

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday
“Render Unto God”

October 22, 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, Mary Berg, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Linda Holste, Dennis Meseke, Margaret Miller, Lorene Schroeder, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker, Dave Wolf.

Homebound: Norma Siebert, Kay Traub, Linda Holste

Thank You

We would like to thank our church family, Pastor Wright, and Pastor Fortkamp very much for all the visits, prayers, concerns, phone calls, cards, texts, food, and special gifts during Russell's illness. All very much appreciated!

God Bless,

Russell & Rita Phillips

Fiscal

10/15/2023 Offerings: \$14,517.19; IRA/Gift in Kind \$1,568.19; Sanct. Reno \$250; ASC: Memorial Stuckemeyer \$50 / Memorial Marjore LeFever \$50.

Financial Update Current total borrowed over recent months to meet operating expenses is \$38,000.

Current Bible Study Opportunities and Learning Opportunities

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. Note: This class will not meet on October 29th.

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: Weekly with Pastor Wright at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room

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

	-- Week #2 CEFS Meals on Wheels --
<u>Mon. Oct 23</u>	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study at V. Robinson
<u>Tues. Oct 24</u>	8:00 AM Women's Bible Study Parish Hall
	10:00 AM Grief Group at St Johns in Effingham
	6:30 PM Faith and Life Class
<u>Wed. Oct 25</u>	6:15 AM Men's Bible Study
	3:30 PM Public School Confirmation Class
	6:15 PM Handbells Practice
	7:15 PM Cantata Rehearsal
	7:15 PM Women's Bible Class with Andy
<u>Thur. Oct 26</u>	1:00 PM Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Fri. Oct 27</u>	-----
<u>Sat. Oct 28</u>	6:00 PM Worship/Holy Communion
<u>Sun. Oct 29</u>	8:30 AM Worship/Holy Communion
	9:45 AM Pastor's Bible Class (Lower Level) with Kim Bueltman
	9:45 AM Children's Sunday School
	11:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion
	5:00 PM Reformation Rally at Bethlehem
	Media DVD to Tower – Howard Winter

"So no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us." *Pastor Michael Saleminck, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

"The Chosen" Watch the story of Jesus and the disciples for free at angel.com or on Amazon Prime. The story follows the Bible while adding some dramatic scenes. Three seasons are finished and a fourth season will be released early in 2024. It is suitable for teens through adults. Pastor Wright

LYF Bake & Rake servant event will be Sunday November 12th at 12:30pm (rain date 19th). Jr and Sr LYF will be baking cookies and raking yards for our community. Youth and families please sign up on linktree. If you know someone who would benefit from having their yard raked, please contact Kendra Walker.

Circuit Conference for Pastors: November 14th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM here at Immanuel.

Community

Special Prayer Request: We have the opportunity to help with the "Shield the Badge" effort in praying for a firefighter in our local area by the badge number only. We are looking for committed members to pray for one firefighter every day for one year. There is no personal communication expected, just prayer. Let the Pastor know if you are interested in helping with this.

Food Pantry: We had 36 that benefited from the Food Pantry on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

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

Stewardship

Stewardship Sunday: Today, October 22, is Stewardship Sunday. All households will be requested to make a commitment of giving to Immanuel for 2024. Pledge forms are in the bulletin insert.

Music Opportunities

Bell Choir Rehearsals– Meets Wednesdays at 6:15 PM

Christmas Cantata – Sheryl Marble will be directing a cantata this year called "The Seven Noels" by Pepper Choplin. We will have part-dominant CDs available for practicing. We will practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the parish hall. Performance will be the weekend of December 16 and 17 with one service on Saturday evening and one service on Sunday morning. Everyone interested is encouraged to join us at practice! 🎵 🎵

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

Pastor and Elders

The Altamont LCMS Reformation Rally will take place on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 5:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church south of Altamont. Rev. Tim Schnare of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, will be the speaker. An offering will be received for LHF and the ALIS Church Worker Scholarship fund.

The Lord's Supper Nothing in all the world even comes close to the importance of gathering each week in the presence of the risen Christ to receive His gifts and respond in prayer and praise. The Word made flesh is present to teach us through His Word. The Word made flesh is present to feed us with His body and blood. This is where God, who is everywhere, is present *for us* to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation directly to us.

Deaconess Kim Bueltmann 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.

Fundraisers/Missions/Events

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 28th 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