

***“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 22, 2024***

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

**SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, December 22, 2024**

<b>Elder:</b>	Todd Hazen
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Alex Triage
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kevin Millen    Jim Boudro
<b>Organist:</b>	Katherine Cobert
<b>Cantor:</b>	Keith Hentrich
<i>The Altar Flowers and the Eternal Light are given To the glory of God for sending His Son to be our Savior – by Mona Meyer</i>	

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

Sunday, December 22	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School
Monday, December 23	7:00 am	Matins
Tuesday, December 24	2:00 pm 6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 25	9:00 am	Feast of the Nativity
Thursday, December 26		(Office Closed)
Friday, December 27		(Office Closed)
Saturday, December 28		
Sunday, December 29	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School

**Attendance for Last Week - Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Attended - 57; Communed - 43**  
**Advent Midweek III - 60**

### ***Holiday Service Schedule 2024***

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

### ***OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025***

**Envelopes for 2025 are available in the Narthex.** 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*

Daily Readings for week of December 22 <sup>nd</sup> From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304		
Sunday, Dec 22	Is. 43:1-24	Rev. 9:13-10:11
Monday, Dec 23	Is. 43:25-44:20	Rev 11:1-19
Tuesday, Dec 24	Is. 44:21-45:13, 20-25 <i>Dan. 10:1-12:13 Is. 48:1-22</i>	Rev. 12:1-17
Wednesday, Dec 25	Is. 49:1-18	Matt. 1:1-17
Thursday, Dec 26	Is. 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16	Matt. 1:18-25
Friday, Dec 27	Is. 51:17-52:12	Matt. 2:1-12
Saturday, Dec 28	Is. 52:13-54:10	Matt. 2:13-23



# 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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Portals of Prayer for January through March 2025 are now in the Narthex. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend!



**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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**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**

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.

**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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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: December 22 – Advent IV** 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 22 – Advent IV:**  
Whether the hamlet of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) or gestating babies (Luke  
1:41-44), the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant.  
Indeed, the heart of the Gospel consists in exalting those of humble estate  
(Luke 1:52). Rejoicing in the Lord who creates, redeems, and calls  
regardless of size, skills, or circumstances, the sanctity of life delights to  
declare nothing less!

**A LIFE QUOTE for Sunday, December 22:** “Merry Christmas! And may the  
certainty of God's love for you in Jesus Christ give you strength, comfort,  
and confidence this day to face whatever comes tomorrow. For, nothing  
can overpower the persevering power and blessing of Christmas.” *Rev. Dr.  
Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty*



## The Camp CILCA Lowdown

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

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.

Cantrall, IL 62625

### ❖ 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.

### ❖ 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.*



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 22:*

**KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: [@KFUOradio](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [X](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org:** Celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 24th-January 6th. Regular programming will resume on January 7th.

**KFUO Radio Apps** - Now available! Download the KFUE Radio iOS or Android app for your mobile device! In either the Apple app store or Google Play store, search for "KFUE Radio" and look for our green circle logo. You can listen to our livestream 24/7, find all of our podcasts, our program schedule, record a comment to send to us, and more.



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Monday—Friday  
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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