

The Image

"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."



From the Pastor's desk – November 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer" Psalm 19:4.

One minute: We're okay. Two minutes: The sounds of fidgeting are heard, and they quickly multiply. Three minutes: It seems we're experiencing eternity. It's very hard for us, isn't it? The "eternity" I describe was an "experiment" I conducted during an evening service a number of years ago. In that service we followed two unique rubrics: a long period (three minutes, timed by the author) of reflection (meditation) between the confession and the absolution, and a long period of meditation after the reading of God's Word. I was struck by the fact that three minutes (one hundred eighty seconds) seemed like a black hole from whence we would ne'er return—forever stuck in a state of awkward silence.

It seemed a simple task. Take a small bit of time to meditate on two things. First, we would reflect on the powerful words of confession before the absolution. The congregation and I would be seated after confessing and before the glorious words of absolution were spoken upon us. We sat, and the task was to train our minds and hearts on the words we had just said—to be receptive to the Lord's condemning Law we had just collectively spoken. And later, after reading the Holy Word of God—the Word of Christ—we would sit again and meditate. The simple task was to sit quietly and reflect—meditate—on the Word of Life we had just received. Tick. Tick. Tick. Even the pastor (yours truly) glanced at the timepiece, thinking surely several minutes had passed. Surely the three-minute goal had come and gone—distantly visible in the rear-view mirror. Not so. After an uncomfortable length of silence, the timepiece revealed the truth: Not even a minute had elapsed. There we sat, uncomfortable in our silence. Hearts and minds that were gathered to receive the good gifts of God were distracted by the stillness. We were meditating on our meditation—and we were distracted by it.

How did we get here? How did we get to a point that, within the Divine Service where and when (as noted above) we gathered to receive the gift of Christ, the quiet reception of His gifts—that silence—became awkward? Could it be that our lives, so filled with constant stimuli, view the absence of stimuli as a threat? Perhaps. Could it be that our lives, so filled with the "junk food" of our culture, have no appetite for real food? Possibly. Maybe we are so used to being receptive to all the noise and distractions around us that quietness and contemplation have become alien. Quite possibly we remain receptive, but we remain receptive to the wrong things. Our hearts, if you will, are tuned to the wrong station(s).

We are listening creatures. Listening influences the way we think. As St. Paul notes, “faith comes through hearing.” A lot of things come through hearing. Hearing feeds the heart—and in that sense, you are what you eat. Each Lord’s Day God sets before you a veritable buffet. He feeds you with His Word—the Word spoken, chanted, and sung (hence our seemingly obsessive focus on not only what we say but also on what we sing—is it feeding us the good food?). The proclaimer of the Word, called by God to do just that, has very specific instructions: Teach them to keep (guard) all things Christ has commanded while proclaiming Christ the Crucified. Read St. Paul. Note how he speaks of justification, faith, and sanctification (the Gospel) only while speaking of Christ. To say it negatively, St. Paul does not speak of these things apart from speaking of Christ—they are always (the Gospel is always) linked to Christ. The pastor (the one called to the preaching office) must set before you Christ and Him crucified *for you*. Then what? Through the Church and the Office of the Holy Ministry, the Lord feeds you—literally—Christ. Take! Eat! This is for you! We hear, speak, chant, eat, and sing the Word of Christ—the Word made flesh. If you are passing by this buffet, or if this rich, life-giving food has been replaced by junk food, you will still be fed, but the question arises: fed with what?

A receptive heart begins and ends with the Divine Service—God’s coming to His people to feed them. Not attending the Divine Service? That right there, Ol’ Buddy, is your problem. If you’re not eating there, where are you eating? What is your heart receiving? What you receive is that on which you meditate. You are what you eat.

The meditation that comes from receiving Christ in the Divine Service happens in many places. Conversations, music, what we see, and what we feel all can be triggers for meditation, as can be sitting quietly. However, sometimes our lives are so filled with “noise” that we can only hear “static.” As a pastor at a liturgical church, I often hear those from other confessions note that our church services are very quiet (sometimes that’s a polite way of saying they are boring). Receiving is quiet. Receiving is boring. “We don’t do anything.” “We don’t participate.” “Why can’t I help?” So go the comments. To this I answer: Reception receives. You see, the stillness noted above that we found so disconcerting was a symptom. It was a symptom of the disease that the concept and practice of receiving what God gives and peacefully reflecting on that gift is alien to us. “I must have to do something to help all this along.” No. Scripture is quite clear. You are dead until God in Christ makes you alive. This happens in the Divine Service where God serves you. That’s where it begins, and that’s where it ends, when at last our little beds—caskets—are wheeled in before His altar.

