

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Altamont, Illinois



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 10, 2024**

*Welcome, Lutheran Hour Speaker*  
*Michael Zeigler*

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### **Welcome Guests**

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 more fully and available in the entry to the sanctuary. See Pastor for questions.

**Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler** as preacher, the Lutheran Hour Speaker for Lutheran Hour Ministries. For over 100 years Lutheran Hour Ministries has been committed to sharing the Gospel with those who need to hear it. Today, LHM energizes, equips, and engages Christians to share the Gospel throughout North America and around the globe. We are able to offer many free or low-cost resources because people like you have already joined our mission. Learn more about how you can get involved at [lhm.org/discoverlhm](http://lhm.org/discoverlhm).

**Holy Communion** will be offered every Sunday through Lent.

### **In Our Prayers**

**Medical Care** Dale Berg, Sam Byers, Tom Campbell, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Kenny Milleville, Mike Myers, Ruth Ann Owens, Lucille Schroeder, Patti Smith Sessions, Evelyn Shumaker, Shirley Siddens, Jennifer Wendling.

**Prayers** for Gloria Fortkamp who will undergo hip surgery this coming week, and Susan Muenchow Bellas who is recovering from a car accident.

**Homebound** Jenny Wendling, Helen Brauer, Joyce Cameron

**Thank You** Thanks to all my relatives, friends, church family, and to Pastor Wright and Pastor Fortkamp for all your visits, cards, phone calls, food, but most of all your prayers while I was in the nursing home and since my return home.

*Edith Miller*

**Thank you** to all the committee members and everyone who worked for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Everyone's hard work and time spent was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Pastor, for a very meaningful and beautiful service. *Carolyn Willenburg*

## This Week At A Glance

<b>Mon. Mar 11</b>	9:00 AM	Vicki's Bible Study
<b>Tues. Mar 12</b>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wed. Mar 13</b>	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Study
	3:30 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service with Meal After</b>
	7:30 PM	Bible Study "Sip Savor" with Kendra LL
	7:30 PM	Bible Study with Andy Conference Room
	7:30 PM	Mixed Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thur. Mar 14</b>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<b>Fri. Mar 15</b>	-----	-----
<b>Sat. Mar 16</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun. Mar 17</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 AM	Children's Sun School/Journey to the Cross
	9:45 AM	Pastor's Bible Study
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion</b>

Media DVD to Tower – Steve Miller

Greeters – Sue Hoffmeister (Sat.) / Kevin & Carrie Schultz (0830) / Brenda Pruemmer (1100)

"With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would 'hear and grant our fervent plea.' Come, Lord Jesus!" *Dr. Carol Geisler – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

### **Fiscal**

**3/3/24 Offerings** Weeks Contributions: \$16,110.00; Includes: Easter Flowers \$118.00

**February Electronic Giving:** \$4,761

**February VANCO** \$915

**Audited Books** The audit has now been completed and the books provided can be picked up at the church office.

**Envelopes** If you have not been using envelopes for several years, you may not have designated ones at present, however if you do prefer to have envelopes, please contact Barbara Busby to receive.

### **Journey to the Cross**

Join us for Journey to the Cross, an Easter learning experience on March 17th and March 24th during Sunday School. Smell the aroma of anointing perfume, taste Passover food, feel a crown of thorns, and so much more. Grab your passport and travel through sites Jesus visited from Palm Sunday through Easter. You will hear about Jesus from Bible witnesses and be a part of the Passion experience.

## **Flowers**

**Easter Flower Orders are closed** however, memorial donations can still be accepted for the Easter Bulletin insert.

**Weekly flower sign up** is in the parish hall. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please sign on the date you will be doing so.

## **Lutheran Early Response Training Survey**

Your opinion can help LCMS Disaster Response and Training improve its organization and training of LERT volunteers so that they are ready to deploy when a natural disaster strikes. Please take a brief survey at [lcms.org/lert-survey-congregation](https://lcms.org/lert-survey-congregation) and let us know how we can improve LERT training and provide relief more effectively to natural disasters. **We would appreciate receiving all responses by March 15.** All responses are completely anonymous and confidential. Questions? Contact LCMS Church Information Center at [888-THE LCMS](tel:888-THE LCMS) (843-5267) or [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org).

## **Fundraisers**

**23rd Annual Pork Dinner** is today, March 10<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall from 11 AM until 1 PM. The menu is as follows: grilled pork loin, baked potato, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner roll and dessert. Other meat options are pork burger or hot dog. Pork Loin Dinner: \$15 / Porkburger Dinner: \$7. Children ages 4 and under eat free.

