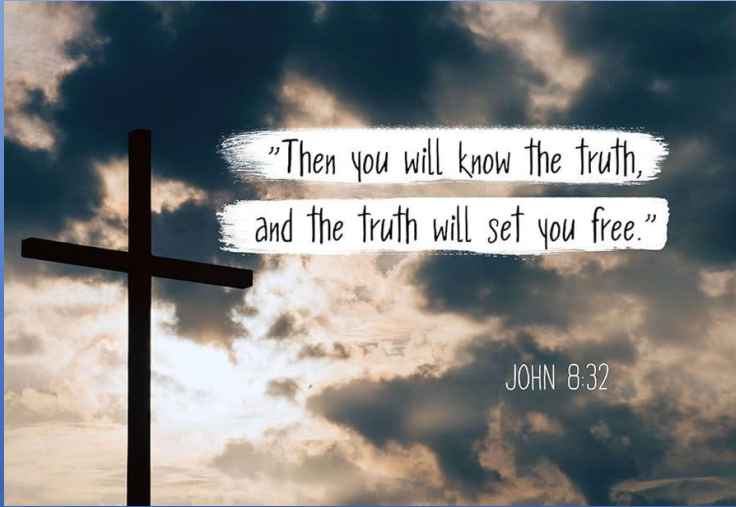


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



***Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost
October 29, 2023***

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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.

Door Offering Today for LCMS Missionary and Deaconess Kim

Bueltmann who will join us for services today, 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.

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: Howard Voelker, Judy Voelker, Jenny Wendling

Fiscal

10/22/2023 Offerings: Contributions: \$16,145.28 Includes: Altar Linens - Ladies Aide \$2,899.28; Sanctuary \$100.00; Parish Hall LL Rental & Deposit \$200.00; After School Care \$210.00

Money Received this Week \$39,368.83 from ALIS Rebate/BBQ Fundraiser.

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

Current Bible Study & Learning Opportunities

Pastor's Bible Class Deaconess Kim Bueltmann will describe her work with Persian Immigrants to Germany 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

	-- Week #2 CEFS Meals on Wheels --	
<u>Mon. Oct 30</u>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study at Vickie Robinson's
	5:00 PM	Board of Christian Education – Conference Room
<u>Tues. Oct 31</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study Parish Hall
	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Trunk or Treat
	6:30 PM	Faith and Life Class
<u>Wed. Nov 1</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
<u>Thur. Nov 2</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
	2:00 PM	Lutheran Care Center Worship HC
	7:00 PM	Ladies Aid Meeting
<u>Fri. Nov 3</u>	-----	
<u>Sat. Nov 4</u>	6:00 PM	Worship/Holy Communion
<u>Sun. Nov 5</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
	3:00 PM	Piano/Organ Music Students' Recital
		Dvd to tower: Marlin & Rita Guse

“On this Reformation weekend, let’s rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both preserves and redeems this world in His ways. And let’s remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

Grieving Together will meet November 28th at 10:00 AM here at Immanuel.

Women’s Bible Study on Wednesdays, November 8th and 22nd at 7:15 PM in the conference room. “**Galatians**” - Andy Dahnke

Music Opportunities

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

Christmas Cantata – There’s still time to join those singing in the Cantata! The cantata this year is called "The Seven Noels" by Pepper Choplin. Part-dominant CDs available for practicing. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Performances will be the weekend of December 16 and 17 with one service on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM and one service on Sunday morning at 9:00Am. Everyone interested is encouraged to join us at practice! ♪ ♪

Pastor and Elders

Holy Communion: Based on the survey results and voters meeting preferences, Holy Communion will now be celebrated on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th weekend services here at Immanuel. This schedule begins in November 2023.

The Altamont LCMS Reformation Rally will take place today, 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.

Fundraisers/Missions/Events

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

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.

Piano/Organ Students' Music Recital: November 5th, 3:00 PM All are welcome to attend.

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

Annual Ladies Aid Chili Supper and Bake Sale St John's Lutheran Church, Louisville, IL on Sunday November 5th, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Menu includes chili and vegetable soup, sandwiches, desserts, and drink. (Take out will be available) Free will offering will go to Ladies Aid Program, Bake sale proceeds will go to the Janice Mellendorf family. Located on Effingham-Clay County Line.

Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies Aid/LWML Soup Supper will be Sunday, November 5th starting at 4:00 PM. Menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, sauerkraut soup, chicken salad sandwiches, BBQ, hot dogs, pies, and desserts. Dine in or carry out. Free Will donation. Proceeds will go to the steeple and roof projects.

65th Annual Wurstmart, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Men's Club in Ferrin, Illinois will be Sunday November 5th, 2023 from Noon until 5:00 PM. Drive through dinners ONLY, \$15.00 each. Ferrin is 8 miles east of *Carlyle, IL*.

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>

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.

St Peter School Singing for Veterans: On Wednesday, November 8 at 8:30; the students of St. Peter's Lutheran School will be singing to honor veterans and those currently serving our country. Veterans, current service men and women, and family are welcome.

Food Pantry: For the month of November, the food pantry is low on: Complete pancake mix, mustard, SpaghettiOs, canned meals, and pudding.