We, hopefully, learn—week after week, year after year—to sit and receive. In God’s Service to us, a receptive heart is formed by God himself. For all this we sit quietly and wait. We wait to finally say: “Amen!” This is true!

The practice of receptive meditation begins here, quietly, in the place where the Lord has put his Name—where He puts that Name on you in Holy Baptism. It begins in the place where He promises to be. Perhaps—and this spills over into the other areas of our lives—we’re too busy demanding of God (which is what the noise of the world would have us do) to receive and meditate on what He says to us. Remember, the Divine Service is where we receive—a point too often lost in American Christianity. If you think the Divine Service is about what you offer (works) and what you desire for that work (reward), you are not listening. If you are meditating on what you want from God as opposed to what He gives, your receptive heart is not receiving. You’re not eating in the right place.

Next time you attend the Divine Service, sit. Listen. Receive. Take your hymnal home. Read it. Read the words we say week after week, year after year. Almost all are direct quotes of Scripture. All are drawn from Scripture. See in those words the language of reception. “O Lord open my lips...” The whole service, whether Matins, Vespers, page 184, etc., is a grand confession of who we are before God and what He does for us. We say what God says—this is the essence of confession. The receptive heart hears these words. Why would God say this about me? Am I a poor miserable sinner? Am I forgiven for the sake of Christ? Receptive meditation receives the answers from God Himself. As God answers through the preaching office, through the Holy Supper, through Baptism, our hearts begin to hear Him. We stop asking for ourselves—bargaining. We stop listening to the noise of the world and our busy lives, and we start hearing the Truth. I am a poor miserable sinner. For the sake of the holy, bitter, innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has had mercy on me. So, with the words of the Divine Service, our “self” is cast aside. In these words we are taught to receive, as we receive Him in Word and Sacrament.

Can you then see how this spills over into our meditation at home, at work, or wherever meditation occurs? When troubles happen, our meditation becomes less about what we want and more about what God seeks to do through circumstance. Our hearts receive the bad news, the good news, the admonishments and rebukes. Our hearts cry out: Thy will be done! As we cry, because of His service to us in Christ, we know that we have received the gift of life, the gift of forgiveness, the gift of an empty grave. It is the good food that sustains us!

Need a receptive heart (who doesn't)? Be fed by God. Stop listening to the noise of the world that tells you to look and experience God anywhere but in the place He has promised to be. Come to the buffet. Sit and listen. You are what you hear. In all this, know that Christ is there. Christ is there rescuing you. He is rescuing you from the death caused by your sin and making you a new creation. I suspect we could ruminate on that thought alone for far longer than three minutes.

In Christ,

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor

Below are the total offering and expenses for the last three months.
We thank you for your continued generosity through this challenging time.

July Offerings - \$16,309.00	July Expenses - \$18,143.00
August Offerings - \$10,474.00	August Expenses - \$15,400.00
Sept. Offerings - \$15,514.00	Sept. Expenses - \$20,235.97



NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- **New entryway into the basement** – This work has been completed! Next up will be a new entry door to the kitchen.
- **Stained glass window repair in the Sanctuary** – “Glass Blast” was contacted and has inspected the windows in need of repair. They began repairs on October 2nd and have ordered parts for which they are awaiting delivery.
- **Electronic Outdoor Sign** – Approved by the congregation to proceed with the purchase and installation at a cost of \$22,549.00. Work should be starting soon. As of this printing the work has not yet been completed.
- **Sound System for Gym & Cafeteria** – Approved by the congregation to proceed with the purchase and installation of the sound system by Finn AV/IT Solutions for \$26,408.83. Included in this cost will be the removal of the old system. Work is expected to start November 8th.



On Saturday, November 4th - be sure to turn your clock back one hour before going to bed.

Offering envelopes for 2024 will be available for pick up **beginning Sunday, Dec. 17th**. If you do not find your set, please contact Tammy at the office (786-3391). **REMEMBER – do not use them until January 1, 2024**. If any 2024 envelopes are received before the end of 2023, they will be held till January 1st. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. — **Board of Finance**



Give thanks to the saints who have gone before us. Ask Him to empower Christians to follow their example of faith and good works.

