

“The MISSION of Immanuel is to glorify God, build the Christian Church, foster Christian fellowship and concern, and join in the worldwide work of winning souls for Christ.”

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS
Rock Island, IL**



***Announcements for the Week of
November 24, 2024***

~~ Take your bulletin home with you to refer to it during the week ~~

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, November 24, 2024

Elder:	Alex Triage
Communion Assistant:	Todd Hazen
Ushers:	Brent Titus Carrie Titus
Organist:	Katherine Cobert
Cantor:	Keith Hentrich
<p><i>The Altar flowers are given “To the Glory of God”, and in thanksgiving for our LCMS colleges and seminaries by JoAnn Taube</i></p>	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING
Office Hours: Monday — Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 24	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School
Monday, November 25	7:00 am 8-4 9-11 6:00 pm	Matins <i>Home School – RICC</i> Thanksgiving baskets distributed Book Club
Tuesday, November 26	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, November 27	9-Noon 6:30 pm	<i>Home School – CHALK</i> Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday, November 28	6:00 pm	Thanksgiving – office closed
Friday, November 29		Office closed
Saturday, November 30	9:00 am	Hanging of the Greens/Sanctuary cleaning
Sunday, November 31	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School

Attendance for Last Week:
Sunday, November 17th - 78/62 Communed
Visitors – 0



LWML Collecting items for missions

CHRISTMAS GIFTS (unwrapped) FOR DAVENPORT LUTHERAN HOME through Dec 15th

Suggested items: Baseball caps, beef jerky, body wash, grippy socks, sugar-free candy, bracelets, clip-on earrings. Place items in box in Narthex.

PREGNANCY RESOURCES through Dec 15th

Suggested items: Diapers (newborn, 3, 4, 5), 18-month to 3T winter clothes (snowsuits, boots, long sleeve shirts, newborn onsies, 2T and 3T pajamas. Please place in box in Narthex.

Any questions – See Laurie Astrowski

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THANK YOU!

Thank you!

*Thank you to all who joined with the LWML to send gift cards to LCMS Seminarians. We donated over \$500 in gift cards to their Christmas Marketplace.
To God be the glory!*

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. I Thessalonians 4:13-14

Holiday Service Schedule 2024			
November 27	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve
December 1	Sunday	9:00 am	First Sunday in Advent
December 4	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 pm	Supper/Advent I
December 11	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 pm	Supper/Advent II
December 18	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 pm	Supper/Advent III – Children’s Program
December 24	Tuesday	2:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
		6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight w/HC
December 25	Wednesday	9:00 am	Christmas Day – The Feast of the Nativity
December 29	Sunday	9:00 am	The First Sunday After Christmas
December 31	Tuesday	6:30 pm	New Year’s Eve Service



Please join us on **Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 a.m.** to help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas. We will need many hands to make the church beautiful!

→ Also, the Altar Guild will be doing a general cleaning ← of the Sanctuary. Please consider joining them in this project.

Thank you for helping prepare our church for Advent and Christmas!



Wednesday Evening Supper and Advent Worship

We are continuing our tradition of inviting our members and the public to join us for a light supper prior to our mid-week Advent Worship Services. Supper will be served at 5:30-6:15 pm in the cafeteria. Our worship service begins at 6:30 PM. The meals may be soup, sandwiches, veggies, and a dessert. Coffee, tea, milk, lemonade, etc. are provided. The host may keep the free-will offering to cover expenses or donate it to the general benefit of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Elders.

Wednesday, December 4th – Board of Elders

Wednesday, December 11th – LWML

Wednesday, December 18th – Youth Group



YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Youth Meetings at Immanuel Rock Island

- All Circuit youth are welcome to attend the regularly scheduled youth group meetings at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island.
- Meeting schedule - First hour: Pastor leads a Bible Study, Second hour: games and snacks.
- Future meeting dates will be shared via email at the beginning of each month for your reference and monthly planning.
- Please join us!

- **January 19, 2025 – Circuit Wide**

- **“Movie Night”**

4:00-7:00 pm

- **Higher Things 2025**

- July 29 – August 1, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan

- \$100 reservation fee per attendee
- Early Bird Rate
- Five (5) youth per adult of the same gender

Please pray that our Circuit Youth Group will continue to be a source of fellowship, fun, and sharing God's Word with our youth.

Total offering and expenses for October 2024

We thank you for your continued generosity!

