

“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
October 13, 2024***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, October 13, 2024

Elder:	Mel Vogel
Communion Assistant:	John Campbell
Ushers:	Larry Wiebel Bryan Cobert
Organist:	Christine Roth
Cantor:	Keith Hentrich
<i>Flowers this morning are given “to the Glory of God” from Mona Meyer</i>	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

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

Sunday, October 13	9:00 am 10:15 am 1 pm	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School <i>Homeschool RICC – set up in Luther Room</i>
Monday, October 14	7:00 am 8-4 6:00 pm	Matins <i>Home School – RICC (Directors only)</i> Book Club
Tuesday, October 15	9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study Confirmation Class
Wednesday, October 16	<i>9-Noon</i> 7:00 pm	<i>Home School – CHALK</i> RI Circuit Youth Planning
Thursday, October 17	6:00 pm	Church Council
Friday, October 18		
Saturday, October 19		
Sunday, October 20	9:00 am 10:15 am 1:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School Circuit Youth – Tanner’s Orchard

Attendance for Last Week:

**Sunday, October 1st : 65/50 Communed
Visitors – 2**



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!

- **Fall Activity – Circuit Youth Group Event**

- Sunday, October 20th
- 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Tanners Orchard in Speer, Illinois
- Admission \$20 person, includes all-day admission to all attractions in the Back 40 Fun Acres plus admission to the U-Pick (apples) and the Corn Maze

- **Higher Things 2025**

- June 24-27 – University of Mass., Amherst, MA
- July 8-11 – Concordia Nebraska, Seward, NE
- July 29 – August 1, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI
 - \$100 reservation fee per attendee
 - Early Bird Rate
 - **Immanuel most likely going to the Grand Rapids Higher Things**
 - 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.



The Elders invite you to
Immanuel's Trunk-or-Treat
Sunday, October 27,
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Decorate your trunk, go crazy with your costume, and enjoy fellowship with your church family! This is also a great opportunity to invite community members to visit our church. The Elders will grill up some delicious food and will serve at 3 p.m. In case of bad weather, the event will be moved from the parking lot to the gymnasium. Please contact an Elder if you have any questions.



SEASONAL CHOIR - It's that time of year again when we look forward to our "Seasonal" choir. If you are interested, please let one of our organists know.



BELL CHOIR – If you would be interested in playing in a bell choir, please let Chris Roth or the office know. Time and day of practices will be decided among those interested.



**LWML will be collecting gift cards
to send to
Concordia Theological Seminary,
Fort Wayne, Indiana
from October through November 10th.**

Suggested vendors: gas (BP, Shell, Speedway); restaurants (Taco Bell, Subway, McDonalds, Burger King, Texas Roadhouse, Outback Steakhouse, Olive Garden); groceries (Target, Wal-Mart); or VISA cards.

Please write amount on card and give to Laurie Astrowski or church office.

LIFE QUOTES:

October 13 "To God, all life is sacred because He created it. With their faith, the great multitude will stand before the Lamb on Judgment Day, just as we will. So, to us who follow Jesus, we must continue to uphold the sanctity of life for each person, no matter the nation, language, or their political stance." *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS:

October 13 – Pentecost XXI (Proper 23B) – Even in Christian congregations, some promote death as a solution. Sin's deceit has hardened hearts (Hebrews 3:12-13). But Jesus loved the rich young man enough to welcome him with truth and love (Mark 10:21). Let us not keep His courage and compassion to ourselves. We can warn neighbors about abortion and euthanasia. We can win them over with the sanctity of every human life!

***Daily Readings for week of October 13th
from the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304***

Sunday, Oct 13	Deut. 11:26-12:12	Matt. 12:22-37
Monday, Oct 14	Deut. 12:13-32	Matt. 12:38-50
Tuesday, Oct 15	Deut. 13:1-18	Matt. 13:1-23
Wednesday, Oct 16	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15	Matt. 13:24-43
Thursday, Oct 17	Deut. 15:19-16:22	Matt. 13:44-58
Friday, Oct 18	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21
Saturday, Oct 19	Deut. 18:1-22	Matt. 14:22-36

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

Week of October 13, 2024

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free
Gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



The Lutheran Women in Missions (LWML) is kicking off 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, I 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.

October 17 – Serve at Christian Care Men's Shelter

October 24 – Bible Study and Dessert

November 21 – Bible Study and Dessert – Business Meeting follows

December 4 – 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

Immanuel will be serving the meal at **Christian Care Meal Site** on **Thursday, October 17th**. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer and/or provide food. Please mark food for Immanuel Lutheran Church October 17 and take to Christian Care before 5:30 that day. Volunteers should be there by 5:30 and serving begins at 6:00 pm.

We cordially invite the Central Illinois District to join us for Trinity Lutheran-Peoria's Oktoberfest (noon-1:30pm) & Reformation Hymn Festival (2:00pm) on Sunday, Oct. 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 135 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria.

Under the direction of our Cantor Peter Wykert, the hymn festival theme is "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word", focusing on gracious works God does through His word. Musical selections will include choral and congregational singing with organ, piano, brass, percussion, and strings. All Central Illinois District singers are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the choir. If you are interested in doing so, contact Cantor Peter Wykert at peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com. You will be provided with practice tracks and PDF's of the music notation.

