

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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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, Abbey Franzen, Linda Holste, Dennis Meseke, Margaret Miller, Russell Phillips, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker.

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

## **Fiscal**

**10/8/2023 Offerings:** \$17,236.11 Includes: IRA/Gift in Kind \$2,000.00; Sanctuary Reno \$160.00; ASC: United Way Grant \$176.11; Memorial Harper Finn \$45.00; Snack Donations \$430.00

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

## **Current Bible Study Opportunities**

### **No Faith and Life Class this week.**

**Pastor's Bible Class** continues, *"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 is 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

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

**Women's Bible Study** on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM in the conference room. *"Galatians"* - Andy Dahnke

**Grieving Together** will meet on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at St John's Lutheran Church, Effingham.

-- Week #1 CEFS Meals on Wheels --

<u>Mon. Oct 16</u>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study at V. Robinson
	7:00 PM	ALIS Board of Directors
	7:00 PM	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting
<u>Tues. Oct 17</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study Parish Hall
	7:00 PM	Elder/Trustee Mtg
	7:30 PM	Church Council Mtg
<u>Wed. Oct 18</u>	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Study
	2:10 PM	ALIS Early Dismissal
	3:30 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:15 PM	Handbells Practice
	7:15 PM	Cantata Rehearsal
<u>Thur. Oct 19</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
	2:10 PM	ALIS Early Dismissal
<u>Fri. Oct 20</u>	-----	ALIS No School
<u>Sat. Oct 21</u>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. Oct 22</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>
	1:30 PM	Voters' Mtg
	3:00 PM	Reformation Choir Rehearsal @ Bethlehem
	5:00 PM	Jr High Together Time
	6:45 PM	Sr High Together Time

"For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!" *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## **Music Opportunities**

**Bell Choir Rehearsals**– Meets Wednesdays at 6:15 PM

**Christmas Cantata Rehearsal** – starts Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM with practices continuing until performances on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Reformation Choir Rehearsal**: Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 PM at Bethlehem. Choir will sing at Reformation Rally on the 29<sup>th</sup> at Bethlehem at 5:00 PM.

## **Pastor and Elders**

**Holy Communion**: How often is enough? "*And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers*" (Acts 2:42 NKJV) There is no better place to look at the place of the Lord's Supper in the life of Christ's church than to look at what followed the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The church was persistently hearing God's Word (the apostles' teaching) and equally persistent and faithful in devotion to the Lord's Supper (the breaking of the bread).

**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 then at the October Voter's Assembly Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 PM for further discussion. See an elder if you have questions. Thanks!

**Deaconess Kim Buelmann** will join us for services on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Kim served with Pastor in Champaign and on staff at Concordia University Wisconsin before becoming a missionary in Leipzig, Germany to immigrants from the Middle East. She will sing at services and describe her work in Bible Class.

### **Stewardship/Fundraisers/Missions/Events**

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting** will be Monday at 7 PM.

**Stewardship Sunday:** October 22 is Stewardship Sunday. All households should prepare to make a commitment of giving to Immanuel for 2024.

**Dollar for Missions:** A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts – one dollar at a time! – to add up to a big impact for the spread of the saving Gospel of Christ. Our current project is to provide payments to churches for pastors visiting 4 new prisons or county jails in 2024. To watch a video about his next project, follow the link here: <https://youtu.be/JcC9nwejYK8>

**Heather Davis Benefit** will be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Carriage House Event Center from 3:00 PM – 10:30PM. Includes a catered meal, live/silent auctions, music and more. 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

**The cookbook team is wanting to see more recipes and it is not too late to submit! Please drop them by the office or submit via email at [Immanuelrecipe@gmail.com](mailto:Immanuelrecipe@gmail.com) over the next week. If you submitted two as previously requested, please feel free to add more.**

**Reminder:** Please pick up any empty dishes that may have been left in the kitchen.

### **Community**

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

**CTSFW Informational Talk** Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne's advancement officer, Rev. Paul Hopkins, will visit Holy Cross Lutheran, Vandalia on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Coffee and desserts will be served. Please RSVP by Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> to the office at 618-283-1133.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies Aid/LWMLSoup Supper** will be Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm. The menu will include Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sauerkraut Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, BBQ & Hot Dog, Pies and Desserts. Dine-In or Carry-Out. Free Will Donation. Proceeds will go towards the steeple and roof projects.