

***“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  
March 23, 2025***

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

**SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>Elder:</b>	John Campbell
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Alex Triage
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kevin Millen    Jim Boudro
<b>Organist</b>	Christine Roth

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING**

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

Sunday, March 23	9:00 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School VOTERS ASSEMBLY, Cafeteria Circuit Youth “Bible Bowl”
Monday, March 24	7:00 am 8 - 4 6:00 pm	Matins <i>RICC Home School</i> Book Club
Tuesday, March 25	6:00 pm	Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, March 26	9-N 5:30-6:15 6:30 pm	<i>CHALK Home School</i> Lenten Supper <b>Lenten Midweek II</b>
Thursday, March 27		<i>Pregnancy Resources Banquet</i>
Friday, March 28		
Saturday, March 29		
Sunday, March 30	9:00 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School Handbell practice

**Attendance for Last Week - Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Attended – 59      Communed – 49**

**Lenten Midweek II – 31**

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## VOTERS ASSEMBLY TODAY - 10:30 am

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### 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!
  - SERVE LENTEN SUPPER – April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - April – District Bible Bowl – location and date TBD
  - Higher Things – July 29-Aug 1, Calvin University Grand Rapids MI



**TODAY** - The Rock Island Circuit Youth Bible Bowl will be held on TODAY at 2:00 pm. The topic is “The Life of David” (1 Samuel 16-2 Kings 2:12). The youth have been studying this part of the Bible for months, and would like everyone to come for a refresher on what God had to do in order to save His people and get His Son into the world.

**The Lutheran Witness**  
-- renewal time is here --

If you wish to receive/continue to receive  
The Lutheran Witness (mailed to your home),  
please let the church office know.

Subscription price is \$20.65 per year.

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*We have a Seminary family that is in need of assistance. Joshua Camp is a first-year student at Fort Wayne Seminary and he and his wife are expecting their first child soon. The LWML is raising funds to assist them. Please pray for this family and if you are able to assist or encourage them, please contact Laurie Astrowski, or you can contact them directly at:*

**Josh & Catherine Camp  
5207 N. Clinton Street  
Fort Wayne IN 46825**

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The Lutheran Women in Missions (LWML)  
invites you to participate!

Please come and join us. The meetings start  
at 6:00 pm with refreshments in the Luther  
Room, and we plan to finish by 7:30 pm.

**April 9 – Serve Lenten Dinner**

**April 20 - Easter**

**April 24 – Bible Study and Dessert**

**May 22 – Dine Out and Election officers**

Lenten Schedule - 2025				
Date	Supper Host	Supper Time	Service Time	Service
March 26		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek III
April 2	Youth Group	5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek IV
April 9	LWML	5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek V
Sunday, 4/13			9:00 am	Palm Sunday Divine Service
Thursday, 4/17			6:30 pm	Holy (Maundy) Thursday
Friday, 4/18			7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae
Saturday, 4/19			7:00 pm	The Vigil of Easter
EASTER Sunday, 4/20			6:30 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise
	Breakfast Potluck		7:30-8:30 am	
			9:00 am	The Resurrection of Our Lord

### **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

**ITEMS CAN BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO CHRISTIAN CARE OR  
 PLACE ITEMS IN CC BOX IN NARTHEX  
 AND THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO CHRISTIAN CARE**

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**I John 3:16** – *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT – Luke 13:3** – *“No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”* The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?” “What is a temptation I face?” “What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

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**A Life THOUGHT – March 23 – Lent III** – If Almighty God has *“no pleasure in the death of the wicked”* (Ezekiel 33:11), how much more does death of innocents grieve Him? Why then should the people of God ever tolerate the killing of unborn sisters and brothers? And if the Lord of all only deals in death when human iniquity does not allow Him to avoid it, will not the same love move us to warn others against dealing in death?

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**A Life QUOTE for March 23** – “Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe--was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother.” *Thomas P. Nass, CELK President – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life – lutheransforlife.org*

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**\*\* EASTER LILY FORMS AVAILABLE ON \*\***  
**TABLE IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU WISH TO**  
**PROVIDE A LILY FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

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*News You Can Use - March 2025*

Lent starts late this year. We have been able to enjoy two full months of Epiphany, the revelation of the glorious power and grace of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Remembering this lightens Lent's dark themes of sin and its horrible consequences. Perhaps also the presence of sunlight as we exit our mid-week Lenten services will help us to remember the blessed end of all this: God's glorious grace shining on us out of an opened heaven.

While the presence of physical light can improve our moods, Jesus Christ, "the light of the world" (John 8:12), improves everything for God's believing people. God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our paths (Psalm 119:105). In Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and every week of the Church year, God's word shows us His gracious love for us, because He did not leave us in the darkness, but "brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (2 Tim. 1:10). "Because the God who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is He who shined in our hearts for the enlightenment of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ... But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:3,20,57). Enjoy a lighter Lent!

*Pastor Mark Eddy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President - CID Board of Directors*

**Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."** Please remember in your prayers Pastor Pablo Dominguez and Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church in East Moline, where the ministry is conducted almost entirely in Spanish, as well as St. John's Lutheran Church in Beardstown, where Pastor Dominguez travels twice a month to preach and teach in Spanish.

## **Ministry Outreach Grants – 2025 Round 1**

Just a reminder to submit your requests for the first round of Ministry Outreach grants from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)! **Submissions should be received by April 1.** These grants are provided to assist our congregations, agencies, and individuals in carrying out the mission and ministry of the LCMS, with special consideration given to new and innovative opportunities addressing the issues and concerns confronting our District and its congregations. The application for the grant can be found on our website at [www.cid-cef.org](http://www.cid-cef.org), then look under “Grants” and “Ministry Outreach Grants.” You can also email us at [cef@cidlcms.org](mailto:cef@cidlcms.org) or call our office at 217-793-1802 to obtain a copy of the application. The deadline is April 1, 2025.

