

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Altamont, Illinois



***Epiphany &  
Baptism of our Lord  
January 6th & 7th, 2024***

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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 Owens, Ruth Ann Ragsdale, Lucille Schroeder, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker, Linda Strange, Jennifer Wendling, Dave Wolf

**Homebound** Evelyn Shumaker, Shirley Siddens, Norma Siebert

**Prayers of Sympathy** for the family of Dave Wolf who passed away on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Christmas Decorations** Volunteers are needed today, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM to help with taking down and storing the Christmas Decorations in the church.

**Poinsettias** ordered at Christmas should now be taken home. They have been moved to the Parish Hall Lobby.

### **Fiscal**

**Offerings:** \$13,194.00 Includes: Sanctuary Renovation \$500

**Financial Update** The remaining debt owed on the operation loan of \$18,551.26 has been paid off.

**Stewardship** Pledge forms and envelopes are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. We ask that each household prayerfully make a pledge to God through Immanuel in 2024.

### **Current Bible Study & Learning Opportunities**

**Pastor's Bible Class** will resume January 7<sup>th</sup> on "*Heroes of The Old Testament*," at 9:45 AM in the lower level.

**Adult Sunday School** resumes January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM. Topic is based on the book, "*Intentional Parenting*." Please let Kendra know if you missed a class and want the material.

**Grief Group** Meets once a month. This month is will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM at St John's in Effingham.

**Women's Bible Study** in Parish Hall at 8:00 AM on Tuesdays with Ruth Spilker. New study began on December 5<sup>th</sup> – "*Mountain Top Journeys with Jesus*."

**Men's Bible Study** in Parish Hall at 6:15 AM on Wednesdays – Various topics with Vern Spilker.

### CEFS Meals Week 1 Delivery

<u>Mon. Jan 8</u>	9:00 AM	Vicki's Bible Study
<u>Tues. Jan 9</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
<u>Wed. Jan 10</u>	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Study
	3:30 AM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 PM	Mixed Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 PM	Andy's Bible Class
<u>Thur. Jan 11</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Fri. Jan 12</u>	-----	-----
<u>Sat. Jan 13</u>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. Jan 14</u>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 AM	Children's Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Pastor's Bible Study
	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School with Kendra
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
	5:00 PM	Jr High Together Time
	6:45 PM	Sr High Together Time
		Media DVD to Tower – TBD

"What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!" *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Women's Bible Study** with Andy Dahnke next meetings are Jan 17 & 31st at 7:15 PM. This is a great time to join us as we start studying the book of Job!

**Bible Study** at Vicki Robinson's will resume on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. This study is held weekly.

### **Advanced Dates**

January 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Life Week

January 15<sup>th</sup>, ALIS Board Meeting at 7:00 PM

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Elder Trustee Meeting at 7:00 PM

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Church Council Meeting at 7:30 PM

January 25<sup>th</sup> 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

January 28<sup>th</sup> Voters Meeting at 1:30 PM

## **Travel Opportunity-Greece Tour**

Pastor Wright will host a tour of the places St. Paul preached the Gospel November 5-15, 2024. Brochures are available at the in the Narthex and at [immanuelaltamont.org](http://immanuelaltamont.org).

## **Service Opportunity**

**Altar Guild/Flower Committee Annual Meeting will be today, Sunday, January 7, 2024, at Barn & Bottle Winery**, located at 10810 N 1st St, Altamont, at 5:00 PM. Please call/text Diana Wendling 618-335-0067 or email [texasgal62411@yahoo.com](mailto:texasgal62411@yahoo.com) if you would like to be **added or taken off** the 2024 Altar Guild or Flower Committee. We have openings. It is a one-month commitment per year during Communion weekends. You will be working with others in a month. Men are also welcomed to join.

## **Fundraisers**

**2024 "God's Creation" Calendars** with Bible verses and great pictures and priced at \$10. All proceeds benefit the After School Care Program. ***Additional calendars have arrived so check the office to purchase!***

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Snowflake Ornaments** are pending delivery of a new order. We will announce their arrival. Cost is \$15 each.

## **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.

## **Community**

**Altamont Community Blood Drive** is coming up next week at St. Paul ELCA Thursday, January 11 from 2 to 5 pm  
By appointment only call Ron or Elsie Voelker at 618.267.6084 or register at [www.bloodcenter.org/group](http://www.bloodcenter.org/group).

**The Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast** is January 21 at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall serving from 7 to 1 PM. Please support this important fundraiser.

**Chili Soup Luncheon:** The Ladies Society of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Vandalia, will be hosting their annual Chili/Soup luncheon on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Serving is ***drive thru only***. Starting at 11:30 AM to appx 1:00 PM. Enter the alley from Taylor Street.