

***“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
August 16, 2026***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026	
Elder	Larry Wiebel
Communion Assistant	Alex Triage
Ushers	Brent Titus Carrie Titus
Cantor	Karlene Campbell
Organist	Katherine Cobert
<i>The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Rodger Kramer, our husband and father, by Sandy, Mike & Kris.</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, August 16

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study

Tuesday, August 18

9:30 am – Bible Study

Thursday, August 20

THE IMAGE Item Submission Deadline

6:00 pm – Church Council meeting

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study

Attendance for Sunday, August 9

Attended – 66 Communed – 54

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT IMMANUEL? Classes leading to Baptism (for the unbaptized) and participation in Holy Communion are available for you (or a friend and family member). These classes are typically done on a one-on-one basis and adjusted to fit the needs of the catechumen. These classes cover the basics of the Faith, and what it means to be a communicant member of our church. If you would like more information contact Pastor Astrowski at 989-326-0199.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION are available for you by appointment with the pastor. Contact the pastor privately via his personal mobile phone at 989-326-0199 if you would like to schedule an appointment.

OFFICERS NEEDED: If you are interested in becoming an officer or member of a committee at Immanuel, there are positions that will be open, including but not limited to: Foundation (1), Board of Christian Education (4).

Some positions require attendance at Council meetings which are *generally* held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. The next Council meeting will be Thursday, August 20, and at that time a nomination list will be put together for the next Voters Assembly to elect the new officers. ***If you are interested, please contact Mel Vogel, Scott Welch, or call the church office (309-786-3391).***

BUILDING UPKEEP: Thank you to those who have signed up to clean a room/area monthly in our education wing. Please take a look at your area and spruce up as needed. The homeschool group begins again in September.

MOWERS NEEDED: If you are willing and able to help with the church lawn mowing this summer, please sign up on the schedule sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your help!

SOCIAL MINISTRY would like to compile a list of people to contact for help in the kitchen for funeral luncheons. If you would be willing to help, please contact Tammy Robinson via email (ilcricactg@gmail.com).

Part of our Social Ministry includes helping support 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.



LWML NEWS

The first meeting of the Immanuel LWML will be Thursday, September 17th at 6 p.m. Come join us for a

short devotional led by Pastor Astrowski, a look at our upcoming year and fellowship. All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

Helen Vogel, President

The LWML Fall Rally will be held this year at Zion Lutheran Church, Thursday, September 10th. Please contact Helen if you are interested in going and she will help you get registered.



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 is 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.

• **Annual Circuit Youth Group Picnic** will be Sunday, Sept. 13, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Zion, Taylor Ridge. Zion will provide pulled chicken and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share.

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

ATTENTION CIRCUIT MEN - The next **"Brats, Bibles, & Beverages"** will be held on Sunday, August 30 at 5:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, East Moline (1450 30th Avenue). Join other men from the Rock Island Circuit for an evening of food, fellowship, and a study of God's Word. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Weather permitting this will be an outdoor event, so bring a lawn chair. If it rains, we will move indoors. Please call St. John's 309-792-0755 to RSVP by August 23rd so we can plan accordingly.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church's Art Show - Highlighting 75 years of Creating and Displaying Art in God's House. The Circuit is invited to attend our upcoming Art Show and Ice Cream Social **TODAY**, August 16, 2-4pm. You will be able to take a self-guided tour of the church artwork created by past and present members and commissioned by others in memory of a loved one. Each station will have a description of the art and who created it, or who it was in memory of. Follow up your tour with an ice cream social. A free will offering will be going to LWML for Missions.

LCMS MEN & WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE – 2026-2027 Season Starting Soon! Did you know that our LCMS league has served the Quad Cities since 1962? Come join us for fun and fellowship with other local church members. Join a team or get a group and create your own. All Skill levels are welcome.

Where: Highland Park Bowl (location change) – 4204 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL

Informational meeting August 17, 2026 @ 6pm (in the bar area)

Fall Season – Starting September 14, 2026

Winter Season – Starting December 14, 2026 (Tentative)

Questions? Contact (call or text): Michael Wagner 309-453-7206 or Jim Pearson 563-293-6456

The Rock Island Circuit is looking for applicants for a Parish Nurse to serve its churches. Requirements include: RN and Online District Parish Nurse certification. Interested parties may contact the church office (309-786-3391) or Mel Vogel (309-781-9624).



Christian Care in Rock Island has the following needs:

Canned fruit & vegetables, body wash, large shampoo & conditioner, deodorant (for men & women), shaving cream, razors, T-shirts, Socks, Napkins, toilet paper, all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, 12, 22, & 39 gallon trash bags.

Items can be taken directly to Christian Care or placed in their basket in the Narthex and they will be taken to Christian Care.



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For the week of August 16:

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: Our study of the book of Matthew continues on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! Tune in to “The Reign of Heaven Stands Near” as we look at Matthew 16-18. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we move forward in our latest study of the minor prophets. We’ll be picking up this week with the book of Nahum. Don’t forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (8/22 at 10 a.m.)! Pastor Brady Finvern is leading a new study through the Formula of Concord, and this week we’ll be discussing the controversies which led up to the Formula’s writing. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting **kfu.org**!



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

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

Aug 16	2 Sam. 6:1-19	1 Cor 9:1-23
Aug 17	2 Sam. 7:1-17	1 Cor. 9:24-10:33
Aug 18	2 Sam. 7:18-29	1 Cor. 10:23-11:16
Aug 19	2 Sam. 11:1-27	1 Cor. 11:17-34
Aug 20	2 Sam. 12:1-25	1 Cor. 12:1-13
	<i>2 Sam. 13:1-19:43</i>	
Aug 21	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Cor. 12:14-31
Aug 22	1 Kings 2:1-27	1 Cor. 13:1-13
	<i>1 Cor. 14:1-16:24</i>	



Copies of the **Camp CILCA Lowdown** are available on the table in the Narthex.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Titus 3:4–6

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – “Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness ...” (Isaiah 56:1, 7)! Keep justice for innocent unborn babies and for every human life, dear Christian friends. “For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all” (Romans 11:32). All have sinned and fallen short—every age, every ability, every race, both genders—and God has had mercy on all in Christ our crucified and risen Lord of life! Let us pray for His mercy, along with the Canaanite woman’s cry for her daughter (Matthew 21:22), even when we don’t receive an answer to our for-life prayers right away.

LIFE QUOTE: “The message concerning the work and person of Christ is meant to bring joy to the sorrowing and light to those in the darkness. The light of God’s mercy shines into the darkest of situations; the Holy Spirit guides people to confess their sins and brings forgiveness to those who have participated in abortions, pointed people to end their own lives, or suggested that someone be harmed in some other way.” *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Building Healthy Families: President Harry S. Truman once said, “A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.” *Which are you?* Pessimists...how’s this working for

you? It’s usually true that mood follows message: what we think or tell ourselves about a situation results in how we feel about what is happening. The next time you are feeling low or having a difficult day, stop and listen to what you are telling yourself. *Is it true?* Challenge and then replace negative, untrue thoughts with the truth. (Hint: look for truth in your Bible.) If you’re stuck in a negative pattern of thought and life, you don’t have to stay there. Please reach out. Your LFS counselors are available to help you learn to identify and change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth. www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service



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