue until the food is gone. The menu includes smoked brisket and pulled pork, baked beans, slaw, potato salad and chips. The Lutheran Ladies will be featuring a bake sale. Many activities and fun for all ages! Visit Facebook @ALIS BBQ Cookoff Fundraiser for more information.

Altamont Zone LWML Fall Rally Tuesday, September 19th at Immanuel with 4:30PM registration and Rally beginning at 5PM. Theme is "Abound in Love for One Another." Free-will offering dinner will be served in the Parish Hall. Ingathering Project: Altamont Food Pantry.

Women's Bible Class on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 in the parish hall will begin again on September 5th. The next study is entitled "*Focus Lost . . . Focus Restored*," which deals with 14 biblical personalities and examples of times when they lost their focus and when their focus was restored by God.