

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



***The Twenty-fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
November 12, 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 Freda Beccue, Dale Berg, Tom Campbell, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Linda Holste, Ruth Ann Ragsdale, Lorene Schroeder, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker, Dave Wolf

Homebound: Delphene Duckwitz, Lorene Frederking, Gert Heiden

Prayers of Sympathy for Steve and the family of Margaret Miller, who passed away this past Wednesday.

Baptism

Baptism today at the 11:00 AM Service of Clark William Goodin born on June 23, 2023, son of Dee Goodin and Jenette Hurst. Sponsors are Adela Maxey and Jordan Flach.

Anniversary

Altar flowers this weekend have been given by and in honor of Dennis and Nanette Wendling for their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you and Happy Anniversary!

Fiscal

11/5/2023 Offerings: \$15,152.50 includes: Sanctuary \$200.00; After School Care \$270. 00; Kim Bueltman \$100.00.

Financial Update Current total borrowed over recent months to meet operating expenses is \$18,551.26. The trustees have made a payment of \$20,000 toward the \$38,000 loan from First Mid Bank.

Stewardship forms and envelopes are still available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. The Stewardship Committee asks that you complete the form and return the top portion in a self-addressed envelope and place it in one of the baskets at the entrances. It will be mailed back to you next fall unopened; keep the bottom part as a reminder of your commitment.

Christmas Fund Envelope located in your annual box of offering envelopes is for contributions for children's treat sacks for Christmas Eve.

<u>Mon. Nov 13</u>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study at Vicki Robinson's
<u>Tues. Nov 14</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study Parish Hall
	9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Circuit Pastors Conference @ Immanuel
	6:30 PM	Faith and Life Class
	7:00 PM	ALIS PTL Mtg
<u>Wed. Nov 15</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 Study "Andy's on Galatians"
<u>Thur. Nov 16</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Fri. Nov 17</u>	-----	ALIS Early dismissal
	6:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal Schumacher/Shulze
<u>Sat. Nov 18</u>	1:00 PM	Wedding Schumacher/Schulze
	6:00 PM	Worship
<u>Sun. Nov 19</u>	8:30 AM	Worship
	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
	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Together Time
		Media DVD to Tower – Ron Duckwitz

"Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns."
Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Current Bible Study & Learning Opportunities

Pastor's Bible Class continues, "***Heros of the Old Testament***" 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.

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

Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:15 PM in the conference room. "***Galatians***" - Andy Dahnke.

Music Opportunities

Praise Team is always looking for additional help with singing and Instruments for the 11:00 AM Services. Rehearsals are at 9:45 AM before the service.

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

Christmas Cantata – There's still time to join those singing in this year's Cantata, "The Seven Noels. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Cantata will be performed December 16th at 6:00 PM and one service on the 17th at 9:00 AM. Join us at practice! 🎵🎶

Fundraisers/Missions/Events

LYF Bake & Rake servant event will be today, Sunday November 12th at 12:30pm (No Together Time today) (rain date is the 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.

LYF Cookie Walk will be held December 17th from 10 AM – 3:00 PM. LYF families please sign up to bring cookies/candy and/or work a shift.

2024 "God's Creation" Calendars with Bible verses and great pictures (as in past years) are now available in the church office or see Vern Spilker. Price is \$10. All proceeds will benefit the After School Care Program.

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

Holiday Events and Worship

Thanksgiving's Worship Service will be on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd at 9:00 AM.

Decorating the Sanctuary: All are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 26th at 1:30 PM for the Christmas Holiday.

Advent by Candlelight Event "A Star Is Born" for families, will be held on Sunday Evening, December 3rd, at 6 PM. Join us for musical entertainment and fellowship; please bring your favorite appetizer and dessert! You can also decorate your own table and invite friends to sit at your table! You can sign up at any of the church entrances. Contact Kendra Walker for more information.

Immanuel Holiday Bazaar: December 9th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the gym. LYF please sign up to work a shift.

Advent Services will be held on the three Wednesdays prior to Christmas on December 6th, 13th, and 20th at 6:30 PM with a meal following the service. LYF families, please sign up to host a meal.

Community

S & W Supermarket: The sale of the supermarket will be final on 11/30/2023. They stopped allowing charges to the accounts on 11/10/2023. All accounts need to be paid in full by 11/20/2023. Please bring all church accounts current with S & W.

Large Print Workers are needed at St John's in Effingham on November 16th from 9 AM – 11 AM to assemble devotional reading material for the visually impaired.

Lutheran Care Center 2023 Care Campaign – Care Campaign Projects this year include a Tub Room Upgrade (\$35,000) and the Luther Terrace Kitchen Remodel (\$25,000). A contribution form was mailed in the Immanuel newsletter for November. Forms are also located at our church entrances.

Food Pantry: Tuesday, November 7th, we had a total of 34 participants for the food pantry.. The food pantry is low on complete pancake mix, mustard, SpaghettiOs, canned meals and pudding for November.