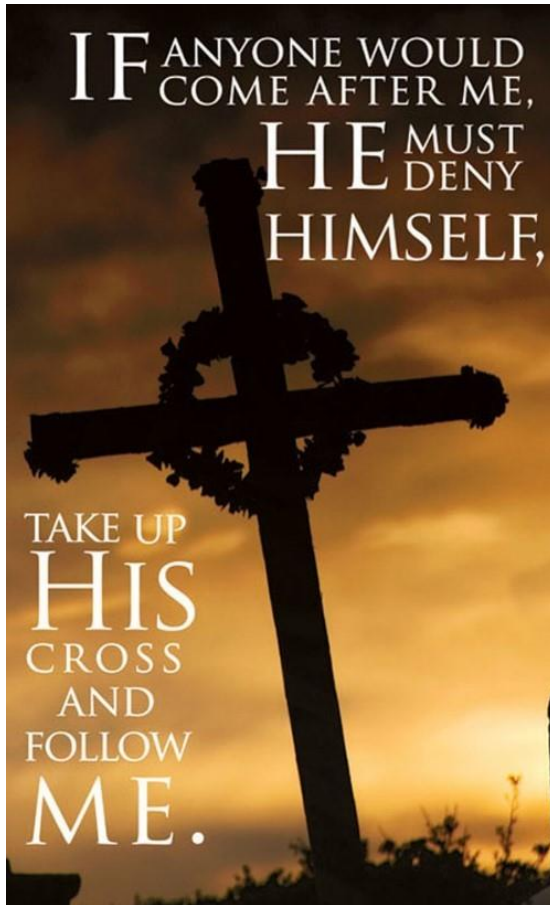


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3rd, 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, Tom Fedrigo, Abbey Franzen, Sandra Grimsley, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Dennis Meseke, Russell Phillips, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker

**Homebound:** Lorene Frederking, Gert Heiden, Margaret Miller

**The Lord's Supper:** In 1995 the Convention of the Lutheran church Missouri Synod passed a resolution to encourage its pastors and congregations to study the scriptural, confessional, and historical witness to every Sunday Communion with a view to recovering the opportunity for receiving the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day. Since then, many LCMS congregations have begun to celebrate the Lord's Supper every week as the early church and the church of the Reformation period did. --from the Pastor

**8/27/2023 Offerings:** \$20,657.26; Includes: After School Care \$200; Renovation \$3,170; IRA Gift in Kind \$1,373.26

**New Member Class** will start on Tuesday, **September 26** from 6:30-8:00 PM. All who would like to know more about following Jesus are invited to attend with the pastor. Meets in the conference room of the church office. Bring a friend.

**150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Immanuelrecipe@gmail.com)

**Women's Bible Class** will resume on Tuesday mornings at a new time of 8:00 AM in the parish hall on **September 5<sup>th</sup>**. The next study is entitled "*Focus Lost . . . Focus Restored.*"

		CEFS Week 1
<u>Mon. Sept 4</u>	All day	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
<u>Tues. Sept 5</u>	8:00 AM	Women’s Bible Study
<u>Wed. Sept 6</u>	6:15 AM	Men’s Bible Study
	7:15 PM	Women’s Bible Study
<u>Thur. Sept 7</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship/HC at Lutheran Care Center</b>
	7:00 PM	Ladies Aid Meeting
<u>Fri. Sept 8</u>		
<u>Sat. Sept 9</u>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. Sept 10</u>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:45 AM	Children’s Sunday School
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship/ Holy Communion</b>
		Media DVD to Tower – Ron Duckwitz

"There is no more valuable work for God and for all of Christendom than bringing up your children in the faith and trust of Jesus! It's not hard to believe that if this were our primary aim, that our children would not question their gender, that they would respect their neighbor and love their spouses, that they would welcome the opportunity to serve the public with politics that reflect solid biblical values, and that they would continue to attend church well after confirmation!" *Rev. Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Food Pantry:** Tuesday, August 29, we had a total of 51 participants.

**Church Office Closed on Labor Day, September 4**

**Large Print Workers - Sept 5:** Volunteers are needed at St John’s Lutheran in Effingham from 9:00 – 11:00 AM to help with the assembly of large print bibles, which go to various mission projects to help persons with vision impairments. This group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Elloise McGuire at 618.322.7609.

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

**Ladies Aid Meeting** Thurs., **September 7th** at 7 PM. Devotion by Deb Winter; topic 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.

**Children's Sunday School** classes will resume **September 10th** from 9:45-10:45 for ages 3-12th grade. K-7 will meet at ALIS, and Pre-K and 8th-HS will meet in the parish hall basement

### **ALIS PTL Meeting-September 12, 7:00 PM**

**Together Time** will resume September 10th in the parish hall basement. **Please note** - we have changed the meeting day to Sunday. Parents can sign up to chaperone on linktree or they can contact me directly. Jr High youth will meet from 5-6, Food/devotion time 6-7, and Sr High youth from 7-8pm

**2024 Budget Meeting:** Stewardships 2024 Budget Meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the conference room.

### **Altamont Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Fall Rally**

Tuesday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at Immanuel 4:30 PM– 9:00 PM 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.

**Handbell Rehearsals** resume this month on **September 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6:15 PM

**Mixed Choir Rehearsals** will resume this month on **September 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:15 PM

**Heather Davis Benefit** will be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Carriage House Event Center from 3 – 10:30PM. Please join us for a catered meal, live/silent auctions, music and more. To make an auction item donation, contact Amy Frederking at 217-821-1146 / Jessica Grobengieser at 217-821-2498. Heather is an Immanuel member and serves as the head cook at ALIS. Please continue to keep Heather and her family in your prayers.

**Note from the Renovation Committee** Thanks to all for your support at last Sunday's rededication service! A special thanks to the ladies' aid and others who organized the potluck meal. It was wonderful seeing the church filled and having the opportunity for unified fellowship!

### **Upcoming Events at Camp Cilca:**

**Chicken Dinner and Auction** is Sunday, **September 3** at Camp Cilca. Grilled chicken, sides and desserts are available from 11:30-2:00pm for \$10. Kids 4-12 are \$8. The live auction begins at 12:30pm. A silent auction will also be conducted. Visit [cilca.org](http://cilca.org) to view auction items and get more information.

**CID Lutheran Laymens League - Annual Retreat** will be Saturday, **September 9** at Camp Cilca located at 4124 Camp CILCA Road, Centralia IL. Doors open at 8 AM and retreat begins at 9 AM, concluding at 2 PM. Guest speaker is Rev. Timothy Scharr, District President, Southern Illinois District LCMS. Registration fee of \$25 (includes lunch) is due by September 5<sup>th</sup> to: Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850 N, Topeka, IL 61567. For more information contact Deloris at 309-361-1461 or email at [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com).