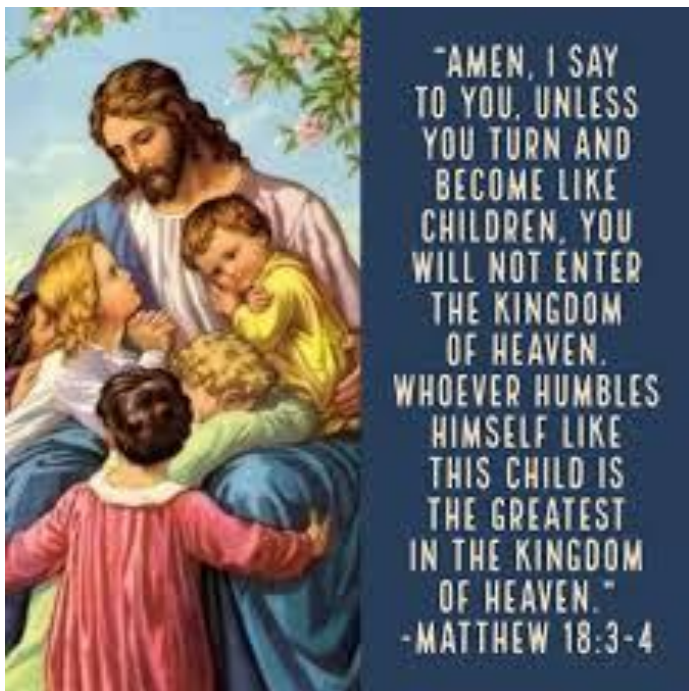


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Altamont, Illinois



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TO YOU, UNLESS  
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WHOEVER HUMBLING  
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THIS CHILD IS  
THE GREATEST  
IN THE KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN."  
-MATTHEW 18:3-4

### The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, Tom Bernahl, Heather Davis, Tom Fedrigo, Abbey Franzen, Sandra Grimsley, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Dennis Meseke, Russell Phillips, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker

**Homebound:** Judy Oldham, Don Ousley, Ruth Ann Owens

**Wedding Anniversary** – May God continue to bless Marlin & Annie Harnish who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Altar Flowers** were given by Mike and Nancy Bowman in thankfulness of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 9<sup>th</sup>. God's continued blessings!

**9/3//2023 Offerings** Contributions: \$17,405 includes: Contribution to pay for new Altar Metalware \$2500; Sanctuary Renovation \$300; After School Care \$120.

**Financial Update** An additional \$13,000 was borrowed on August 31 from our line of credit with the bank to meet our regular monthly expenses, making the total borrowed this summer \$23,000.

**Faith and Life Class** will begin on Tuesday, **September 26** from 6:30-8:00 in the church office conference room. We will be learning the basics of the Christian faith and what it means to be part of a Christian congregation like Immanuel. All are invited.

**Dear Congregation Members** The Board of Elders have been approached in regard to offering communion every Sunday and we would like your input on this subject. We feel that it is important that all communicant members give prayerful consideration about the practice and voice their opinions in a survey that we will conduct beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup> and end on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will review and tally the survey results and share them at the October Voter's Assembly Meeting. We will then further discuss any additional questions/concerns to assist in making a well-informed decision. If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the Elders. Thank you.

## CEFS Week 2

<u>Mon. Sept 11</u>	-----	-----
<u>Tues. Sept 12</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	ALIS PTL Meeting
<u>Wed. Sept 13</u>	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Study
	7:15 PM	Women's Bible Study
<u>Thur. Sept 14</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Fri. Sept 15</u>	-----	-----
<u>Sat. Sept 16</u>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. Sept 17</u>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 AM	Bible Class (Lower Level)
	9:45 AM	Children's Sunday School
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
	5:00 PM	Jr High Together Time
	7:00 PM	Sr High Together Time
		Media DVD to Tower – Phil Grimsley

"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.

**Together Time** will resume September 10th in the lower level. **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.

**ALIS Focus Group: September 19<sup>th</sup>,** 6:30-7:30 pm in the ALIS Cafeteria. All are welcome whether you are connected to ALIS or not. Every person's opinion is valuable.

### **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.

**Pork Burger Sale:** The SEA LLL will have a Pork Burger Sale and Bake Sale on the Triangle in Altamont on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 to 1 pm. Set up and grilling will begin at 9:30 AM. Proceeds from this sale will help fund the Lutheran Hour Broadcast on the Vandalia Rodio station. Baked goods should be brought to the Triangle by 10:30 AM. We will need several volunteers to help grill, and other tasks to carry out this fund-raising project. Contact Raymond at 618-267-6909 to volunteer or with any questions, contact Larry L. Wachtel 217-341-1402.

**Handbell Rehearsals** resume this month on Wednesday, **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 7:15PM.

**Grieving Together** will meet at Immanuel on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

### **Advanced Dates:**

**Life Chain 2023:** Sunday, October 1, Respect Life Sunday, 1:30 pm – Prayer Service, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 407 S Henrietta Street, Effingham. 2:00 –3:00 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive.

**Pork Burger Sale:** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will have a Pork Burger and Dessert Sale in the Immanuel Parking Lot on Sat October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30AM – 1:00PM.

**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.

### **COMBINE CHOIRS for REFORMATION RALLY:**

In preparation for the celebrating the 506<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Glorious Reformation of the Church a Reformation Choir is being organized. Here are the details: Practices will be held at Bethlehem on October 8, 15 and 22 from 3:00-4:00 pm. The choir will sing at the Oct. 29, 5pm. Bethlehem is hosting the service. Singers are being solicited from all the four Churches that make up this annual Reformation Celebratory Service. A festive musical arrangement is planned for the choir! Dean Manuel, Director 618-267-7914.