

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois

BUT ONLY ONE THING IS  
NECESSARY. MARY HAS  
CHOSEN THE GOOD  
PORTION, AND IT WILL  
NOT BE TAKEN AWAY  
FROM HER.”

*- LUKE 10:42*

**6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Church

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## Welcome Guests

We pray that you will be blessed worshipping the Lord with His people. Please sign a guest attendance slip and place it at the end of your row. If you would like a call or a visit from Pastor Niemann, please indicate that on your attendance slip as well. Please join us often!

## **\*\*Voters' Meeting Today at 1:30 PM\*\***

### **In Our Prayers**

**Medical Care:** Karly Brummer, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Cheri Hammer, Dave Heiden, Jeanette Kopplin, Kenny Milleville, Jim Newburn, Ruth Ann Owens, Lucille Schroeder, Shirley Siddens, Gary Sporleder, Don Wendling, Catherine Zumwalt.

**Homebound** Ruth Ann Owens, Jim Voelker, Judy Voelker, Jenny Wendling, Helen Brauer, Joyce Cameron, Delphene Duckwitz, Lorene Frederking, Don Ousley

**Youth Group and Youth Leaders** as they attend the National Youth Gathering (NYG) from July 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Attendance Weekend of 7/13/2025**

Worship Service	6:00 PM – A-	164	C-	116
Worship Service	8:30 AM – A-	154	C-	106
Worship Service	11:00 AM -	A- 137	C-	118
Total		A- 455	C-	340

### **Financials for the Weekend of 7/13/2025**

Offering	\$15,476.00
includes:	
IRA/Gift in Kind:	\$2,800.00
Memorial Gert Heiden:	\$45.00
Memorial Becky Rippetoe for ASC:	\$25.00
Cookbook	\$20.00
Elevator repair	\$100.00
E-Giving for June	\$5,750.00
Vanco for June	\$1,222.04

### **Altar Flowers**

Altar Flowers this weekend are placed by **Maurice and Alta Lowry** in celebration of their **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 20<sup>th</sup>**. Congratulations!

## **This Week At A Glance**

Mon. July 21	-----	National Youth Gathering
	7:00 PM	ALIS Board
Tues. July 22	-----	National Youth Gathering
	11:00 AM	ALIS Registration
Wed. July 23		National Youth Gathering
	7:15 PM	Andy's Bible Class
Thur. July 24	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
Fri. July 25		Church Office Closed
Sat. July 26		Effingham County Fair Stand Volunteers
	6:00 PM	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
Sun. July 27		Effingham County Fair Stand Volunteers
	8:30 AM	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 AM	Pastor's Bible Study in Parish Hall
	11:00 AM	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>

### **Elders in Charge in July**

Saturdays 6:00 PM – **Neil Winter**

Sundays 8:30 AM – **Wendell Alwardt**

Sundays 11:00 AM – **Gene Robinson**

### **DVD to Tower**

**Bob Mayhaus**

### **Greeters**

Saturday 26th 6:00 PM – **Edith Miller**

Sunday 27th 8:30 AM – **Pat Robinson**

Sunday 27th 11:00 AM – **Brenda Pruemer**

### **Ushers**

Saturday, 26th – 6:00 PM- **Derek Bowman, Mike Hanson**  
**Dave Heiden, Mike Hoffmeister**

Sunday, 27th – 8:30 AM – **Brad Smith, Don VonBehren,**  
**Jacob Will, Matt Will**

Sunday, 27th – 11:00 AM – **Gene Stuemke, Dennis Wendling,**  
**Adam Wolff, Eric Wolff**

"Sometimes the answer to a problem is as simple as asking for help. Let's not hesitate to bring all our questions, troubles, and needs to the Lord. Thank Him for the people He provides for our help. Pray that He will give you the opportunity today to be His help to others." *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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

### **Coming Soon**

Pastor will be adding an Adult Information/Confirmation Class soon. Current plans are for the class to begin mid-August. If you would like more information or know you want to participate, please contact the church office at phone # 618-483-6395 or at [immalt22@gmail.com](mailto:immalt22@gmail.com).

**Pastor's Bible Class** 9:45AM in Upper-Level Parish Hall on Sundays. Topic is "The Small-Town Lutheran Church and Pastor" based on a book by the same name. It is available on Amazon for \$3.83. This study can be joined at any point this summer.

**Working Women's Bible Study** with Andy. This study is for women of all ages. Please join us for our new study on "Daily Prayer"! Meets every other Wednesday at 7:15 PM in the conference room. We meet throughout the summer!

**Young Adult Bible Study** with Violet Wendling. We have different topics we will be covering over the next few months. We meet throughout the summer months every other Friday. All studies begin at 6:30 PM.

### **LYF**

**LYF Ice Cream Prep for Thresherman's** - August 4th 5-8pm. We will scoop ice cream for Thresherman's, and, when finished, we'll have an ice cream social and fellowship. Link to sign up in GroupMe.

**Mill Road Thresherman's Show** - August 7th-10th. Link to sign up in GroupMe.

### **Thank You Meal**

August 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 PM. LYF would like to show our appreciation for all the support we received making it possible to send 41 people to the National Youth Gathering.