July 24, 2023

Garnet Eva Weis

October 3, 2023

Ruth Harkey



Asleep in Jesus ... Ruth Anna (Jones) Harkey was called to her eternal rest on October 3, 2023, at the age of 101. **Funeral Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10th at Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111 1st St. A, Moline.** Visitation was Monday, October 9th from 4 – 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial was at National Cemetery, Rock Island. Memorials can be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. May God comfort the survivors with the sure hope that those who die in the Lord are with Him in Heaven.



Our **Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be **Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 6:30 PM.** Everyone is invited to join us as we take time to give God thanks and praise for all the blessings, we have received from Him. There will be no service on Thanksgiving Day.

Holiday Service Schedule 2023



Nov. 22	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve
Dec. 3	Sunday	9:00 AM	First Sunday in Advent
Dec. 6	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent I
Dec. 13	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent II
Dec. 20	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent III – Children's Program
Dec. 24	Sunday	9:00 AM	Fourth Sunday in Advent
Dec. 24	Sunday	2:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24	Sunday	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight w/HC
Dec. 25	Monday	9:00 AM	Christmas Day – The Feast of the Nativity
Dec. 31	Sunday	9:00 AM	The First Sunday After Christmas



Wednesday Evening Supper and Advent Worship

We are continuing our tradition of inviting our members and the public to join us for a light supper prior to our mid-week Advent Worship Services. Supper will be served at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria. Our worship service begins at 6:30 PM.

The meals may be soup, sandwiches, veggies, and a dessert. Coffee, tea, milk, lemonade, etc. are provided. The host may keep the free will offering to cover expenses or donate it to the general benefit of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Elders.

Wed., December 6th – Board of Elders

Wed., December 13th – LWML

Wed., December 20th – Youth Group



*Hanging
OF THE Greens*

Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. to help decorate the church for Christmas.

We will need many hands to make the church beautiful! Thank you for helping adorn the church for advent.



THE 2023 FLOWER CHART and **THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART** will be posted on the bulletin board at the beginning of December in the narthex. The cost for Altar Flowers (two vases) is \$30.00 and for Eternal Light is \$10.00. Please be sure to check the calendar periodically for the date(s) you signed to donate.



****PLEASE WRITE OUT ON THE FORM WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE PRINTED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS, OR EMAIL TO [ILCHURCH@MCHSI.COM](mailto:ilchurch@mchsi.com). YOU CAN ALSO WRITE A NOTE AND LEAVE IT FOR TAMMY IN THE OFFERING PLATE.**



Reminder... each time you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island so that the hospital can inform the church. ***If you would like Pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization.*** The hospitals do not regularly call the churches as they once did.

Please call the office when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound: **(309-786-3391)**.

Please use this email to contact the office: [**ilchurch@mchsi.com**](mailto:ilchurch@mchsi.com)



All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.

- **Sunday morning Adult Bible class** – 10:15 am in the Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the library or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies** – 6 pm each Tuesday evening.
- **For the older youth** – there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group. Watch for announcements on dates and times.
- ***And of course, for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings.***

We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month including:

November 5 Kenny Wilson

November 6 Andrew Atkins

November 7 Remy Cozadd (16),
Benjamin Triage (1)

November 10 Andy Klockau

November 12 Linda Haake, Cole Rusk

November 17 Pastor Len Astrowski

November 19 Judy Moore, Julia Settles



November 20 Doug Allison,

Karlene Campbell

November 23 Riley Nixon (14)

November 24 Greg Masias

November 27 Sandy Schumaker

November 28 Kathryn England

November 29 Mel Woolfolk



Tom & Stacy Biscontine – November 9, 1996

Mark & Nancy Herman – November 13, 2019

Scott & Kathy Welch – November 21, 1987

Richard & Shelley Moeller – November 25, 1978 (45 years!)

****NOTE – Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed to the best of our records. If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You!***

Membership Changes:

Additions: None this month

Deletions: Ruth Harkey – by death

Changes/Additions to current directory:

Address Changes:

Additions:

Deletions: Ruth Harkey

Memorials Received in October: In Memory of Ruth Harkey to the General Memorial account.



Our theme for this year is “Lord of the Nations”

2023-2024

Our meetings begin at **6:00 p.m. in the Luther Room** on the 4th Thursday of the month with Bible Study, followed by a brief business meeting and then Mission Work and Fellowship.

