

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Altamont, Illinois



*"Husband and Wife Love and Honor Each Other"*

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**

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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.

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

### **In Our Prayers**

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

**Homebound** Karen Dall, Delphene Duckwitz, Lorene Frederking

### **Baptism of Cole Kelly Dixon and Jamie Gene Dixon**

Baptism today, 3/17 at the 11:00 AM Service. Cole was born on July 19, 2018 and Jamie was born on October 10, 2019. Parents are John and Laura (Robinson) Dixon, Sponsors are Gene and Vicki Robinson, and Witnesses are Will and Ann Robinson. Please keep these children, their parents, sponsors, and witnesses in your prayers.

### **Fiscal**

**3/10/24 Offerings** Last Week's Lent Contributions: \$987.00

Last Week's contributions: \$14,510.90

Includes: Sanctuary Reno \$60.00, IRA/Gift in kind \$2,000.00

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

### **Pork Dinner Thank You**

Thank you to our fellow church family and friends for helping to make this year's dinner a success. Whether you donated, worked, made a dessert, attended the meal, or all the above, we appreciate everything you did. Between 450 and 500 meals were served. Total profit and distribution of money will be reported after all expenses are paid.

Please join the committee next year as many helping hands make the load light for all. God's Blessings!!

## This Week At A Glance

<b>Mon. Mar 18</b>	9:00 AM	Vicki's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	ALIS Board Meeting
<b>Tues. Mar 19</b>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Grief Group at St John's Effingham
<b>Wed. Mar 20</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
<b>Thur. Mar 21</b>	7:30 PM	Mixed Choir Rehearsal
	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<b>Fri. Mar 22</b>	-----	-----
<b>Sat. Mar 23</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun. Mar 24</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship w/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>Palm Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion</b>

Media DVD to Tower – Wayne Willenburg

Greeters –Edith Miller (Sat.) /Vern & Ruth Spilker (0830) / Gene & Vicki Robinson (1100)

"God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us." *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## Palm Sunday Procession

Next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at the 8:30 am and the 11:00 am services children should gather in the narthex ten minutes before each service.

## Journey to the Cross

Join us for Journey to the Cross, an Easter learning experience on March 24<sup>th</sup> only 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. See back page.

## Flowers and Easter Memorials

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

## **Fundraisers**

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Zion Lutheran Breakfast & Bake Sale** at ALIS Gym today, 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.

## **LYF Participation Dates**

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

**Lenten Meal** after service 3/20

**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-Joseph.

**Women's Bible Study** titled "*Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply Receive God's Overflowing Gifts*" will meet Wednesday after the Lent service (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 at 7:15 PM on March 27 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 Lutheran Church in Effingham.

## **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 618-704-6114.

**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

### **Ushers Schedules**

Ushers Schedules for April through June are now available in the narthex for pick up and have been emailed as well to those with emails.

### **CEFS Meals Schedules**

Meal delivery schedules for April are available for pick up in the narthex and have been emailed where appropriate.

### **Lost and Found**

Have you lost something? There are several items that have lost their owner. Please check the Lost & Found Basket on the floor by the cabinet in the Narthex.

### **Food Pantry**

We had a total of 32 participants for the food pantry.

An Easter learning experience



# Journey to the Cross

Smell, taste, touch, hear, see, and experience Holy Week in new ways. Grab your passport and travel through sites Jesus visited from Palm Sunday through Easter.

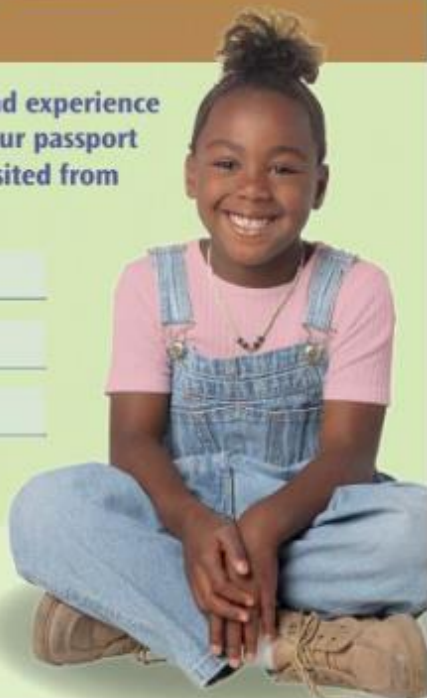
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## FOUNDING MEMBER



One of the founding members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Altamont was Ferdinand A Krueger. He was born in Germany on September 13, 1841. He came to America with his parents in 1842 and settled at Bergholz, Niagara County, New York. At the age of eleven he was left an orphan with only one relative in this country. He attended the Lutheran school at Bergholz and was confirmed during his early boyhood days. From the time of his confirmation, he made his own way in the world.

Mr. Krueger was a volunteer in the American Civil War. He entered the service in 1862, in the Eighth New York Regiment, Heavy Artillery. He fought for his country for three long years, enduring some of the greatest hardships of the war. He saw Abraham Lincoln face to face while in a New York training camp.

He participated in some of the hardest fought battles of the war. He was wounded in the right foot by a bullet, and seven bullets were extracted from his clothing. The bullet in his foot he carried to his grave.

Thus wounded, Mr. Krueger lay in a tent for three days, cooling his foot in a ditch with water, without receiving medical aid. Although the surgeons were nearly ready to amputate his foot, seeing a ship at shore a short distance away, and hearing the call that all who were able should embark, he ventured out alone on one foot. A strong African American man, seeing this brave effort, rendered a life-long remembered service by carrying Mr. Krueger to the ship. He received treatment shortly after and his limb was saved. After his recovery he served again to the close of the war and received his honorable discharge at Washington.

Following his discharge, Mr. Krueger returned to New York. He was married to Miss Louise Krull of Berholz in 1867. After a year there they came to Illinois and settled on a farm east of Altamont, which served later as the fairgrounds and as Immanuel Cemetery.

To this union ten children were born, seven daughters and three sons, six dying in infancy. The four surviving children in 1921 were: Mrs. Edward Will, John and Ferdinand Krueger of Altamont and Mrs. Ernest Alwert of Fairmont, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Krueger died at the home near Altamont in 1881, leaving the husband and the four children. In 1882 Mr. Krueger was married to Miss Maria Beccue, also of Bergholz, New York. Three years later the family moved southeast of Altamont. To this second union five girls and four boys were born. Two of the boys died in young manhood—Paul Krueger in 1913 and Samuel Krueger in 1919. The surviving children in 1921 were: William Krueger, Springfield; Mrs. John Knecht, Springfield; Mrs. John Stuemke Jr.,

Altamont; Mrs. Philip Vandre, Altamont; Mrs. Herman Vandre, Steward; Frank Krueger, Altamont; Mrs. Martin Rehwald, Altamont.



Mrs. Krueger preceded Mr. Krueger in death, passing away on September 21, 1920. In addition to the eleven children, Mr. Krueger leaves to mourn his departure thirty-eight grand and two great-grandchildren, and legions of

friends. Ferdinand A. Krueger died April 19, 1921. With the exception of Mrs. Herman Vandre, all the children were present at the funeral, which was conducted from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church by Rev. F. W. Brockmann. *Source: H.H Bailey, Editor and Publisher, submitted by Charlie Stuemke.*