

“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 15, 2024***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, December 15, 2024

Elder:	Larry Wiebel
Communion Assistant:	Todd Hazen
Ushers:	Larry Wiebel Bryan Cobert
Organist:	Christine Roth
Cantor:	Karlene Campbell

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

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

Sunday, December 15	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School
Monday, December 16	7:00 am	Matins
Tuesday, December 17	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, December 18	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Advent Supper (served by Youth) Advent II Service (Children’s Program)
Thursday, December 19		
Friday, December 20	11:00 am	Christmas Basket distribution
Saturday, December 21		
Sunday, December 22	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School

**Attendance for Last Week - Sunday, December 8th
 Attended - 71; Communed - 56; Visitors – 2
 Advent Midweek II - 33**



LWML Collecting items for missions
CHRISTMAS GIFTS (unwrapped)

DAVENPORT LUTHERAN HOME
through TODAY

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 TODAY

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

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

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF December 8: Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.

<i>Holiday Service Schedule 2024</i>			
December 18	Wednesday	5:30-6:15 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 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.

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ALTAR GUILD – please sign up for duties for 2025 in the notebook in the Altar Guild room.

**THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS,
PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP.**

If you want more information, please speak with Linda Haake or Barb Soyke.

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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 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.

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
**PLACE ITEMS IN CC BOX IN
NARTHEX AND THEY WILL BE
TAKEN TO CHRISTIAN CARE.**



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 at Noon.*

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 15 – Advent III Philippians 4:5–6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn’t you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn’t it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

A LIFE THOUGHT in the Church Year for December 15 – Advent III: Gospel-motivated voices For Life bring reasonableness to the cultural conversation about life issues (Philippians 4:5). It means a message of joy and hope instead of just another angry and fearful demeanor. The sanctity of life proclaims good news to neighbors made poor (Luke 7:22) by pressures toward abortion and physician-assisted suicide. God remains mighty to save (Zephaniah 3:17), even in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis.

A LIFE QUOTE for Sunday, December 15: “Who is going to be king? Christ or Herod? Christ or I? Every day we make dozens of decisions which either acknowledge Christ’s lordship or which assert our own. The star of the Magi reminds the Christian that he has a gracious King to whom he can, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, submit his will and live. By His word Christ desires to reign in our hearts through faith!” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

Daily Readings for week of December 15th
 From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

Today, Dec 15	Is. 30:27-31:9	Rev. 3:1-22
Monday, Dec 16	Is. 32:1-20	Rev. 4:1-11
Tuesday, Dec 17	Is. 33:1-24	Rev. 5:1-14
Wednesday, Dec 18	Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10 <i>Micah 1:1-7:20</i>	Rev. 6:1-17
Thursday, Dec 19	Is. 40:1-17	Rev. 7:1-17
Friday, Dec 20	Is. 40:18-41:10	Rev. 8:1-13
Saturday, Dec 21	Is. 42:1-25	Rev. 9:1-12



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.

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❖ 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.

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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

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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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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: Tune in to Sharper Iron as we continue our study of Isaiah (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) and wrap up the Gospel of John with the Resurrection account on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Don't forget to join us for this week's edition of Joy!, featuring sacred music for the Advent season. You can find the full program schedule at kfuo.org/joy!

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9:00 AM–1:00 PM

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