

***“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
February 2, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, February 2nd

Elder:	Todd Hazen
Communion Assistant:	Mel Vogel
Cantor:	Burnie Eckardt
Organist	Katherine Cobert

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

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

Sunday, February 2	7:15 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm	Board of Elders Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School Immanuel Youth Group
Monday, February 3	7:00 am 6:00 pm	Matins Book Club
Tuesday, February 4	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, February 5	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	RI Circuit Youth Planning Board Immanuel Youth Group Programming
Thursday, February 6		
Friday, February 7		
Saturday, February 8		
Sunday, February 9	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School

**Attendance for Last Week - Sunday, January 26th
Attended - 75; Communed - 60**

Seasonal Bell Choir



We are hoping to play handbells for Easter and to have practices on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm. If you are interested or need more information, please call the church office.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!
Help continue Pregnancy Resources'
Legacy of Life
Grab a Bottle and Fill It Up!

Please return filled bottles
by the end of February
THANK YOU!



TRIVIA NIGHT
SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH GROUP

Join in the fun night of Trivia to benefit
the Immanuel Lutheran Youth Group
Saturday, February 22

6:00 pm – (doors open at 5:30 pm)

The night will feature 10 rounds of Trivia,
a fabulous Silent Auction, and delicious Bake Sale.

\$80 a table/8 persons per table

Reserve a table by using sign-up sheet in Narthex, calling the
church office at 309-786-3391, texting Helen Vogel at 309-781-
9627, or email Helen.vogel.66@gmail.com.

- Ways you can help:**
- Reserve a table
 - Donate baked goods
 - Put together a Silent Auction Basket
 - Sign-up sheets on table in Narthex.



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!

- **Higher Things 2025**
 - July 29 – August 1, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI
- **February 2 - Regular Youth Group**
- **February 22 – Trivia Night**
- **TBD – Bible Bowl “Life of David”**
- **February 23 – Circuit Wide Youth Group - Bowling**

Please pray that our Circuit Youth Group will continue to be a source of fellowship, fun, and sharing God's Word with our youth.



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.

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF February 2nd

I John 1:7 – But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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.

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

From Central Illinois District - DOLLARS FOR MISSION 2025: The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry repair and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The all-brick church and student center has been next to the University of Illinois campus for over 70 years. Some portions of the brick and concrete are in need of immediate, special attention. This project will fund this targeted work to ensure the building remains in good shape and always open for the Word of Christ to be shared and preached to the 60,000 students at the U of I.

CHRISTIAN CARE:

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.**

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: January 26 - Third Sunday after Epiphany 1

Cor. 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

A LIFE THOUGHT in the Church Year for February 2 – Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord:

Ever since sinfulness first afflicted creation, labor and delivery sheds a mother's blood. The Law of the Lord laments that this echo and threat of death operates right where human life emerges from. So He intervenes with atonement to preserve that precious life. And Jesus embodies this opposition to abortion from the very beginning (Luke 2:22-24)

LIFE QUOTE for Sunday, February 2: “All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: ‘I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well’ (Psalm 139:14).” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church–Canada*

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



Was it Mrs. Fox, or Mr. Locher? Pastor Watkins, or my friend Dave? Who was it that urged me to give prayer and consideration to serving as a full-time church worker? It was all of them, and many more. And when I was younger, I gave them ample reasons to think I wouldn't be a pastor. But still, the Lord used many people of the Central Illinois District in the 70s and 80s to nudge and form me into a pastor.

The Lord works through means, and sometimes it's you He uses. Think about the maturing Christian men and women (they don't have to be youth) in your congregation whom you could encourage to serve as a Lutheran teacher, musician, or pastor. Pray first, encourage second.

[Jesus said,] “Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Mt 9:38). The fields are His, and the work is His. He will hear and answer your prayers according to His will. You *might* be encouraging the wrong person, but He'll work His will. Pray first. Encourage second. That's a good way to begin the year of our Lord 2025.

- Mike Burdick, St. John's Effingham

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored.” Dear Father, we pray Thee, give us Thy Word, that the Gospel may be sincerely preached throughout the world and that it may be received by faith and may work and live in us. So we pray that Thy kingdom may prevail among us through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit, that the devil's kingdom may be overthrown and he may have no right or power over us, until finally the devil's kingdom shall be utterly destroyed and sin, death, and hell exterminated, and that we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness (from Luther's Large Catechism).

Items of Interest to Share

Cellphones, Technology, and Teenagers Presentation

Our Redeemer—Jacksonville (405 Massey Ln) will host Pastor Joshua Theilen (Camp CILCA) on Jan. 25th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There is no cost (freewill offering), but you must reserve a seat by emailing carl.wicklander@gmail.com by [Jan. 20](#). Light refreshments will be served, but no childcare will be provided.

Announcing 2025 Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl:

TOPIC: The Life of David (1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2:12) DATE: Saturday or Sunday afternoon, March 29-30 or April 5-6 (to be determined as we try to work around as many young people' school and sports schedules as possible). PLACE: a centrally-located venue (usually a church, school, or Camp CILCA, near Springfield) large enough for all the registered teams. AGES: youth involved in their church. The CID Youth Bible Bowl is an opportunity for young people in Junior and Senior High School (grades 6-12) to study a portion of God's word each year and meet with other young people of their circuit and the District.→

If you would like more information, you may contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois (zionlcms@juno.com) or 309-795-1063.