October 26 - Planning meetings for District Convention in April.

Thursday, November 16, 2023 – Business meeting – Speaker Pregnancy Resources Mission project -Assemble gift for sale at the Advent Dinner to go to Mission Designation

Thursday, December 7, 2023 - Christmas Party Potluck

January 2024 – No meeting

Thursday, February 2024 – Serve Meal at Christian Care Men’s Shelter – Date to be Determined.

Thursday, February 22, 2024 – Blankets for Phils Friends

Sunday, March 3, 2024– Mite Box Sunday

March 2024 – Lenten Meal

April 23 – 24, 2024 - LWML District Convention at Immanuel – “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling”

May 2024 – Dinner Out and Election of Officers



Stamps For Missions is a project of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League at Immanuel.

The stamps collected are turned in to be further sorted to make sure they are ready for sale. The stamps are sold to stamp collectors all over the world. The proceeds support the Central Illinois District LWML Mission projects. Bring the stamps to an LWML meeting, to a church service, leave them in the church office, or give them to Sandy Kramer.



YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, November 5th

Heritage Meal Potluck from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Hosted by: Mt. Calvary Church
1372 W Fremont St
Galesburg, IL 61401

- Bring your favorite family (heritage) dish to share.
- Drinks will be provided.
- Bring Sock donations which will be assembled and dedicated for distribution to those in need.

Sunday, December 3rd

Christmas Caroling

- Time and Location to be determined.



Help support our Youth Group's Gospel Socks initiative!

Socks are one of the most requested items in homeless shelters across the country. Immanuel's Youth Group is joining other kids throughout our Circuit to help meet this need ... and share the good news of Jesus at the same time.

In October, the circuit's youth groups are requesting donations of new socks from their respective congregations. The kids will come together in early November to adhere a sticker (which features a Bible verse) to each pair. The goal: provide warmth for the body and soul.

If you would like to help, drop off sock donations at the back of the church throughout October. Contact Burnie or Amanda Eckardt with questions.

Note: Men's socks are needed most, but all donations of new socks are welcome. The Circuit Youth Group will choose the recipient(s) during their November meeting.

Learn more about the inspiration for this project at gospelsocks.com.



Save the Dates

- **November 3-5: Women's SCRAPBOOK RETREAT**
 - The cost is \$90 for your room and meals. (Private rooms are available upon request for \$120.)
 - Each participant will be given a 6-foot table to use. 3 meals will be served on Saturday, as well as brunch on Sunday. Bedding and towels are also provided in the hotel-style rooms of the Christian Growth Center.
- **November 4: Act Like Men WORKDAY**
 - 8am-11:30am, lunch provided
 - There is lots of hard work to be done preparing the camp for the winter season.
- **December 8-9: Joyful Hearts Christmas**
 - Camp CILCA welcomes campers of all ages with developmental disabilities for a 24 hour CHRISTMAS PARTY! Campers are partnered up with a high school or college-age volunteer who will help them have a fun and safe time doing Christmas activities like baking, decorating, singing, and more!
- **Small Church Summit** in CID on Saturday, February 3, 2024, or (if the weather is bad) on Saturday, February 10, 2024.
- **The Illinois March for Life** on March 19, 2024, in Springfield. Trinity Lutheran Church, across the street from the state capitol building, will again conduct a Matins service in the morning prior to the march.
- **LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music**, to be held next summer, July 9-12, 2024, at Concordia University, Nebraska.

Looking for additional information, visit <https://linktr.ee/cidlcms> or connect with the following items:

- † CID's GatePost (newsletter) Subscribe to the E-GatePost/*News You Can Use*. Stay connected with us on Facebook and Instagram --**Central Illinois District-LCMS**



Stewardship Newsletter Article

November 2023

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.



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November 2023



DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

One ancient tradition which is growing stronger little by little among the Hispanics is the belief that dead people return to earth to visit people. There is a special day to mark this tradition. It is called The Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos), and it's held on Nov. 1st and 2nd. Many people believe that this great, ancient and historic tradition was started by the Indians before Spain's conquest. Actually, families decorate a special place in their home. This is called the Altar, where their dead love ones' pictures are displayed with candles, colorful papers, their favorite meals and beverages, skull candies, and bread (Death bread). They believe that their relatives return from the dead to enjoy these items. The media contribute to this with live coverage from homes and even cemeteries, where people spend entire nights decorating with flowers and candles. Do you find some similarities to Halloween?