All are invited to join us for food and fellowship at our Oktoberfest Meal, served from noon to 1:30pm in the gym at Trinity. The menu includes: Sausages, Schnitzel, Potatoes, apple sauce, and homemade Sauerkraut. So that Trinity can prepare accordingly, we do ask for people to RSVP by October 20.



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 October 13: KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUE.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at **kfue.org** and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUEradio** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: We are continuing our study of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (10/19 at 11:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion on the invocation of saints. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

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Stewardship Thought

Oct. 13 – Proper 23

Hebrews 3:18–19 – “And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.” Unbelief leads to disobedience — that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord’s way and the Lord’s plan. And when we fall into sin, it’s because we are not trusting the Lord’s goodness and provision.

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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. We will purchase Thanksgiving items to be ready to distribute 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.

Feed My Sheep, Tend My Sheep, Feed My Sheep

In John chapter 21, Jesus gave Simon Peter three charges regarding His sheep. These charges are now carried out by the pastors who serve our churches. Your pastor (Christ’s under-shepherd) has the responsibility to feed and tend to you and the fellow members of your congregation. This feeding is grounded in the means of grace, His Word, and the sacraments. This feeding of His Word comes to us in their sermons and leading Bible studies. The pastor is also responsible for tending to the flock by providing Christ-like comfort and care.

In October, the LCMS has appointed two Appreciation Days— Pastors (13) and Deaconesses (25). With these two appreciation days, we can show appreciation for our pastors and deaconesses; this month is a time to thank God for the blessings of these two Callings. We can pray for their protection, health, well-being, and ability to stand firm in the faith so that they can, in the words of 1 Thessalonians (5:12-13), “We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.”

Let us unite in prayer for these workers in our churches, lifting them up in their noble service. Similarly, let's remember in our prayers all those individuals who are currently studying to become church workers so that they may be equipped and strengthened for their future roles. Let's also pray that all individuals will be open to considering God’s calling into His ministry. (Other Appreciation Days are scheduled for Directors of Parish Music (April), Teachers (May), and Directors of Christian Education (June).

Mr. Trip Rodgers – CID Office

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church’s Mission Dollars to the District. Our Lord Jesus said, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest.” This month, please thank God for the outreach of the Gospel in Spanish at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Beardstown. Pray for Pastor Pablo Dominguez, who travels to Beardstown from East Moline twice a month.

Items of Interest to Share

CID BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW REPORT 09/24/24

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Announcement:

- President Mohr announced the theme for next year's District Convention: "Witnessing Christ to the People" (Acts 13:31).

Action:

- Due to a vacancy, Rev. Andrew Smith (Our Redeemer, Bloomington) was appointed and approved as Bloomington South Circuit Visitor.
- Appointed Deaconess Elizabeth Froh of Christ, Normal, to our District's Human Care Committee.
- Approved Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb's semi-retirement plans beginning Sept. 1st, 2025.
- Granted a peaceful release for Pastor Phillips (Deaf Ministry on behalf of CID) due to his accepting a Call to the Michigan District
- Approved to cover the remaining cost of an air conditioning unit for UniLu.
- Approved St. John, Beardstown, and Trinity, Auburn's constitutional updates

Reports:

- Mrs. Chris Andersen reported good news about St. John's- Mattoon capital campaign, construction, and classes already expanding into high school grades.
- A list of repairs needed at CID Missions Sites for future consideration.

Presentation:

- CID Board of Directors and Circuit Visitors received LC-MS 1st Vice President Reverend Peter Lange and 2nd Vice President Reverend Ben Ball for their triennium visitation. Reverend Lange walked through the District Visitation Outline on behalf of our Synod to our Central Illinois District. Both Vice Presidents fielded questions from CID directors and circuit visitors.

Next meeting is set for Nov. 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING Adult Leader Training & Q&A All adult leaders are invited to participate in one of two opportunities to meet on Zoom. These meetings will cover Gathering basics, travel tips, fundraising strategies, how to pick your adult leader team, and Q&A with veteran Gathering leaders! So, even if this is not your first time, we welcome you to come with any tips, tricks, and hacks you have for the Gathering! Meeting dates and times are: Tuesday, October 8 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 996635

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, October 17, 6:00 pm

VOTERS MEETING – Sunday, November 2, after church service

German Meal

Monday, October 14, 4:30 7:00 pm

St. John’s, rural Bath, Illinois

Proceeds from this meal will help support mission work among the deaf in the Central Illinois District.

Menu includes: Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, and Root Beer

Donation of your choice accepted

Churches of the Central Illinois District:

Christ Lutheran, Normal, will be having a *Hall of Tyrannus* seminar on **Saturday, October 19th**, from 10 am – 4 pm. The guest presenter will be Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa and he will present “Faith That Shines in the Culture”, which is one of his books. The cost is \$15 and a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. You may sign up for the seminar on-line at <https://www.christlutherannormal.org/events-announcements> and scroll down the page.

Total offering and expenses for September 2024

We thank you for your continued generosity!

Income:	\$20,370.00
Expenses:	\$16,189.09



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