**LWML CID District Convention:** April 25-26, 2025, at Zion, Lincoln, IL. Friday, the 25th, we will have servant events, an evening meal followed by worship service and fellowship hour at Zion Church. Saturday, the 26th, is convention day at Zion School. We are thrilled to have Old Missionary Gary Thies of Mission Central as a keynote speaker. Also, we are equally happy that LWML President Eden Keefe will be with us. Delegates will tend to the district's business and select mission grants for funding. Six Breakout sessions will be held. **Registration and hotel information will be available from your church's LWML group or at <https://lwmlcid.org> beginning March 10th.**

**2025 Illinois Pro-Life March** is scheduled for March 25th in Springfield . On March 25, 2025, concerned citizens from all over Illinois will gather in Springfield for the annual state Pro-Life March. Appropriately, March 25 is the festival of the Annunciation and makes an excellent occasion for the Pro-Life March. Trinity Lutheran Church (220 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL, 62701), across the street from the state capitol building, will again conduct a Matins service at 11:00 a.m. Northern Illinois District President Allan Buss will preach. Immediately thereafter, worshipers may walk to the ballroom of the State House Inn, one block north of the capitol building, to pick up a light lunch consisting of a four-inch ham or turkey sandwich, bag of chips, cookie, and bottle of water. The suggested donation is \$6. The Pro-Life rally outside the capitol is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Actual marching should step off at about 2:00 p.m. Worshipers may park in the State House Inn's west parking lot at the corner of Adams and First Streets.

## **CID Convention Reminders:**

- **Convention Date: July 13-15, 2025- Springfield, IL**
- **Floor Committee meeting date: March 15<sup>th</sup>**





## The Camp CILCA Lowdown

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

4124 Camp Cilca Rd., Cantrall, IL 62625

### SAVE THE DATE:

- **Summer Camp registration is OPEN** - To celebrate CILCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 are **\$75** if you register before April 1.
- **Annual Banquet – Sunday, March 30, 5-8 pm** – An evening celebrating God's work of *Creation* and *Redemption*, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. Our speaker, Pastor BJ Fouts, Executive Director at Camp Concordia, will discuss the impact of camp. Tickets \$40 each. Call the camp office or email to reserve your tickets 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.



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:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am we wrap up the book of 1 Samuel and begin 2 Samuel! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am) as we continue our study of Hebrews, covering chapters 7-9.

Sharathon 2025 is next week! From April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, join us for special programming, fun giveaways, and a chance to make a difference by supporting the mission and ministry of KFUE Radio! To learn more, visit: [kfu.org/sharathon](http://kfu.org/sharathon).

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**Daily Readings for week of March 23 - 29**  
**From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304**

<b>TODAY, Lent 3</b>	Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22	Mark 9:1-13
Monday	Gen. 29:1-30 <i>Gen. 29:31-34:31</i>	Mark 9:14-32
Tuesday	Gen. 35:1-29	Mark 9:33-50
Wednesday	Gen. 37:1-36	Mark 10:1-12
Thursday	Gen. 39:1-23	Mark 10:13-31
Friday	Gen. 40:1-23	Mark 10:32-52
Saturday	Gen. 41:1-27	Mark 11:1-19

## *Legacy of Life – Pregnancy Resources*

35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Fundraising Dinner (limited-seating)

- Celebrating 35 years of life-saving ministry
  - Witnessing the faithfulness of God
  - Looking towards our exciting future

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6-8:30 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)**

Today, you stand in the gap and offer a Legacy of Life when culture provides a legacy of death for many. Your intentional sharing of the truth with countless people has a profound impact. You may not have seen their faces, but you have extended hope and life to moms and dads wrestling with their next steps. Join like-minded friends, hear your impact over the decades, and see where the Lord leads for years to come at our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Fundraising Dinner

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you”.* Jeremiah 1:5a This verse fits perfectly with our theme “Legacy of Life”. For 35 years we have sought to protect life, share hope, offer help and extend compassion to women and men at risk of choosing abortion.

In 2024, more than 5482 life-affirming appointments to nearly 2000 individuals were provided. While more than 9 in 10 of the women who came for pregnancy testing and ultrasound care were at risk of aborting (or had an abortion planned), more than 86% chose life for their pre-born children!!!

It’s hard to predict what life and the law will look like in the months and years ahead. Even as I write this note, a pro-abortion webpage, that was previously sponsored by the Federal government, has been taken down! Praise the Lord! But we still face some heart-breaking abortion realities:

- While many states now have laws to protect the pre-born, abortion is on the rise in the US. At least 1.2 million lives were lost to abortion in 2023 and there was a 15% increase in abortion in the first quarter of 2024. **The abortion industry, which made at least \$780,000,000 in 2023 will continue to aggressively go after abortion revenue.**
- The majority of abortions now occur as “self-administered at home” abortions. These abortion pill abortions do not require in-person visits or any doctor follow-up. Sadly, according to AAPLOG at least **1 in 25 of women who self-administer their own abortion will require medical intervention** in an emergency room.
- Illinois is now responsible for nearly 10% of the known abortions in the US and continues to pay for abortions with their State medical card and continues to promote “abortion tourism”.

**Pregnancy Resources stands as a beacon of hope against this type of darkness every day – because every life matters and women deserve better! With your help we will continue to promote “Legacy of Life”.**



**Church Office Hours**

Monday—Friday  
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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