**GOD BLESS OUR YOUTH AND CHAPERONES AS  
THEY ATTEND THE NATIONAL YOUTH  
GATHERING THIS WEEK!**

*Altamont Lutheran Interparish School*

# **AUGUST SCHEDULE**



**11TH**

ALIS Back To School Night 4:30-5:30pm  
ALIS Touch A Truck 5:00-8:00pm

**17TH**

Resilient Minds for Parents Luncheon  
• Immanuel Lutheran Parish Hall  
12:30pm  
Supporting Christ-Centered Health In  
Your Teen

**18TH**

First day of student attendance!  
• Grades 1-8 full day  
• Kindergarten dismissal at 11:10am  
◦ 11:10am dismissal 18-20th  
• Coffee and donuts for all guests  
8:00-8:50am.  
• Opening Chapel - All are welcome  
9:00am



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# RESILIENT MINDS FOR PARENTS: SUPPORTING CHRIST-CENTERED HEALTH IN YOUR CHILD

Learn what to look for to support your child's spiritual, physical, and mental health.



## Join us for this important event

All are welcome to attend this parent luncheon

- No cost to attend
- August 17, 2025
- 12:30pm in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall

RSVP to Robi Flach at 815-791-0362 or [robiflach@alisrockets.com](mailto:robiflach@alisrockets.com)

This 1-hour session, presented by Rev. Marcus Manley, Pastor of Bethlehem & Zion Lutheran Churches, and Rebekah Wendling MS, LCPC, CADC, will introduce the Christ-Centered Mental Health Curriculum that will be taught in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade at ALIS.

## **Immanuel Fair Stand Schedule**

### **Volunteers Needed**

### **July 26th – August 2nd**

Please check the schedule in the narthex. It is based on our prior year's scheduling.

**Mark with Y by your name if you are keeping the same slot as last year.** If you are unable to volunteer during the same designated slot, please cross out your name, give a suggested alternative or select a blank slot.

**New workers are encouraged to sign up!**  
**Remember those of you who couldn't work any previous years due to time schedule, please consider being put back on the list.** There are many slots still open.

**If your name is not crossed out by today, Sunday July 20, we will assume you are available to work during the designated time(s). Last year funds went to the LYF and the General Fund.**

\*\*\*The fair stand will be needing tomatoes. They can be dropped off at the fair stand during the fair. Thank you. Diana Wendling

### **FYI**

#### **Correct Contact Information in our Database**

Please realize that we have no way of knowing when you have updated your name, marital status, address, email, or phone numbers unless you contact the church office and tell us. If you have had an update in any of these, please let us know. 😊

#### **Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Niemann and his family will be on vacation from July 28<sup>th</sup>- August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Fortkamp will be leading worship and preach August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be on call for emergencies. His number is 217-690-9746.

#### **Pastor's Days Off**

Pastor's days off will be on Monday and Friday. If you should have an emergency on one of those days or in the evenings, you can call him on his cell phone listed on the front page of the bulletin. He will not, during these times, be answering text messages or emails.

## **2025 Not Ashamed Conference: “Embracing God’s Purpose in Adversity”**

**Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois**  
**Saturday, August 23, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM | Ironhorse Golf Club, Tuscola, IL**  
**Free Event | Lunch Included**

**Tuscola, IL** – In a world where adversity is inevitable, the third annual *Not Ashamed Conference* invites you to see struggle through the eyes of faith. Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible in part by Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, this year’s event will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Ironhorse Golf Club in Tuscola. Admission is free and includes lunch, but space is limited.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Embracing God’s Purpose in Adversity.” In life, we don’t get to choose our battles—but we do get to choose how we face them. This conference boldly proclaims that our trials aren’t wasted, our suffering isn’t random, and our God is not absent. He is actively forging, forming, and preparing us—making us strong in Christ.

Rev. Jason Braaten, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, will be the featured speaker. He will guide attendees through Scripture and the promises of Christ, offering encouragement, clarity, and hope for those navigating hardship, suffering, or uncertainty.

“We believe that in Christ, we are not fragile people,” said Rev. Braaten. “We are a people forged in fire, formed by grace, and ready for the road ahead. God is making us more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Whether you’re walking through personal hardship, serving others in their suffering, or simply need a renewed sense of purpose and strength, this conference will help you step into the arena of life with confidence in the One who goes before you.

### **Event Details:**

**What:** 2025 Not Ashamed Conference – *“Embracing God’s Purpose in Adversity”*

**When:** Saturday, August 23, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

**Where:** Ironhorse Golf Club | 2000 Ironhorse Dr, Tuscola, IL 61953

**Cost:** Free | Lunch Provided

**Speaker:** Rev. Jason Braaten, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, IL

**\*Flyers for this event are in the narthex.**



### **Lutherans for Life**

Will present a Summer Life Gathering,

**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1201 W, Jackson Street, Auburn, IL. 62615 on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Speakers and Topics include a wide variety of subjects and are all listed on the **flyer and registration form in the narthex**.



### **In Touch Website**

Discover the rich history and community of Immanuel Lutheran Church by accessing the In Touch website using the QR code above. Church history and information can be found on this site. It can also be viewed on the touch screen monitor in the parish hall.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Open House** for Carl & Karen Benning will be held Sunday, July 27, 2025 at The Carriage House in Altamont from 2-4PM. Family, friends, and former students – we hope you can come and share our special day with us!

### **Community**

**Food Pantry** We had a total of 47 participants this week.