

***“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
May 25, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, May 25 th	
Elder	Tyler Werke
Communion Assistant	Larry Wiebel
Ushers	Mitch Bull Eric Campbell
Cantor	Karlene Campbell
Organist	Christine Roth
<i>The Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in Memory of Aaron Carter by Alaina Carter</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, May 25

- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day (office closed)

Tuesday, May 27

- 9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

Thursday, May 29

(Office closed)
6:30 pm – Ascension of Our Lord

Sunday, June 1

- 7:15 am – Board of Elders
- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

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Attendance for Last Week

Sunday, May 18th
Attendance – 69 Communed - 57

CHURCH OFFICERS NEEDED:

If you are interested in becoming an officer or member of a committee at Immanuel, there are several positions that will be open including President (1); Corporate Secretary (1); Treasurer (1); Property Chairman (1); Foundation Trustee (1); Board of Elders (4); Call Committee (3). If you are interested or need more information, please contact Mel Vogel, Ron Mau, or the church office at 309-786-3391.



EDUCATION WING RESTROOMS ...

Construction is underway



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 – July 29-Aug 1, Calvin University Grand Rapids MI
 - Immanuel Youth – regular meeting – June 8th
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VBS 2025 – June 23 through June 27

Please prayerfully consider being a VBS volunteer.

We will need volunteers to help with registration, teaching, crafts, music, group leaders (escorting children to each activity), games, and kitchen helpers. **A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the Narthex table.**

On-line registration now available on the website calendar to sign your child/children up for VBS

FOR THE WEEK OF May 25th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

MEMORY VERSE: **Colossians 3:2** – *Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: **Acts 16:9** – “And a vision appeared to Paul in then light: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it though the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?”

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT – May 29 ASCENSION DAY: **Acts 1:11** – “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we prioritize our lives.

LIFE THOUGHT - Surprise pregnancy, infertility, disability, or terminal diagnosis sometimes hide the sanctity of life. But humankind’s Heavenly Bridegroom beholds every member of our race as beautiful, blessed, and special (Revelation 21:7). His Word helps us see every neighbor with the same gracious eyes that regard us beloved. What joy will be ours when our mouths give voice to our vision – and invite our whole society to share!

LIFE QUOTE: “We rightly honor our dead who are near to us in time, realizing this is but a passing phase of memory, that in another already-determined Time, all the graves shall be opened, and all shall rise to meet the Judge of the Living and the Dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end. Memory eternal.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life – lutheransforlife.org*

Daily Readings from the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

Easter 6	Num. 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25-15:10
	<i>Num. 4:1-8:4</i>	
Monday	Num. 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
Tuesday	Num. 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
Wednesday	Num. 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
Thursday/Ascension	Num. 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
Friday	Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37
Saturday	Num. 13:1-3, 17-33	Luke 18:1-17



In addition to providing Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, our Social Ministry continues to help with special needs throughout the year as needed when requested via the Elders or Pastor. Envelopes are provided in your envelope box or use plain envelope, indicating for Social Ministry. If you have any question, contact the church office or Mel Vogel.

Part of our Social Ministry includes helping support our two Seminary families - **If you wish to help support these Seminarians**, you can place your gift in an envelope with “Seminarians” and your envelope number written on it, and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office. These gifts will be recorded on your financial statement and checks will be sent to them quarterly.

Josh Bieri - Vicarage appointment - Faith Lutheran Church, LaCrosse, WI
Josh Camp – will be starting his 2nd year at CTSFW Fall 2025

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CHRISTIAN CARE:

Canned fruit & vegetables	Body wash	All-purpose cleaner
Large shampoo & conditioner	Napkins	Toilet paper
Deodorant for men & women	T-shirts, socks	Toilet bowl cleaner
Shaving cream, razors	12, 22, 39 gallon trash bags	

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



The Lutheran Women in Missions (LWML)

Our regular LWML meetings will begin again in the Fall. WELCOME!

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

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #1 – Student Aid for Church Workers - \$30,000. Due to the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dreams of becoming full-time church workers. These funds would be distributed through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee.

How can I help? Pray that God provides men and women willing to become church workers to spread the Gospel message throughout the world. Support this grant by donating to your Church's LWML group Mite Box fund.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT - The current **DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS** project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 50,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. This project will fund targeted areas for repair on the exterior, so that the Lord's Word and Sacraments can continue to be given for many decades to come! Feel free to check out the video at <https://youtu.be/n3BgVeNC0tg> or find more information on our website <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>.

Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) – after tornadoes and severe weather left a swath of devastation and damage across Missouri, Kentucky, and other states recently (including **Concordia Seminary and Park** in St. Louis), **LCC** is deploying **LCC Disaster Response** teams to provide chainsaw assistance and debris removal with heavy equipment at multiple sites. **LCC Care Teams** trained in **Spiritual First Aid®** are standing by to mobilize and travel to affected areas. If you are compelled to give towards this response, please donate to May 2025 Tornado Outbreak Response Fund. By phone – 866-455-6466 or by mail: Lutheran Church Charities, 3020 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook IL 60062.



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on: WKEI Kewanee 1450 AM 5 am / KCLN Clinton 1390 AM 9:30 am / WMT Cedar Rapids

600 AM 6:30 am

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we are continuing our study of Israel's history according to the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 15-18. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) for our study of Genesis! This week's readings will bring us into the beginning of Jacob's story. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (5/31 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will discuss the Church and how believers are justified. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!



May 2025 mid-month

A.D.D.

It is a terrible problem, affecting many more people than maybe you would guess: **A.D.D.** Yes, I mean **A**scension **D**eficit **D**isorder. **A.D.D.** strikes when we imagine that Christ and His blessings are long ago and/or far away. When the world pressures us, we grow troubled. When our sins come crashing back into our minds, we become terrified. Even when loved ones die in the Lord, we might see no end to our grief. In fact, we get stuck on what we see. When our horizon shrinks and it's as if we have hoped in Christ for this life only, it's pitiful. This **A.D.D.** is a scourge! There is an answer for it, namely, the real ascension of our Lord. "He put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Eph. 1:22-23).

Celebrate Christ's ascension on May 29!

Dr. Ken Schurb – CID office



Church Office Hours

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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