

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



***The Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
November 19, 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.

### **In Our Prayers**

**Medical Care** Freda Beccue, Dale Berg, Tom Campbell, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Edith Miller, Ruth Ann Ragsdale, Lorene Schroeder, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker, Dave Wolf

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

### **Fiscal**

**11/12/2023 Offerings:** Contributions: \$18,680.19; includes Door Offering for Kim Bueltmann \$511; Sanctuary Renovation \$140; After School Care \$100

**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.

### **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***". Please let Kendra know if you missed a class and want the material.

**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 – Various topics with Vern Spilker.

**"Grieving Together"** will meet November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM here at Immanuel.

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

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

**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.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Snowflake Ornaments** are now available in the church office for \$15 each.

<u>Mon. Nov 20</u>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study at Vicki Robinson's
	7:00 PM	ALIS Board
<u>Tues. Nov 21</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study Parish Hall
	6:30 PM	Faith and Life Class
<u>Wed. Nov 22</u>	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Study
		ALIS Early Dismissal
	6:15 PM	Handbells Practice
	7:15 PM	Cantata Rehearsal
	7:15 PM	Women's Bible Study "Andy's on Galatians"
<u>Thur. Nov 23</u>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Worship</b>
<u>Fri. Nov 24</u>	-----	-----
<u>Sat. Nov 25</u>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. Nov 26</u>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship with 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 with Holy Communion</b>
		Media DVD to Tower – Phil Grimsley

"For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!' and falls on its face at Jesus' feet, giving thanks to Christ." *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

### **Holiday Events and Worship**

**Thanksgiving's Worship Service** will be on Thanksgiving Day, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM.

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

**Poinsettia Orders** are now being taken to decorate the sanctuary. See insert.



**Advent by Candlelight Event** "A Star Is Born" for families, will be held on Sunday Evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 or on the church website. Contact Kendra

Walker for more information.

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

**Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on December 17<sup>th</sup>. LYF families, please sign up for what you will bring and to work a shift.

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

**Advent Devotionals from LCMS:** for 2023 are entitled, "What Child is this?." They are designed to bring meaning and depth to your Christmas preparations, offering a daily journey of reflection, prayer, and hope. Some large print copies are available in the narthex and parish hall. They can be downloaded at: <https://tlcms.org/advent-devotionals-2023/>.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and one service on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Join us at practice! 🎵 🎶

### **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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, we had a total of 38 participants for the food pantry. The food pantry is low on complete pancake mix, mustard, SpaghettiOs, canned meals and pudding for November.

**Large Print Workers** are needed at St John's in Effingham on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 11 AM to assemble devotional reading material for the visually impaired.

**Sausage Orders** - St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club will once again be taking pre-orders for sausage and ribs for delivery at Sausage Supper February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Deadline to order is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Early orders are encouraged. To order, call the church at 618-349-8321.