

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



Third Sunday after Easter
April 14, 2024

Church	618-483-6395	www.immanuelaltamont.org
Office Hours	Monday-Friday	9AM-Noon & 1PM-4PM
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Missionary		Rev. Ted Krey, Dominican Republic

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.

In Our Prayers

Medical Care Susan Muenchow Bellas, Dale Berg, Tom Campbell, Heather Davis, Robi Flach, Abbey Franzen, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Kenny Milleville, Ruth Ann Owens, Lucille Schroeder, Clark Schulze, Patti Smith Sessions, Evelyn Shumaker, Shirley Siddens, Ruth Ann Smith, Catherine Zumwalt.

Homebound Judy Voelker, Charla Wolff, Jenny Wendling

Hospitalized Dale Berg and Leona Wolff

Baptism

Today we baptize Kolt Matthew Hooks, born on 2/27/2024 to Jason and Lauren (Tonn) Hooks, at the 8:30 AM Service. Sponsor is Josh Hooks and Witness is Chelsea Tonn. Please welcome Kolt to the Christian faith!

Financial

Maundy Thursday Offerings: \$1,778; Good Friday Offering: \$2,929; Easter Sunday: \$20,025 (Includes After School Care \$350); April 7th: \$14,739; March E-giving \$4,761; March Vanco \$1,181.

This Week At A Glance

Mon. April 15	9:00 AM	Vicki's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	ALIS Board
Tues. April 16	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	ALIS PTL
Wed. April 17	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Study
	7:30 AM	March for Life-Bus to Springfield
	3:30 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sip, Savor Bible Study with Kendra
	7:15 PM	Mixed Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 PM	Bible Study with Andy
	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
Thur. April 18		
Fri. April 19		
Sat. April 20	6:00 PM	Worship
Sun. April 21	8:30 AM	Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Bible Class
	11:00 AM	Worship
	5:00 – 7:00 PM	LYF- Together Time both Jr & Sr Youth
		Media DVD to Tower – Ron Duckwitz
		Greeters: 6:00 PM Sue Hoffmeister
		8:30 AM Matt & Ann Grasher / 11:00 AM Eric & Sara Long

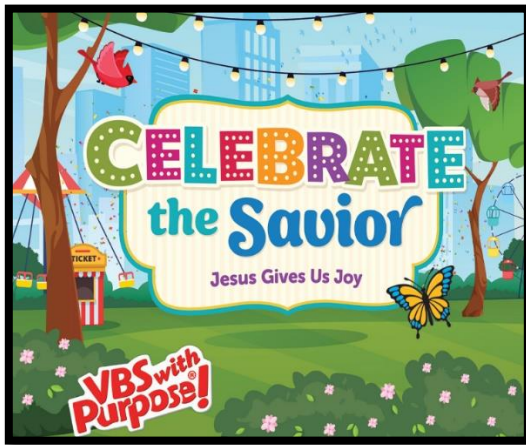
“So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life.” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Volunteers Needed

Help Needed for operating the projection screen for Saturday 6:00 PM and Sunday 8:30 AM services with Microsoft PowerPoint slides. See Pastor or David Burrow.

Handbell Choir is looking for a ringer. Please contact Sheryl Marble if you are interested in jumping in for April / May.

Vacation Bible School will be carnival themed this year. We need your help in setting the theme for the kids! We're reaching out for those of you who have the ability to physically construct or may have creative ideas in mind. We're also looking for extra decorations (party hats, banners, table coverings, etc.). Please contact Candi Wolff (618-267-3834) at the earliest. The setup will be on Saturday, May 25th. We appreciate your willingness to assist!!



Immanuel Vacation Bible School

"Celebrate the Savior"

Save the Date: May 28th – 31st from 1 — 4 PM**

Opening and closing will be at ALIS gym

VBS is a great opportunity for us to minister to children and create outreach within our community. If you'd like to take part, volunteers are needed for advance preparation as well as help during VBS. Donations to support the program are also needed and much appreciated.

Please contact any of the following designated activity chairpersons listed below if you'd like to help prepare:

Music – Sarah Arend 217-343-7081

Crafts – Timmerle Scholes 217-240-0648

Decorations – Candy Wolff 618-267-3834

Games – Cassidy Lowry 618-267-5864

Snacks – Randi Berg 217-343-7742

Signing up to volunteer during VBS is available on our church website at <https://www.immanuelaltamont.org/>

****NOTE** time change to avoid overlap with basketball camp



LYF Participation Dates

Together Time next meeting, April 21st will meet in the PH lower level. Jr and Sr youth meet together from 5-7 PM.

Current Bible Study & Learning Opportunities

Pastor's Bible Class 9:45AM in Lower Level on Sundays; currently "Heroes of the Bible, Joseph."

Women's Bible Study entitled "*Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply Receive God's Overflowing Gifts*" will meet Wednesdays at 7 PM in the lower level of Parish Hall (PH).

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

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

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 April 10th and 24th in the Conference Room. Current Study: Book of Job

Upcoming Events



March for Life in Springfield on April 17th the bus will leave from the **Parish Hall Parking Lot at 7:30 AM**. The bus sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Bring a sack lunch, or with a \$5 donation a lunch at the Statehouse Inn Ballroom will be available. Info flyer is in the narthex.

Fundraisers



Immanuel Cookbooks are here! Pick one up during office hours or catch them on display during the weekend. The cost is \$15. Proceeds support the Ladies Aid and 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

PRAY FOR

Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey
Regional Director, *Serving the Lord*
in the Latin America and Caribbean Region



Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey have served in the Dominican Republic since 2009. Ted serves as the regional director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), which encompasses 22 countries in South and Central America and the Caribbean. He is privileged to oversee 45 missionaries planting churches in 10 countries. Hand in hand with church planting, he works to establish the formation of pastors and deaconesses in

Latin America. Ted also works with partner churches to strengthen them in their church planting efforts and in various other ministry areas.

The LCMS Office of International Mission has worked in the Dominican Republic since 2005. As a result of what the Lord has been doing through His Gospel work, six missions have been established. Two Lutheran schools have been started, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes which seeks to serve people with intellectual and physical disabilities throughout the country. A regional seminary established in 2018 serves over 120 men and women throughout Latin America in the formation of pastors and deaconesses.

Ted is a 2001 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He previously served in Venezuela for 8 years before marrying Rebecca in 2008. Rebecca has a master's degree in biochemistry. She previously served for two years as a long-term missionary in Slovakia. Ted and Rebecca enjoy spending time with their five beautiful children — Esther, Matthias, Natalia, Evangeline and Azariah.

The Kreys write, "Pray that the Lord would send even more missionaries into the Harvest and prayerfully consider how you might serve or who you might encourage to serve. Give thanks with us for the churches being planted, the pastors and deaconesses being formed and pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to throw out the Gospel seed to an ever-expanding circle of hearers so that all might hear of our dear Lord Jesus and His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins."

BIRTHDAYS: Ted – Dec. 14, Rebecca – Nov. 1,
Esther – April 5, Matthias – Nov. 20, Natalia Anna –
Nov. 20, Evangeline – Sept. 29, Azariah – May 5

ANNIVERSARY: June 28

HOME DISTRICT: English



Latin America
and the
Caribbean

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for Ted and
Rebecca** – and
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Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey



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