Income: \$17,694.00

Expenses: \$15,851.35



The Lutheran Women in Missions (LWML) has started another year and we would like to invite you to participate! Here is an update and a calendar of events.

To grow in our faith and joy, Pastor will be providing a more in-depth Bible Study instead of a devotion on the 4th Thursday of the month starting in October. We will have just three business meetings for the year and the election of officers in May. To learn more about the missions our Mites are going to, we will share a "Mission Minute" at each business meeting. You will see that we have two dates to serve at Christian Care Men's Shelter. If you have never served, we would love to see more people get the opportunity; it is a rewarding experience and reminds you how blessed you are. We have the fleece purchased for Phil's Friends blankets and will again have the kits available after Christmas.

Please come and join us. Our goal is to be respectful of your time. The meetings start at 6:00 pm with refreshments in the Luther Room and we plan to be done no later than 7:30. These dates are subject to change.

December 11 – LWML Serve Advent Meal

December 12 – Christmas Party

JANUARY - NO MEETING

February 16 – Fleece Blanket Kits Available

February 27 – Bible Study and Dessert

March 9 – Mite Box Sunday – Return Fleece Blankets

March 20 – Serve at Christian Care Men's Shelter

March 27 – Bible Study and Dessert – Business Meeting

April 2 – Serve Lenten Dinner

April 20 - Easter

April 24 – Bible Study and Dessert

May 22 – Dine Out and Election officers

CHRISTIAN CARE NEEDS:

Canned fruit & vegetables	Toilet bowl cleaner
Large shampoo & conditioner	All-purpose cleaner
Deodorant for men & women	12, 22, 39 gallon trash bags
Shaving cream	Coats
Razors	Hats, gloves, hoodies
Body wash	T-shirts, socks
Napkins	Men's underwear, long johns
Toilet paper	



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

This year again, due to funding and other constraints, we will only be taking names from the congregation for family members or friends who are in need this year.

Thanksgiving items have been purchased and will be distributed on Monday, 11/25. Christmas Baskets will be distributed on Friday, 12/20.

We still ask for your help by giving a monetary donation for the “Gift Baskets”. Place your check or cash in an envelope and mark it for “Social Ministry” and drop it in the offering plate, drop it in the mail, or at the office. Be sure to include your offering envelope number so that we may give you credit. Please note that the 2024 offering envelopes include two envelopes for *Social Ministry*.

We also hope to be able to do this again for Thanksgiving/Christmas next year. There are also plans to help with special needs throughout the year as needed when requested.

If you have any questions, contact Tammy (309.781.9248), Mel Vogel (309.781.9624), or any other member of the Social Ministry Committee

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: November 24 – Last Sunday of the Church Year - Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord’s purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

LIFE THOUGHTS: November 24 – Pentecost XXVII (Proper 29B) – The Scriptural Ancient of Days has gray hair (Daniel 7:9). The Word of the Lord pictures Him as aged. And while the world idolizes youthfulness, the Bible speaks flatteringly of getting old. “Elder” is a compliment, long life is blessing, and advanced years embody wisdom and honor, even though they often also entail weaknesses. The Gospel of everlasting life in Christ leaves no room for physician-assisted suicide.

LIFE QUOTES: November 24 “In spades the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!” *Pastor Keith Haberstock, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

November, 2024

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.

Cantrall, IL 62625

❖ Summer Camp registration opened: November 1

- In celebration of CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 will be available for **\$75** if you register before April 1.

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Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Envelopes for 2025 will be available for pick-up beginning Sunday, December 22nd. If you do not find your set, please contact the office at 309-786-3391.

REMEMBER – DO NOT USE 2025 ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2025. If any 2025 envelopes are received before the end of 2024, they will be held until January 1st.

Thank you for your cooperation. – *Board of Finance*



LCMS 2024-2025 Winter Season Bowling League Starting Soon!

Winter Season – 12 weeks – starting December 2nd

Monday Nights at 6:15 pm

QC Family Entertainment – 4401 44th Ave, Moline

All skill levels welcome!

