

***“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
September 13, 2026***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026	
Elder	Alex Triage
Communion Assistant	Todd Hazen
Ushers	Brent Titus Carrie Titus
Cantor	Burnie Eckardt
Organist	Christine Roth

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, September 13

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study and Sunday School

3:00 pm – Circuit Youth Group picnic at Zion Taylor Ridge

Monday, September 14

9:00 am – Winkel

6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, September 15

9:30 am – Bible Study

6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study (Online)

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 am – CHALK Homeschool Group

Thursday, September 17

6:00 pm – LWML meeting

Saturday, September 19

9:00 am – Fall into Crafting in the gym

Sunday, September 20

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study and Sunday School

Attendance for Sunday, September 6

Attended – 60 Communed – 48

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.

BUILDING UPKEEP: Thank you to those who have signed up to clean a room/area monthly in our education wing. *Sunday School and the homeschool group have begun meeting again, so please check on your room/area.*



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 **TODAY**, 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.



CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: We are reaching out to our congregations to ask for assistance for families in our area who have recently been affected by the closing of Tyson

Food Plant. The unexpected loss of employment has placed a number of families in a difficult situation, and **Cristo Rey Food Pantry** is working to help meet their immediate needs.

Cristo Rey Food Pantry is in need of **food donations, grocery and gas gift cards, and monetary donations** to help support these families as they navigate the sudden loss of their jobs and income. We are asking our congregations to prayerfully consider how they might help. Donations of nonperishable food items can help keep families' pantries stocked, while grocery and gas gift cards can provide some flexibility for immediate necessities. Monetary donations can also help Cristo Rey Food Pantry respond to the needs of the families they are serving.

This is an opportunity for our congregations to come together and show Christ's love and compassion to our neighbors during a time of uncertainty. Whether your congregation is able to organize a food collection, collect gift cards, provide a monetary donation, or simply share this request with your members, every contribution can make a difference.

Please also keep the employees and their families in your prayers as they seek new employment and adjust to the challenges this closure has created. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve those in need in our communities.

Items Requested for the Hispanic Food Pantry at Cristo Rey: Knorr Tomato Bouillon, Canned Chicken Soup, Rice, Sugar, Pinto Beans (Dry and Canned), Cooking Oil Bath, Tortillas (any kind), Canned Tuna, Canned Sardines, Canned Fruits, Cereals, Eggs, Chorizo, Bacon, Fresh Cheese, Milk, Cookies, Crackers (any kind), Potatoes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Soap. *Note: Cristo Rey has both a refrigerator and chest freezer for the perishable food items.*

There is a table in the Narthex for donated items.



**Mission Possible Day is
THIS Tuesday, September 15**

Your contributions will fund mission grants for organizations serving the world through His grace, with every dollar going directly to these ministries. Thanks to a generous matching gift, the first \$10,000 donated on September 15 will have double the impact.

The first meeting of the Immanuel LWML will be **THIS 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

**FALL INTO CRAFTING: A Day of Creativity and Fellowship
Ready for a little FALL FUN?**

Come join us for "Fall into Crafting" on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Church Gym!

We'll spend the morning creating several fun autumn projects, enjoying delicious finger foods and drinks, and sharing good fellowship with friends.

No crafting experience is necessary—everyone is welcome! Feel free to invite a friend and enjoy the day together!

Cost: \$20 per person. All proceeds will go to the Pregnancy Resource Center and to Christian Care.

Sign up sheets and project examples are available on a table in the entry way.

Stop by, take a look at the projects, and sign up for a fun day of crafting, food and fellowship for a good cause!!



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 (ilcriacctg@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.

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

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:

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| Canned fruit & vegetables | T-shirts |
| Body wash | Socks |
| Large shampoo | Napkins |
| Large conditioner | Toilet paper |
| Deodorant (men & women) | All-purpose cleaner |
| Shaving cream | Toilet bowl cleaner |
| Razors | 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.



Building Healthy Families: Want to be closer to your spouse, children, or grandchildren? Praying as a couple or as a family is one of the most powerful and intimate things you can do together. Start simply by praying for things you're thankful for, things you need, or things you're worried about. Pray for people you know who are struggling. If you're not currently praying aloud together, consider the many positive impacts of doing so. You will be drawn closer to God, and to each other. Find a creative, practical, and free downloadable resource for fun ways to build prayer into you and your family's daily life, created by our friends at Concordia Center for the Family at <https://www.concordiafamilystore.org/resources/p/family-prayer-handout>. www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Employment Opportunities at Lutheran Family Service:

Lutheran Family Service is seeking a School-Based Mental Health Counselor / School Partnership Coordinator to provide Christ-centered counseling and support services to students and families in a partner school in Davenport, Iowa. This position combines counseling, classroom education, crisis response, and school partnership development in a faith-based setting. Candidates should hold a master's degree in a mental health-related field and have Iowa licensure or licensure eligibility. Part-time and full-time opportunities are available. To learn more or apply, send your resume to Cassie Beltz at cbeltz@lutheranfamilyservice.org.