## **LYF Participation Dates**

**Together Time** – Will not meet again until April.

**Lenten Meals** after services 3/13, 3/20

**Pork Dinner Today March 10<sup>th</sup>** LYF will help with drinks, clean up, and general tasks.

**Easter Breakfast 3/31** LYF will host a light Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service. We will have baked items, fruit, and drinks. Please sign up to help on linktree.

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

**Pastor's Bible Class** 9:45AM in LL on Sundays. Current Study: Heroes of The Old Testament-Jacob and Esau.

**Women's Bible Study** titled "*Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply Receive God's Overflowing Gifts*" will meet after the Lent services (approx 7:30pm) in the lower level of parish hall. There are 7 sessions. Anyone who would like to join us can purchase a copy of the book on Amazon for \$9.99.

**Women's Bible Study** in PH at 8:00 AM on Tuesdays with Ruth Spilker. Current study is on the Book of Psalms.

**Men's Bible Study** in PH at 6:15 AM Wednesdays. Current Study: Book of Hebrews

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

**Women's Bible Study with Andy** meeting after Lenten Service on March 13 at appx 7:30 PM. Back to normal at 7:15 PM on March 27. at 7:15 PM in the Conference Room. Current Study: Book of Job

**Grief Group** meets on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at St John's in Effingham.

**Dollar for Missions (DFM) Update**: After two months of 2024, CID has completed its first two DFM projects this year: 1) mileage money to support Pastor David Dunlop's Prison Ministry visits to Lincoln, Illinois every week (\$1,800) and 2) funding for St. John, Beardstown to purchase a few Spanish language hymnals (\$300). The current DFM project is for \$2,100 to provide Pastor Pablo Dominguez of Cristo Rey, East Moline honoraria as he conducts Spanish languages services and Bible classes in Beardstown twice a month for the second half of this year. Thanks to all CID churches participating in DFM! For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

## **Upcoming Events**

**Young Adult Dinner** at Joe's Pizza in Altamont on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM. Get together with other young LCMS adults in Christian fellowship to discuss the formation of a young adults Lutheran Bible Study, ages 18-30 years of age. For more information, contact Violet Wendling at 618 704-6144.

**Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet** Sunday, April 14, 2024  
Come enjoy a catered dinner and dessert while listening to updates on Camp CILCA, a speaker, and live music. This year's speaker is Illinois Right to Life's director, Mary Kate Zander. Live music by Aly Hauser. The event will be held in the Dining Hall. Make sure to RSVP before April 10th by emailing [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org).  
4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

## **April 17th Illinois March for Life in Springfield, IL**

Illinois March for Life will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave from the Parish Hall Parking Lot at 7:30 AM that day. Bus sign-up sheet in narthex. Bring a sack lunch, or with a donation, you can have lunch at the Statehouse Inn Ballroom. Info flyer is in the narthex.

## **Volunteer Needs**

### **Camp CILCA's Spring Work Day**

Saturday, March 30, 2024 Join us for our Spring Work Day to get the camp ready for the summer. Rake leaves, clean and organize the kitchen, open up the beach shed, put together new beds, etc. The work day starts at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

## **Community**

**Food Pantry** We have been serving around 40 people weekly in the food pantry. Last week we had a total of 10 participants for the food pantry. Our current needs are: *Hamburger Helpers, Ramen, fruit, canned meals, chunky soups, canned potatoes*. Thank you for all you do! Gene and Kris

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Zion Lutheran Breakfast & Bake Sale** at ALIS Gym on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM to 1 PM. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and drinks served for a free-will offering. Proceeds from the benefits will be divided into thirds to ALIS Playground Equipment, LCC and Zion Lutheran Church.

## **Travel Opportunity**

### **Greece Tour 2024**

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).



# Discover LHM



LHM is here to help you make Christ known! Here are four ways you can get involved TODAY with LHM's mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*:

1. Host a virtual Bible study using LHM's online resources found at [lhm.org/resources](http://lhm.org/resources).
2. Ask a member who uses LHM resources like **Daily Devotions**, **LHM Learn**, or **Project Connect** booklets to share his or her experience with congregation members.
3. Encourage your church's men's club, youth group, LWML group, or small group to get involved with LHM and use our resources.
4. Set up a small table display with LHM information and resources.

Achieving our mission is possible because of our supporters like YOU. With YOUR support, we are able to reach out with the Gospel message to all who will hear.

We hope you will celebrate our mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church* with us.

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