Hispanics who live in the U. S. want to preserve this tradition, even right here in the United States. As Christians we must reject this false tradition. Please read 1 John 3: 1b-3 *"The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure."*

What true and amazing words we find in the Holy Scriptures! These words become a great comfort to all as we come to believe in Jesus Christ. The unbelievers may not believe at first what the words say, but Christians need to continue sharing and proclaiming the Good News in Christ. We're confident and we stand on what He says:

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE; AND WHOEVER LIVES BY BELIEVING IN ME WILL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?"

ALWAYS GIVE THANKS!

In the last weeks I have seen many faces of people which exhibit confusion, loneliness, bitterness, sadness, anguish, and desperation motivated by family troubles, divorce, sickness, death of a loved one, lack of or loss of work, etc. Words are not necessary when body language informs me that they are living through a difficult period in their life. Some of them have called and asked me to visit them in their homes or they have come to the church office. They want to talk about their present situation and receive spiritual advice. They want a quick solution without any hurt or damage to their lives. Will they have a pleasant and happy Thanksgiving dinner?

Once I heard this: “It’s so good that you don’t have any troubles. I’m sure, all of your family is so happy, because, as Christians, God takes care of you”. Well, you and I know that this is not true at all. Believers in Christ have all kinds of troubles and we all suffer at one time or another. We have a long list of troubles, right? So, can we as Christians give thanks to God when we are going through a difficult time?

I’m going to share this true story. It’s a story my grandma used to tell. In a very small town, there lived a faithful Christian man. Every day before the sun began to shine, he prayed. He prayed aloud, and everyone in the town was able to hear him. My Grandma said he never failed to pray. It didn’t matter what kind of day it was, sunny or rainy, cold, or hot. He prayed with gratitude and thanksgiving. My grandma said that he never complained even though he worked hard as a farmer. He always gave thanks to God for all the gifts he received.

I’m happy when I see joyful, loving families. Their faces tell me that God has been blessing them and showing me how He protects them in their daily lives. They know God is with them in all the circumstances of life. I’m pretty sure these believers in Jesus will have a pleasant and happy Thanksgiving dinner.

What about you? Are you worried? Do you have troubles? Do you feel as though no one listens or cares about you? Think about what Saint Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6,7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Please pray to God in every situation! Happy Thanksgiving Day to you and your family!



*From all of us at Cristo Rey we want to wish you
and your families a most Blessed Thanksgiving as we
praise and thank our Great God for all the blessings,
He bestows upon us day after day.*

We praise Thee, oh Lord, our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sanctifier!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE



This year again, due to funding and other constraints, we will only be taking names from the congregation for family members or friends who are in need this year. We will purchase items for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and deliver baskets the week of Thanksgiving. ***Please submit names by Sunday, November 12th!***

We still ask for your help by giving a monetary donation for the "Gift Baskets". Place your check or cash in an envelope and mark it for "Social Ministry" and drop it in the offering plate, drop it in the mail, or at the office. Be sure to include your offering envelope number so that we may give you credit. Please note that the 2024 offering envelopes will again include two envelopes for *Social Ministry*.

We also hope to be able to do this again for Thanksgiving/Christmas next year. There are also plans to help with special needs throughout the year as needed when requested.

If you have any questions, contact Tammy at the church office (786-3391), Mel Vogel (309-781-9624), or any other member of the Social Ministry Committee.



2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9-11 AM CHALK H.S. 7 pm RI Circuit LCMS Youth Group Plng Mtg	2 7 pm Youth Group Programming Board	3	4
5 7:15 am Bd. of Elders 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS 5-7 pm Youth Group Meal @ Mt. Calvary, Galesburg	6 7 am Matins 8-4 RICC Home School 6 pm Book Club	7 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Interger. Study Hour 7:30 pm Confirmation	8 9-11 AM CHALK H.S.	9 	10	11
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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

Bible Study at 10:15 AM – Sunday School at 10:15 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Organists: Christine Roth and Katherine Cobert

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Facebook Page:

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All Sunday services are “live” streamed on Facebook at 9 am Sundays and posted to the church’s YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWLcoXZtMq13HOqRo_uifqg/featured?view_as=subscriber.

Additionally, you can tune in to Pastor’s nightly devotion each evening at 9 pm “live” on Facebook or find it on the church’s YouTube page later.