

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



“Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Sunday”

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Church	618-483-6395	www.immanuelaltamont.org
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, Mary Berg, Heather Davis, Tom Fedrigo, Abbey Franzen, Linda Holste, Dennis Meseke, Margaret Miller, Russell Phillips, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker,

Homebound: Helen Brauer, Joyce Cameron, Karen Dall

Thank You: Judy Oldham says "thank you" for the prayer shawl.

Fiscal

9/24/2023 Offerings: Last Sundays offerings: \$13,918.60 Includes: Sanctuary Renovation \$400.00 and AMA \$100.00

Financial Update An additional \$15,000 was borrowed this week from our line of credit with the bank to meet our regular monthly expenses, making the total borrowed over this summer to meet operating expenses \$38,000.

Current Bible Study Opportunities

Pastor's Bible Class begins, ***"We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms"*** today, October 1 at 9:45 AM in the lower level.

Adult Sunday School with DCE Kendra Walker starts today October 1, 9:45 AM in the lower-level Parish Hall. Topic is based on the book, ***"Intentional Parenting"*** and is expected to last for 10 sessions.

Women's Bible Study at Vicki Robinson's home at 9:00 am on Mondays. ***"Living Above Worry and Stress"*** For more info call 217.663.6333

Women's Bible Study in Parish Hall at 8:00 AM on Tuesdays. ***"Lost, Focused, Restored"*** Ruth Spilker

"Faith and Life Class" Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM 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. Pastor Wright

Mens' Bible Study in Parish Hall at 6:15 AM on Wednesdays - ***"False Religions"*** Vern Spilker

<u>Mon. Oct 2</u>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study at V. Robinson
<u>Tues. Oct 3</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study Parish Hall
	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Faith and Life Class with Pastor
<u>Wed. Oct 4</u>	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Study
	3:30 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:15 PM	Handbells Practice
	7:15 PM	Mixed Choir Practice
<u>Thur. Oct 5</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
	7:00 PM	Ladies Aid Meeting
<u>Fri. Oct 6</u>	-----	ALIS No School
<u>Sat. Oct 7</u>	10:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Pork Burger Sale – Parking Lot
	11:00 AM	Marjorie Becker LaFevre Funeral
	6:00 PM	Worship/Holy Communion
<u>Sun. Oct 8</u>	8:30 AM	Worship/Holy Communion
	9:45 AM	Pastor's Bible Class (Lower Level)
	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School (Lower Level)
	9:45 AM	Children's Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship/Holy Communion
	5:00 PM	Jr High Together Time
	6:45 PM	Sr High Together Time
		Media DVD to Tower – Jordan Seals

"The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God's commandment of 'You shall not murder' (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being." *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Women's Bible Study at 7:15 PM Wednesdays in Oct- 10/11 and 10/25 at 7:15 PM in conference room. "**Galatians**" - Andy Dahnke

Grieving Together once a month, alternates between Immanuel, here and St. John's and will meet again on October 24, at 10:00 AM at St John's Lutheran Church, Effingham.

Music Opportunities

Bell Choir Rehearsals– Meets Wednesdays at 6:15 PM

Mixed Choir Rehearsal – Wednesdays at 7:15 Oct 4, 11, then to be announced.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsal – starts October 18, then Wednesdays at 7:15 PM until performances on December 16th at 6:00 PM and December 17th at 9:00 AM

Scripture Readings: Scripture Readers' Schedules for this quarter are in the narthex for pick up.

Pastor and Elders

Holy Communion: The Augsburg Confession says, “We have not abolished the communion service but religiously keep and defend it. Communion is celebrated among us every Lord’s Day and on the other festivals” (Article XXIV). We should see the Supper as a pure, wholesome, soothing medicine that aids and gives life in both the body and sound. We should force no one to receive it, but offer it frequently to those who need the medicine of Christ’s body and blood-Pastor Wright

Dear Congregation Members, The Board of Elders has been approached regarding 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 9th and end on October 15th. Results will be shared them at the October Voter’s Assembly Meeting for further discussion. Contact an elder with any questions. Thank you.

Fundraisers/Benefits/Volunteers

Volunteers Needed for the Large Print Project at St Johns in Effingham from 9 AM-1:00 AM on Tuesday, October 3.

Pork Burger Sale: 150th Anniversary Committee Pork Burger and dessert sale in the Immanuel Parking Lot on Sat October 7th from 10:30AM–1:00PM.

Tom Bernahl Benefit 4:00 PM-9:00 PM on Wednesday, Oct 4 at Joe’s Pizza.

Heather Davis Benefit will be held on Saturday, October 28th at the Carriage House Event Center from 3:00 PM – 10:30PM. Includes a catered meal, live/silent auctions, music and more. Information contacts: Amy Frederking at 217-821-1146 or Jessica Grobengieser at 217-821-2498. Heather is an Immanuel member & head cook at ALIS. Please continue to keep Heather & family in your prayers.

Closures

No School ALIS Friday, October 6 & Columbus Day, October 9.

Church Office Closed as well October 9 for Columbus Day.

Community

Annual Altamont Firefighter Breakfast is Saturday, October 14, 6-11 AM at the Fire Hall.

Travel Opportunities

The Holy Land with Pastor Wright. October 29-November 7, 2024

Pure Germany with Jim Yagow. September 11-12, 2024