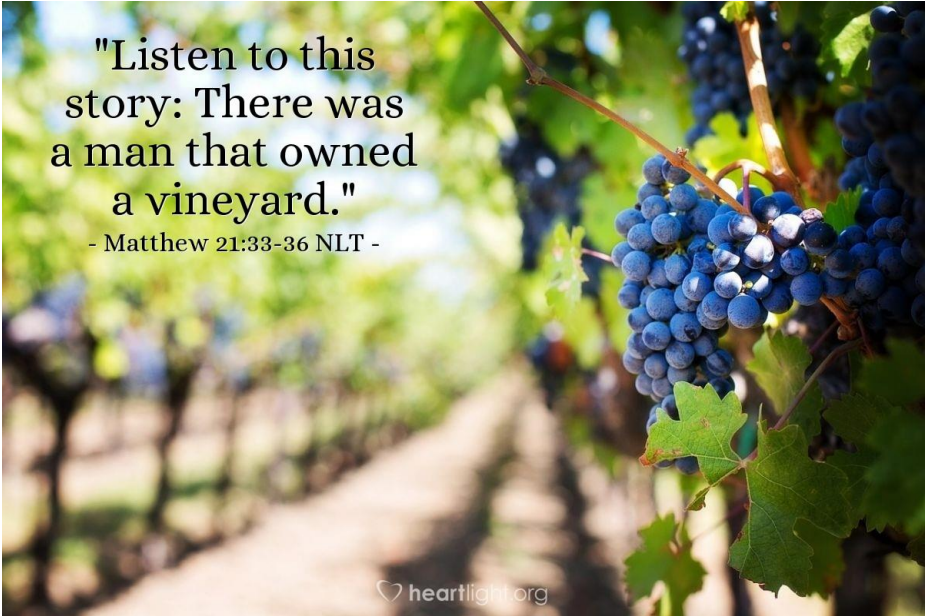


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Altamont, Illinois



"Listen to this  
story: There was  
a man that owned  
a vineyard."

- Matthew 21:33-36 NLT -

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### The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

Church	618-483-6395	<a href="http://www.immanuelaltamont.org">www.immanuelaltamont.org</a>
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Missionary		Rev. Ted Krey, Dominican Republic

**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

## **Fiscal**

**10/1/2023 Offerings:** \$16,129.00 Includes: ASC \$3,000.00  
Sanctuary Reno \$400.00

**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, at 9:45 AM in the lower level.

**Adult Sunday School** with DYF Kendra Walker today at 9:45am in the lower-level parish hall. Topic is based on the book, "Intentional Parenting". It's not too late to join us.

**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. **"Focus Lost...Focus Restored"** Ruth Spilker

**"Faith and Life Class"** Meets Monday night this week only, and no class next week on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Class is normally Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church office conference room.

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

<u>Mon. Oct 9</u>	No School	Church Office Closed for Columbus Day
	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study at V. Robinson
	6:30 PM	Faith and Life Class (on Mon this week)
<u>Tues. Oct 10</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study Parish Hall
<u>Wed. Oct 11</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 12</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Fri. Oct 13</u>	-----	-----
<u>Sat. Oct 14</u>	2:00 PM	Wedding Mette-Roberson
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. Oct 15</u>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 AM	Pastor's Bible Class (Lower Level)
	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School (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
	6:45 PM	Sr High Together Time
		Media DVD to Tower – Steve Miller

“These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.” *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – 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** 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 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

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

### **Closures**

**No School ALIS and Church Office is Closed Columbus Day, October 9.**

## **Pastor and Elders**

**Holy Communion:** We receive the Lord's Supper often because of how much we need what the Lord gives us in His Supper. We dare never make a law about how often an individual "should" or "must" receive the Lord's Supper. But this is a separate question from how frequently Holy Communion is offered in our congregations. Our Lutheran Confessions make it clear that the Lord's Supper is offered every Lord's Day and on other days when there are communicants present (Augsburg Confession article XXIV.34 and Apology XXIV.1). Pastor Wright

**Dear Congregation Members,** A reminder to provide input regarding communion through the survey available at sanctuary entrances. The survey will end on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Results will be shared them at the October Voter's Assembly Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 PM for further discussion. Contact an elder with any questions. Thank you.

## **Fundraisers/Benefits/Volunteers**

**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.

**Trunk or Treat** will be held on October 31st from 6-8pm at Immanuel parking lot. Sign up on linktree or at the youth/family corner at church to reserve your spot. There will be an LYF pizza party from 8-9pm in the parish hall. For questions or more information please contact Alysia Wills 618-292-4715 or Kendra Walker 217-821-7249

## **Community**

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

**Mental Health First Aid Training.** This FREE training is open to ALL community members. The training will be held at the Altamont First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am-4:30pm, . Lunch will be provided. To register call 1-217-708-5709 & ask for Lyndsey.

**CTSFW Informational Talk** Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne's advancement officer, Rev. Paul Hopkins, will visit Holy Cross Lutheran in Vandalia on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. He will address how congregations can support the seminary and church. Coffee and desserts will be served during the presentation in their parish hall. Please RSVP by the 16<sup>th</sup> to Mary Aukamp at 618-698-2255 or church office at 618-283-1133.

**United Methodist Women** are taking orders for Nuts until Sunday, October 22nd. Order forms are available at the church or call 1-815-954-0450.

**Food Pantry** 58 persons benefitted from the food pantry this past week.

## **Travel Opportunities**

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

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