Questions: Contact (call or text):

Michael Wagner 309-453-7206 or Jim Pearson 563-293-6456

Daily Readings for week of November 24th
From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

Nov 24	Dan. 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
Nov 25	Dan. 5:1-30 <i>Dan. 7:1-8:27</i>	Rev. 21:9-27
Nov 26	Dan. 6:1-28 <i>Dan. 9:1-27</i>	Rev. 22:1-21
Nov 27	Is. 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
Nov 28	Is. 2:1-22 <i>Is. 3:1-4:6</i>	1 Peter 1:13-25
Nov 29	Is. 5:1-25 <i>Amos 1:1-9:15</i>	1 Peter 2:1-12
Nov 30	Is. 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25

POINSETTIAS will decorate the Altar area of the church to commemorate our celebration of the birth of our Lord! Donations towards the cost of the plants are accepted and donor names will be listed in the December 24th and 25th bulletins. Place your donations and completed form below in an envelope with your name and envelope number and:



- Drop it by the office
- Place in Offering plate
- Mail to the church office

Donor name _____

Check one – use lines to include the additional information:

- IN MEMORY OF
 - TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD
 - TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF
 - OTHER _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Deadline is Monday, December 16th.

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on the following Stations:

WKEI Kewanee, IL 1450 AM 5:00 am

KCLN Clinton, IL 1390 AM 9:30 am

WMT Cedar Rapids, IA 600 AM 6:30 am

You can receive Daily Devotions to your computer,

Go to <https://www.lhm.org/subscribe/>



For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of November 24th :

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: We continue our study of the Psalms of thanksgiving on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and discuss chapters 8-11 in the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (11/30 at 10:00 a.m. CT) to learn more about the Lutheran view of the Sacrament. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](#) or on the KFUE Radio app!

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NOVEMBER NEWS YOU CAN USE: November begins with the observance of All Saints. Later in the month, the church year ends with Scripture lessons pointing us to the Last Things.

If Thanksgiving prompts us to think of “Pilgrims,” we can recall that in an even more profound way all Christians are strangers and pilgrims in this wicked world. Yet better – indeed, the best – lies ahead with the returning Lord.

Behold, a host arrayed in white, like thousand snow-clad mountain bright!

With palms they stand; who is this band before the throne of light?

These are the saints of glorious fame who from the great affliction came

And in the flood of Jesus’ blood are cleansed from guilt and shame.

They now serve God both day and night; they sing their songs in endless light.

Their anthems ring as they all sing with angels shining bright (LSB 676:1).

Baptized and believing child of God, this is about you!

Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, Central Illinois District

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church’s Mission Dollars to the District.

Please remember in your prayers all our CID campus ministries, especially Rev. William Jensen and Wittenberg Lutheran Center in Normal, which serve students, faculty, and staff of Illinois State University and other institutions. Also, pray for the “Keeping Christ on Campus” campaign, which is building endowments to help CID support our campus ministries.

Items of Interest to Share

MISSION EDUCATION TOOLKIT: By mid-October, a modest Mission Education Toolkit will be available at www.cidlcms.org (main page bottom corner box) . Its first two elements will be a video interview with Pastor Aaron Uphoff of Calvary, Watseka, an alumnus of CID’s campus ministry at Western Illinois University in Macomb, and suggested text for a pastor to consider incorporating into a church newsletter article this fall. Check it out.

Witnessing HELPS

The Central Illinois District is pleased to announce the availability of a set of Witnessing Helps on our website. These take their cue from the four areas identified in LCMS 2023 Res. 1-01A: 1.) beginning an evangelistic conversation, 2.) listening discerningly to a non-churched person, 3.) making a simple statement of the Gospel, and 4.) defending the resurrection.

There are four sheets of helps, one for each of the above. These sheets, developed in consultation with South Wisconsin District executive Nathan Meador and Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Director Martin Herzberg, each offer three relatively simple suggestions to help with one of those skills as mentioned by the Synod. The sheets are intended to supplement, not supplant, the core *Every One His Witness* module made available by the Synod.

For the Witnessing Helps sheets, as well as short videos that introduce each, visit <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>

New Dollar for Mission Project

We have been able to fund four of our current DFM projects. We are moving our subsequent approved DFM project. **Restroom and water heater at University Lutheran Church, Champaign**

Dollar for Missions (DFM) contributions are now being devoted to necessary infrastructure at the University Lutheran Church in Champaign (UniLu). New toilets will be installed in the men’s room, and a new water heater will be installed for the building.

“Items like these seem far from glamorous,” said CID Mission Executive Ken Schurb. “They do not capture our senses until problems arise in connection with them. Then their importance stands out.”



Church Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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