

***“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  
December 8, 2024***

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

**SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, December 8, 2024**

<b>Elder:</b>	John Campbell
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Mel Vogel
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kevin Millen    Jim Boudro
<b>Organist:</b>	Christine Roth
<b>Cantor:</b>	Alex Tiece

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING**

**Office Hours: Monday — Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Sunday, December 8	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School
Monday, December 9	7:00 am 8-4	Matins <i>Home School – RICC Christmas Party</i>
Tuesday, December 10	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, December 11	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Advent Supper (served by LWML) Advent II service
Thursday, December 12	7:00 pm	Youth Group Programming Board
Friday, December 13		
Saturday, December 14	2:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christmas Caroling Pastor's Open House
Sunday, December 15	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School

**Attendance for Last Week:**

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - 75/65 Communed; Visitors – 1**

**Thanksgiving Eve, November 27<sup>th</sup> – 26**

**Advent Midweek I - 32**



**LWML Collecting items for missions**  
**CHRISTMAS GIFTS (unwrapped)**

**DAVENPORT LUTHERAN HOME**  
**through Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 15<sup>th</sup>**

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



***Portals of Prayer for***  
***January through March 2025***  
***are now in the Narthex!***

***Please take one for yourself***  
***and take one for a friend!***



**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF December 8: Philippians 4:6-7** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

<b><i>Holiday Service Schedule 2024</i></b>			
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



***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 11<sup>th</sup> – LWML**  
**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 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.**

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### **Total offering and expenses for October 2024**

We thank you for your continued generosity!

Income: \$17,694.00

Expenses: \$15,851.35

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The Lutheran Women in Missions (LWML) invites 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## CHRISTIAN CARE NEEDS:

Canned fruit & vegetables  
Large shampoo & conditioner  
Deodorant for men & women  
Shaving cream  
Razors  
Body wash  
Napkins  
Toilet paper  
Toilet bowl cleaner

All-purpose cleaner  
12, 22, 39 gallon trash bags  
Coats  
Hats, gloves, hoodies  
T-shirts, socks  
Men's underwear, long johns  
**PLACE ITEMS IN CC BOX IN  
NARTHEX AND THEY WILL BE  
TAKEN TO CHRISTIAN CARE.**

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## 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 baskets were 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: December 8 – Advent II** Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what’s coming and we don’t.

**LIFE THOUGHTS: December 8 – Advent II:** The people of Christ do not sit still or stay silent. We shout, sing, praise, and bless (Psalm 66:1-2, 8). We get to testify after the fashion of the Baptist and loud like the Lord who has opened our lips. May we raise our Gospel-motivated voice For Life to encourage and advocate for those vulnerable to the deception of using death as a solution.

**LIFE QUOTES: December 8 – Advent II:** “If heaven had been our home, would we have wanted to enter a world of grief and pain, of evil and death? Yet enter it Jesus did to give us His home to be ours forever. So, He loved us in undeserved grace. And so will we sing in the heavenly Jerusalem a refrain like that of our choirs: Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption’s happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: ‘Christ is born in Bethlehem.’ Alleluia.” *Richard Gurgel, President, Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota*

Daily Readings for week of December 8<sup>th</sup>  
From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

Today, Dec 8	Is. 24:14-25:12 <i>Obad. 1-21</i>	1 John 2:15-29
Monday, Dec 9	Is. 26:1-19	1 John 3:1-24
Tuesday, Dec 10	Is. 26:20-27:13	1 John 4:1-21
Wednesday, Dec 11	Is. 28:14-29 <i>2 John 1-13</i> <i>3 John 1-15</i>	1 John 5:1-21
Thursday, Dec 12	Is. 29:1-14	Jude 1-25
Friday, Dec 13	Is. 29:15-30:14	Rev. 1:1-20
Saturday, Dec 14	Is. 30:15-26	Rev. 2:1-29





## The Camp CILCA Lowdown

217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.

Cantrall, IL 62625

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### ❖ Summer Camp registration is OPEN!

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

#### ❖ Joyful Hearts Christmas: December 13-14

- Camp CILCA welcomes campers of all ages with developmental disabilities for a 24 hours Christmas party! Campers are partnered up with a high school or college-age volunteer who will help them have a fun and safe Christmas with activities like baking, decorating, singing, and more!

#### ❖ Act Like Men Woodcutters: Feb 28-March 1

- Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The study sessions will cover topics.

*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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation. – Board of Finance

**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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Deadline is Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



**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 December 8<sup>th</sup> :*

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org:** Join us as we continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and look at chapters 15-18 in the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Don't forget to tune in for the 100th anniversary edition of JOY!, airing this Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. CT! Find the full program schedule at [kfuo.org/joy](http://kfuo.org/joy).

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday–Friday  
9:00 AM–1:00 PM

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