

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



I Will Make You
Fishers of Men

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
& Life Sunday**

January 21, 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 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 Judy Voelker, Jenny Wendling, Helen Brauer

Prayers

For peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and Russia. For all Human Life.

Fiscal

Offerings: \$10,551.03; Includes: IRA/Grain Checks (Gift in Kind) \$2,568.19; Lutheran Hour Ministries \$10.00; Portals of Prayer & Lutheran Witness \$30.00; AMA Utility Reimbursement \$180.00; Sanctuary Renovation \$50.00

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.

Readers Schedules through May are now available for pick up 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's will be held on January 23rd 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. Current Study: Mountain Top Journeys with Jesus.

Men's Bible Study in Parish Hall at 6:15 AM on Wednesdays with Vern Spilker. Current Study: Book of Hebrews

Women's Bible Study in conference room with Andy Dahnke next meets on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:15 PM. Current Study: Book of Job.

Women's Bible Study at Vicki Robinson's at 9 AM on Mondays. Current Study: Matthew

Lutheran Laymen's League Convention is Saturday, March 9th at Immanuel. Lutheran Hour Speaker, Michael Zeigler will be here. Lunch will be served.

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| <u>Mon. Jan 22</u> | 9:00 AM | Vicki's Bible Study |
| | 7:00 PM | Elders/Trustees Meeting |
| | 7:30 PM | Church Council |
| <u>Tues. Jan 23</u> | 8:00 AM | Women's Bible Study |
| | 10:00 AM | Grief Support at St John's in Effingham |
| <u>Wed. Jan 24</u> | 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 |
| <u>Thur. Jan 25</u> | 1:00 PM | Sewing Seeds of Kindness |
| | 7:00 PM | 150 th Anniversary Committee |
| <u>Fri. Jan 26</u> | ----- | ----- |
| <u>Sat. Jan 27</u> | 6:00 PM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| <u>Sun. Jan 28</u> | 8:00 AM | Men's Choir |
| | 8:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 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 with Holy Communion |
| | 1:30 PM | Voter's Assembly |
| | | Media DVD to Tower – TBD |

"As Christians, each one of us should be deeply steeped in God's Word. That is where the truth lies. We don't want to be 'right' for our own sake so we can boast in our 'right-ness.' We should want to be 'right' because God is revealing His truth to us, and we have been aligned with His truth. As we labor together in the life arena, let each one of us be so grounded in God's Word that we recognize God's truth and speak it in love." *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Advanced Dates

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
 March 3rd 150th Anniversary Celebration Service with Meal
 March 9th Lutheran Laymen's League Convention
 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

Pork Dinner Committee Meeting to make plans for our Annual Pork Loin dinner will be held today, January 21st at 6:00 PM in the church parish hall. We welcome new participants to the committee; anyone interested in being on the committee please come to the meeting.

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!***

Music Opportunities

Men's Choir will practice on January 28th before early service at 8:00 AM.

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

Food Pantry had a total of 21 participants for this past week.

The Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast is today, 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 today, January 21st. Serving is ***drive thru only***. Starting at 11:30 AM to appx 1:00 PM. Enter the alley from Taylor Street.

St Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club Annual Sausage and Pancake Supper is set for Sunday, February 4th. It will be a dine in event with carry out meals available. Packaged rope, cooked rope, and bulk ground sausage are available. Serving begins at 4:00 PM. The church is located 4 miles north and 2 miles east of Altamont.

Caring for the Caregiver Free Event: February 16th, 2024 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM at the Effingham Event Center. Light refreshments, no rsvp required, and respite care will be provided. For more info call 217.347.7179.

Sewing Seeds of Kindness

Needs good used sewing machines. Contact Marilyn Winter to donate. 618.553.6023.

Snow Removal is a challenge through the winter months. We are grateful when individuals just show up to clear our drive and sidewalks! Thank you, Mike Hoffmeister and Kenny Mercier for doing just that this week!