Next Small Church Summit in CID: Feb. 22 in Pekin

Trinity Lutheran Church, Pekin, will host the Small Church Summit (SCS) meeting on February 22. The bad weather date is March 1.

Sign-in starts at 9:30 a.m. Opening devotion will commence at 10:00. Adjournment will be at 2:30 that afternoon.

Before lunch, a presentation on Witnessing Helps (that can be found online at <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>). Copies of the four Witnessing Helps sheets on 1) beginning an evangelistic conversation, 2) listening discerningly to a nonchurched person, 3) making a simple statement of the Gospel, and 4) defending the resurrection will be provided at the SCS.

Lunch will be provided. In the afternoon, interest sessions will include:

- Further conversation about the Witnessing Helps
- A session with Mr. Trip Rodgers of CID staff on various available resources
- A session with CID President Michael Mohr on record-keeping in smaller churches, especially during pastoral vacancies

SCS is free and available to all congregations of not only CID but also the Southern Illinois District. You need not be from a small church to attend. It works best if you bring along three or four others from your church. Talk in the car on the way to and from.

Trinity Lutheran Church is at 700 S 4th St., Pekin, IL, 61554-4504. The deadline to register is Tuesday, February 11.

REGISTER NOW for the winter Small Church Summit at <https://forms.gle/iwHhYL2kXhnAAshV8>

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

Looking for information: Ways to Connect:

- CID Lutheran Youth Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249327678480252>) – Find the latest district updates and information LCMS Youth Ministry Facebook Group
- End Goals: LCMS Youth Ministry Podcast <https://www.kfuo.org/category/lcms-youth-ministry-end-goals/> All things youth ministry and some great episodes on the Gathering! Be sure to check out www.lcmsgathering.com under the Resources tab for tons of information, worksheets, budgeting sheets, etc.



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!

○ To celebrate CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 are **\$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 relevant to men navigating life in the modern age.

○ Email director@cilca.org or register at cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat to sign up today!

❖ Women's Retreat: March 28-29

○ Our retreat theme is **Lean & Learn**: join us as we lean into God's word, digging into what God says to us and learn how we live it out in our daily vocation as women. Two choices for our retreat... You can join us overnight for \$100 and stay in the Christian Growth Center. There is a day-only option for \$75. Registration opens December 27th.

❖ Homecoming: August 2, 2025

○ This will be CILCA's only fundraiser for the year (replacing the Hog Roast and Chicken Fry). There will be live music, a vendor fair, great food, swimming, square dancing, face painting, wagon rides and more. Mark your calendar to celebrate CILCA's 75th anniversary in style!

***Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith
in Jesus Christ and relationships with others
in a unique outdoor setting.***

2025 marks 75 years of outdoor ministry! To celebrate this blessed anniversary, Camp CILCA will be offering every week of camp to all campers for just **\$75!** Registration is open so sign up early to secure your spot.



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on the following Stations:

WKEI Kewanee 1450 AM 5 am / KCLN Clinton 1390 AM 9:30 am / WMT Cedar Rapids 600 AM 6:30 am
Daily Devotions to your computer,
<https://www.lhm.org/subscribe/>

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: We continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), looking at chapters 30-34. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), we are studying the book of Job. Join us as we pick up with chapter 7! Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (2/1 at 10:00 a.m.) as we discuss confessional subscription in the ELCA with Rev. Dr. Mark Granquist. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

Daily Readings for week of February 2nd
From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

Today, Feb 2	Zech. 12:1-13:9	Titus 1:1-2:6
Monday, Feb 3	Zech. 14:1-21	Titus 2:7-3:15
Tuesday, Feb 4	Job 1:1-22	John 1:1-18
Wednesday, Feb 5	Job 2:1-3:10	John 1:19-34
Thursday, Feb 6	Job 3:11-26	John 1:35-51
Friday, Feb 7	Job 4:1-21	John 2:1-12
Saturday, Feb 8	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25

PREGNANCY RESOURCES - Welcome to 2025 – We’ve hit the ground running this year and are almost through January! As our church link, your faithful prayers, serving, and giving have made an enormous difference in the lives of moms, dads, and their little ones.

In this past year:

- You helped 1,982 individual clients by ensuring they received biblically compassionate and medically accurate information.
- Did you know that 91% of the women who needed early pregnancy answers were at risk for abortion?
- 86% of those at risk affirmed a life decision after care and counsel. Not only did the families receive full options education, fetal development, and life-affirming ultrasounds, but many learned how to become healthier parents with ...
- 1214 classes for mom AND dad!

YOU HELPED PROVIDE:

- 840 Bella’s Boutique visits, meeting real-time needs
- 94,392 diapers given
- 260 new baby gift bags
- 728 cans of formula
- 427 prenatal vitamins
- 143 car seats

You are the army of believers cheering on Mom and Dad when their lives are challenging and uncertain. Thank you!

Dates to Remember:

- Banquet – March 27
- Walk for Life – September 6
- PRC 101 Volunteer Training – Feb 18-20, Jul 15-17, Oct 21-23
- Taste of Making Life Disciples – Dates in May, Sep, and Oct



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Monday—Friday
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