Lutheran Family Service is also seeking a Part-Time Pregnancy Counselor & Adoption Caseworker serving Central Illinois. This role provides life-affirming counseling to women facing unplanned pregnancies, supports birth families, and guides adoptive families through the adoption process. Ideal candidates have a bachelor's degree in social work or a related human-services field and a desire to serve in a Christian, faith-based ministry dedicated to helping women, children, and families. For more information or to apply, contact Kim Laube at klaube@lutheranfamilyservice.org.



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For the week of September 13:

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: Tune in for “The Reign of Heaven Stands Near”, our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we’re concluding our study of Paul’s letters to the Corinthians. Follow along as we pick up this week with 1 Corinthians 5. On Concord Matters (9/19 at 10 a.m.), Pastor Finnern and Rev. Brian Kachelmeier continue our discussion of Article 1 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, on original sin. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!



COMING SOON!

2027 is the 120th Anniversary of CID and the first 5 Circuits (ours being the Peoria-Rock Island Circuit).

It is also the 70th year since the Rock Island Circuit branched off its own.

The Rock Island Circuit office administrators are currently working on creating a beautiful wall calendar that will highlight the 12 churches in our Rock Island Circuit. This October, each of the 12 sister congregations will have a copy to view and begin taking orders. We are aiming for a delivery date of December 1.

All additional proceeds will be given to our very own Cristo Rey Lutheran Church.



Pray for Our Central Illinois District Missions, supported by your church's regular contributions to the District

Please remember our District's mission work in central Illinois in your prayers.

Our Lord Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest." This month, please remember in your prayers all the students, particularly those from CID, who are studying at our Synod's colleges and seminaries to be pastors, teachers, and other kinds of church workers – many with the help of scholarship money from CID.

"Rooted in Christ":

CID Junior High Youth Event Set for November 7

Youth from across CID are invited to gather on Saturday, November 7, for a full day of worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth at Camp CILCA. This year's event carries the theme **"Rooted in Christ,"** drawn from Colossians 2:6–7, which calls believers to walk in Christ, "rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith."

More information is in the News You Can Use print outs on the table in the Narthex.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Convention Recap

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, July 18–23, 2026, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Convention Workbook, the Biographical Synopses & Statements of Nominees, and other materials — such as issues of Today's Business and the convention Bible study — are available at <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national>

The opening Divine Service and all convention sessions are archived at <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/livestream>



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



The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. Sometimes in a marriage, one or the other spouse may have a dominance over investments and other financial decisions, just based on preference, skills or habits throughout life. However, in the estate planning process, it is essential that the thoughts of both spouses be represented well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate these mutually sharing conversations. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

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

Sep 13	2 Chron. 32:1-22 <i>Hos 1:1-14:9</i>	Col. 1:1-23
Sep 14	2 Chron. 33:1-25 <i>Jonah 1:1-4:11</i>	Col. 1:24-2:7
Sep 15	2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 <i>Nah. 1:1-3:19</i>	Col. 2:8-23
Sep 16	2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25 <i>Zeph. 1:1-3:20</i>	Col. 3:1-25
Sep 17	2 Chron. 36:1-23 <i>Philemon 1-25</i>	Col. 4:1-18
Sep 18	Neh. 1:1-2:10 <i>Hag. 1:1-2:23</i>	1 Tim. 1:1-20
Sep 19	Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6	1 Tim. 2:1-15

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 143:8

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,
for in You I trust.
Make me know the way I should go,
for to You I lift up my soul.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – Joseph was a man wronged, repeatedly. However, as we find him in Genesis 50, those wrongs against him did not lead him to live with bitterness or a desire for revenge. Instead, we find that God provided him with patience and compassion even against those who had so terribly sinned against him. We are often quick to anger and slow to forgive. May He work patience and wisdom in our hearts when we hear about the numerous ways God’s gifts are twisted. Thanks be to God that He is “slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Psalm 103:8).

LIFE QUOTE: “Again, our worth is never determined by what we do. God has given us value by creating, redeeming, and calling us as His own. Still, we can be comforted knowing that even as we age and reach the point where we can no longer be active, God not only watches over us and cares for us, He accomplishes great and wonderful things through us. May the Lord of life grant us the faith and the strength to bear the crosses of aging in such a way that others are led to see the love of Christ manifest in us!” *Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



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