

“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 1, 2024***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

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| Elder: | Larry Wiebel |
| Communion Assistant: | Alex Triage |
| Ushers: | Larry Wiebel Bryan Cobert |
| Organist: | Katherine Cobert |
| Cantor: | Burnie Eckardt |
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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

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

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| Sunday, December 1 | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School |
| Monday, December 2 | 7:00 am 8-4 6:00 pm | Matins <i>Home School – RICC</i> Book Club |
| Tuesday, December 3 | 9:30 am 6:00 pm | Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study |
| Wednesday, December 4 | 9-1 5:30 pm 6:30 pm | <i>Home School – CHALK (Christmas Party)</i> Advent Supper (served by Elders) Advent I service |
| Thursday, December 5 | 7:00 pm | Youth Group Programming Board |
| Friday, December 6 | | |
| Saturday, December 7 | | |
| Sunday, December 8 | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School |

Attendance for Last Week:

**Sunday, November 24th - 63/56 Communed
Visitors – 2**



LWML Collecting items for missions

CHRISTMAS GIFTS (unwrapped)

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 December 1: Revelation 1:7-8

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

| <i>Holiday Service Schedule 2024</i> | | | |
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| TODAY | 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 |



***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!

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| Income: | \$17,694.00 |
| Expenses: | \$15,851.35 |



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 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
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



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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: December 1 – Advent I Luke 19:31 – *“If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”* Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do, which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

LIFE THOUGHTS: December 1 – Advent I – Abortion and assisted suicide arise out of panic. The Advent Gospel offers something better: promise and patient anticipation. During surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, Jesus Christ means that better days are coming (Jeremiah 33:14), redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28), and none who wait upon the Lord shall be put to shame (Psalm 25:3). Sufferings will end, but blessings accumulate. Breathe, trust, hope, and rejoice.

LIFE QUOTES: December 1 “Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just ‘looking for love in all the wrong places,’ if you’ll pardon the expression. Don’t look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God’s love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas ‘God so loved the world that He gave ...’” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Daily Readings for week of December 1st
From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

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| Sunday, Dec 1 | Is. 7:10-8:8 | 1 Peter 3:1-22 |
| Monday, Dec 2 | Is. 8:9-9:7 | 1 Peter 4:1-19 |
| Tuesday, Dec 3 | Is. 9:8-10:11 | 1 Peter 5:1-14 |
| Wednesday, Dec 4 | Is. 10:12-27a, 33-34 | 2 Peter 1:1-21 |
| Thursday, Dec 5 | Is. 11:1-12:6 | 2 Peter 2:1-22 |
| Friday, Dec 6 | Is. 14:1-23 | 2 Peter 3:1-18 |
| Saturday, Dec 7 | Is. 24:1-13 | 1 John 1:1-2:14 |



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.

Cantrall, IL 62625

SAVE THE DATE:

❖ *Summer Camp registration is OPEN!*

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

❖ *Act Like Men Field Training: December 7, 7:30-8:15am*

- A brisk hike for men through the 235 acres of Camp CILCA. No cost. Meet at the pine trees by the entrance.

❖ *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 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



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



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For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of December 1st :

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: Sharper Iron airs a new series called “The Fifth Evangelist” (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), going through the book of Isaiah. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), we enter into Holy Week, taking a look at chapters 12-14 in John’s Gospel. Join us live on Sunday and Wednesday (1:00 and 7:00 p.m.) as we bring back a special 100th anniversary edition of JOY!, a one-hour program of sacred music for the Advent season. Find the full program schedule at kfu.org/joy.

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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