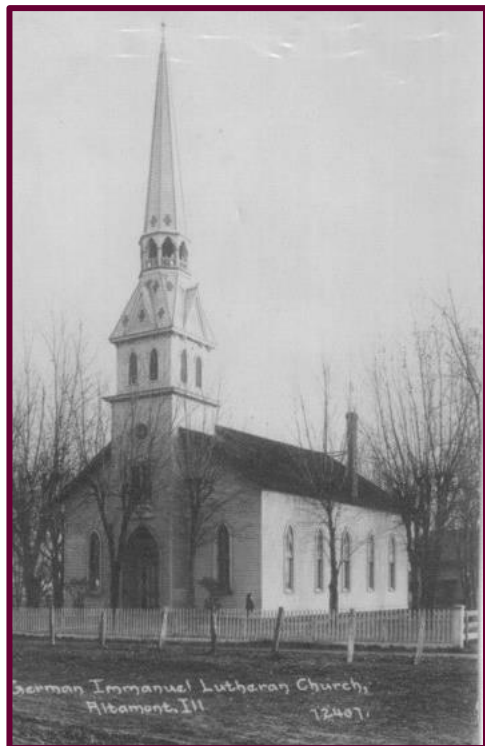


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 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 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 Joyce Cameron, Karen Dall, Delphene Duckwitz

Prayers for peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and Russia. All Human Life.

Fiscal

Offerings: Total Contributions: \$15,932.69; Includes: IRA \$963.61; Sanctuary Renovation \$40.00; After School Care \$215.00

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 9:45AM in LL: *Heroes of The Old Testament*

Adult Sunday School 9:45AM in LL: *Intentional Parenting*

Grief Group meets next month on February 20th at 10 AM (Immanuel).

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 PH at 6:15AM Wednesdays *Book of Hebrews*

Women's Bible Study in CR meets on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:15 PM. *Book of Job*.

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

<u>Mon. Jan 29</u>	9:00 AM	Vicki's Bible Study
<u>Tues. Jan 30</u>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
<u>Wed. Jan 31</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. Feb 1</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Fri. Feb 2</u>	-----	-----
<u>Sat. Feb 3</u>	6:00 PM	Worship Service
<u>Sun. Feb 4</u>	8:00 AM	Men's Choir
	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	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 Service

"The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ." *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

From Pastor Wright I am sorry that I am not with you to lead services at Immanuel today. My friend Susan from Champaign had a major heart surgery in Houston, TX, and is near death. Her husband, Ron, urgently needed someone to get him on an airplane and take him home from there. Thanks to Pastor Manley of Bethlehem and Mike Walker for leading services in my absence. Pray for Susan and for Ron and I in our emergency travel arrangements.

Voters Meeting is today, January 28th at 1:30 PM.

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

Advanced Dates

February 1st 150th Anniversary Meeting at 6:30 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.

Volunteer Opportunities and Needs

Large Print Workers are needed at St John's in Effingham on February 6th from 9-11.

Sewing Seeds of Kindness Group

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

Music Opportunities

Men's Choir practices on January 28th before early service at 8 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

We had a total of 46 participants last week.

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.

St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club Sausage Supper will be holding their annual meal with sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and all the fixings on February 18th, 2024. Serving begins at 5 PM in the St. Peter's Lutheran School Gym with carry-outs available. Pre-orders for sausage and ribs will be offered and encouraged ahead of time. The deadline to order is January 31st. To order, please call St. Peter's Lutheran Church 618-349-8321 after 12 PM.

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.