

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 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.

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, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Edith Miller, Ruth Ann Owens, Lucille Schroeder, Patti Smith Sessions, Evelyn Shumaker, Jennifer Wendling, Allen Wolff

Homebound Kay Traub, Linda Holste, Howard Voelker

Fiscal

Offerings: 1st Sunday in Jan; \$17,026.84

Includes: New Years Day \$741; IRA/Gift in Kind \$1000; Grain Check \$1,796.34; Renovation \$40

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.

New Acolyte Schedules are now available in the narthex.

Current Bible Study & Learning Opportunities

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

Adult Sunday School resumes January 7th 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 23rd at 10:00 AM at St John's in Effingham.

CEFS Meals Week 2 Delivery

Life Week

Mon. Jan 15

No School Martin Luther King Day

9:00 AM

Vicki's Bible Study

7:00 PM

ALIS Board Meeting

Tues. Jan 16

8:00 AM

Women's Bible Study

Wed. Jan 17

6:15 AM

Men's Bible Study

3:30 PM

Public School Confirmation Class

6:15 PM

Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15 PM

Mixed Choir Rehearsal

7:15 PM

Andy's Bible Class

Thur. Jan 18

1:00 PM

Sewing Seeds of Kindness

Fri. Jan 19

Sat. Jan 20

6:00 PM

Worship

Sun. Jan 21

8:30 AM

Worship

9:45 AM

Children's Sunday School

9:45 AM

Pastor's Bible Study

9:45 AM

Adult Sunday School with Kendra

11:00 AM

Worship

Media DVD to Tower – TBD

"Abortion has only ever represented a symptom. The sickness has always consisted of the deeper reality of sin. No law ever embodied the finish line or the prize. Our Savior's victory invites us to settle for nothing less than sharing life, abundant and everlasting, with each human being and receiving them all as gift and privilege. Let's press ahead with renewed enthusiasm!"
Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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

Men's Bible Study in Parish Hall at 6:15 AM on Wednesdays – New study on the book of Hebrews started on January 10th with Vern Spilker.

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 8th at 9:00 AM. This study is held weekly.

Advanced Dates

January 14th – 21st Life Week

January 15th, ALIS Board Meeting at 7:00 PM

January 22nd Elder Trustee Meeting at 7:00 PM

January 22nd Church Council Meeting at 7:30 PM

January 25th 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

January 28th Voters Meeting at 1:30 PM

May 28th – 31st Vacation Bible School

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.

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!***

150th 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

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 21st, 2024. Serving is ***drive thru only***. Starting at 11:30 AM to appx 1:00 PM. Enter the alley from Taylor Street.