

***“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
October 18, 2026***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026	
Elder	Mel Vogel
Communion Assistant	Tyler Werke
Ushers	Kevin Millen Jim Boudro
Cantor	Burnie Eckardt
Organist	Katherine Cobert
<i>The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the many years God has given me by Mitch Bull.</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, October 18

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study and Sunday School

Monday, October 19

6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 am – Bible Study

6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study - online

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 am – CHALK Homeschool Group

Thursday, October 22

6:00 pm – Church council meeting

Saturday, October 24

2:00-4:00 pm – Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation Day observed

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study and Sunday School

Attendance for Sunday, October 11

Attended – 76 Communed – 62

THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN APPAREL STORE is open! A flyer with a QR code is available on the table in the narthex for ordering.

TRUNK OR TREAT will be Saturday, October 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the church parking lot.

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. There are a few areas that are still available; see the sign up sheets on the table in the narthex.



THE IMMANUEL LWML will serve dinner at Christian Care on **Thursday, October 29th**. See Helen Vogel if you'd like to provide food or help serve.

A MEXICAN DINNER AND TALENT SHOW will be held **Saturday, November 14** from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm (doors open at 4:30) at Immanuel. Dinner is at 5:00 pm, with the talent show following. *Please RSVP for dinner by November 1st with number attending – call/text 309-781-9627.* The Mexican dinner includes: enchiladas (chicken or chorizo and potato), chips and salsa, rice and beans, drinks, dessert, and piñata fun for the kids. There will be a free will offering. Dinner will be served by members of Cristo Rey and proceeds will benefit members of the congregation who were affected by the closure of the Tyson plant. The talent show will be family friendly and all entries will be approved by Pastor. Contact Helen Vogel if you want to participate (call/text 309-781-9627).

THE NEW 2026 IMMANUEL PHOTO DIRECTORIES are now available in the narthex. One directory per family, please. Special thanks to Bryan and Katherine Cobert and Cobert Photography for photographing our members, as well as creating and printing the directories.



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.

· Sunday, Nov. 1 – Service project in Galesburg benefitting Cristo Rey.

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

QUAD CITIES LCMS BOWLING LEAGUE is still welcoming people to join at any time during the season. Please see the flyer on the table in the narthex for more information.

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.



CHRISTIAN CARE in Rock Island has the following needs:

Canned fruit & vegetables, Body wash, large shampoo & conditioner, deodorant (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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October through December 2026 are in the narthex. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend.



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, 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.

Circuit BBB (Bible, Brats, and Beverages) - Sunday, October 25, 5:00pm, at St. John's, East Moline. Men, don't miss this great opportunity to meet others in the Circuit and share in a time of fellowship and study of God's Word. Weather permitting, we will be in our new courtyard.



ORDER YOUR 2027 ROCK ISLAND CIRCUIT CALENDAR NOW! Celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Central Illinois District and its original five circuits with this beautiful 2027

calendar featuring all **12 sister congregations of the Rock Island Circuit!**

Order one for yourself and extras to give as gifts!

Orders will be taken and payments need to be made by **Sunday, November 8. \$20.00 each.** All proceeds go to Cristo Rey Lutheran Church. A sign up sheet and sample calendar are on one of the tables in the narthex.



BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Are you hooked on live TV or internet news, which is so readily available 24/7? Constant exposure to the news can leave us anxious and overwhelmed by circumstances beyond our control. This week, consider taking a break. Instead, get out of the house, spend time visiting with and encouraging someone who is lonely, share a comforting Scripture, and remember and remind yourself and them that God remains faithfully at work in every circumstance. A few days away from the headlines, with a friend, and with the Word can reduce anxiety and help you refocus on the hope and peace found in Christ. www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**



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For the week of October 18:

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: Last week, we began a new study of the book of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and that study continues this week as we pick up with Job 3! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians! We'll be looking at 2 Corinthians 7-11. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (10/24 at 10 a.m.)—Pastor Brady Finnern and Rev. Dennis McFadden will be unpacking the doctrine of good works as found in Article 4 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Matthew 22:21 – “Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes — and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the church and in society.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – The Lord provides laborers in His harvest field. We pray for our pastor and for more pastors in the Church of Christ (Luke 10). We, the harvest, will receive the crown of righteousness on the Last Day. There will be suffering between now and then, but we endure knowing that God provides (2 Timothy 4). The Lord turns everything on its head and provides for His people healing, restoration, life today, and life everlasting (Isaiah 35).

LIFE QUOTE: “Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.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

Oct 18	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21
Oct 19	Deut. 18:1-22	Matt. 14:22-36
Oct 20	Deut. 19:1-20	Matt. 15:1-20
Oct 21	Deut. 20:1-20	Matt. 15:21-39
Oct 22	Deut. 21:1-23	Matt. 16:1-12
	<i>Deut. 22:1-24:9</i>	
Oct 23	Deut. 24:10-25:10	Matt. 16:13-28
Oct 24	Deut. 2:17-26:19	Matt. 17:1-13



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