

# 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 – May 2024*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Right out of the gate, let me say this: I have never been cool. Whatever it is, it eludes me. I'm also at the age where it doesn't really matter. For the most part, I'm okay with that. For the most part. Oddly, even as an old man that lack of coolness occasionally haunts me. Allow me to explain...

There is no denying that our culture gravitates toward the "cool." And those that are perceived as "uncool" are often derided in some way. Think of the long-lasting and rather pejorative moniker of "nerd." To be on the wrong side of the cool border leaves one outside and often alone. The problem is this: the definition of what makes one cool is always changing, and it is defined by the culture. Behind this lurks consumerism.

Think about it. Pants are pants. But imagine, aging adult, showing up to anything but a costume party in hip-hugging bell-bottoms and ultra-wide collared print shirts that were the icon of the "in" crowd of my formative years. How would you be perceived? And how would this make you feel about yourself? It is rather sad, even pathetic, that our self-image is formed by pants and shirts and Stanley mugs.<sup>1</sup> Yet, there remains the seduction. To be cool is to be in—to be relevant. (Relevant is one of those words that has become ensconced in churchly jargon. It sounds cool, yet it defies any comprehensive definition. Why? Well, what is relevant to me is rarely relevant to you. We are at different stages of life, have different—albeit sinful—worries, and are entertained by different things. Yet, I think the church clings to words like this because they sound cool—at least for now. You dig?)

It's a strong seduction. Even for me. The Old Adam loves to be the center of attention. Pride, that great sin, is ever present. Here, C.S. Lewis so precisely shines:

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<sup>1</sup> For an interesting discussion of the roots of "cool" and its impact on the church, see Brett McCracken's *Hipster Christianity: When Church and Cool Collide*, Baker Books, 2010. And for a comprehensive treatment of consumerism's effect on religion, see Vincent J. Miller's *Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture*, Continuum, 2005.

It is because I wanted to be the big noise at the party that I am so annoyed at someone else being the big noise. Two of a trade never agree. Now what you want to get clear is that Pride is essentially competitive—is competitive by its very nature—while the other vices are competitive only, so to speak, by accident. Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man.<sup>2</sup>

So yes, as the Old Adam in me refuses to die, the sinful self in me wants to be the center of attention. So, the seduction of cool. Yet, for someone like me, it's the dog chasing its tail.

It's the same for our little churches. It's no fun to be laughed at for what we believe. It's no fun to be told, explicitly or implicitly, that we must evolve or die. And when we, as a church, fall to that seduction, it's interesting what begins to happen. First, we begin to justify every whim with the handy-dandy trump card of "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." And we stop there. But our Lord tells us how disciples are made and kept: by baptism and teaching. And the first things to be abandoned are what the *culture* tells us are irrelevant. Remember, when we desire to swim in the cool pool, it is the culture that hands out the towels and holds the whistle. When I was first ordained, the culture encouraged abandoning the liturgy (too cumbersome), adding children's church (sure, let's pull the kids out of church at the precise moment when the pastor is about to do what He is called to do—teach), offering "seeker" oriented services (even in the LCMS—even though that concept isn't found in Scripture), and dressing in the uniform of the day (faux-hawk, Hebrew tat and untucked shirt). And the music: replacing congregational singing with performance. These things were thrust upon us by the culture. This is how, we were told, we would attract the culture and remain relevant. This, we were told, was how to be cool. And the promise was: if you do it, they will come. And they did. They just didn't stay. Remember how I said cool is an ever-changing concept? When it changed, they went looking for what fit the definition. Coffee shops in the narthex. The chancel replaced with a stage. Emotions supplanting proclamation of the Word and the Sacraments as proof of salvation.

And then there's the teaching. I remind you again that the culture sets the agenda for what is to be regarded as hip and relevant. It tells us what it wants to hear. And too often churches soft sell the truth. And they are left in a quandary. The decision is made to water down the truth to get people in the door. But then a choice is presented: keep watering down the truth or finally speak the full truth knowing that it will do what it always does. It makes us uncomfortable.<sup>3</sup> It pierces souls. The truth, it seems, is uncool.

Instead of graphs and business models determining what sells and what doesn't, and waiting for the culture to tell us what we should be about, maybe, just maybe, we should heed the Word of the Lord. In his very first recorded sermon, He says this to us: "*Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you*" (Matthew 5:11-12). He tells us exactly what clinging to Him and His Word does. And He adds to that exactly how useless we are when we succumb to the lure of the world and hedge on speaking the truth: "*You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet*" (Matthew 5:13). And when He sends out the twelve, preceding our being sent to our neighbors, He warns: "*and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved*" (Matthew 10:22).

Through all of this, He promises that His Word will do exactly what He wants it to do. That should be enough for us. We proclaim. He works through that proclamation.

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<sup>2</sup> C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, p. 122, Harper Collins. Kindle Edition.

<sup>3</sup> Again, see McCracken who reports how a number of highly successful (by worldly standards) churches have faced this dilemma. Examples include both Mars Hill and Willow Creek.

Think of St. Paul standing before the Areopagus in Athens, preaching without concern for public perception:

*The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.*

*Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked (Acts 17:30-32).*

St. Paul, with His great learning (as we also learn from Acts), did not concern himself with how the truth would be perceived. He merely did what he was given to do. He spoke the whole truth. And recall that it is St. Paul who reminds us exactly where salvation is found: “*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God*” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

At the end of it all, that is my prayer. That I (we) would be content with the culture labeling us as uncool. And that I (we) would strive to be, above all else, faithful.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Rev. Len Astrowski, Pastor



**Confirmation**

**Confirmation Sunday is May 5, 2024. God’s richest blessings to our new Confirmand, Claire Mills. Claire is the daughter of David and Angie Mills of Milan.**

**Total offering and expenses for March 2024**

We thank you for your continued generosity!

March Offerings: \$30,290.00    March Expenses: \$28,524.00

**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 but not limited to: Congregation President (1); Chairman, Board of Education (1); Foundation (1); Call Committee (3); Board of Elders (1); Board of Finance (1). This requires attending the Council meetings which are *generally* held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. The date of the next Council meeting has not yet been determined but at that time a nomination list will be put together for the June Voter's Meeting to elect new officers. ***If you are interested, please contact Mel Vogel, Ron Mau or call the church office at 309-786-3391.***



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**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:**



[officeimmanuelri@gmail.com](mailto:officeimmanuelri@gmail.com)

You may start using this email immediately.

Thanks!



**THE 2024 FLOWER CHART and THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART** is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. 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 CHART WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE PRINTED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS, OR EMAIL THE INFO TO [OFFICEIMMANUELRI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OFFICEIMMANUELRI@GMAIL.COM). YOU CAN ALSO WRITE A NOTE AND LEAVE IT FOR TAMMY IN THE OFFERING PLATE.**



## NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- **Stained glass window repair in the Sanctuary** – “Glass Blast” has started work on the windows. This work will be done in stages with the first stage of work having already been completed. There are three windows left and one will be repaired each of the next three quarters. Memorial Funds have recently been distributed toward this project.
- **There has been a lot of electrical work going on around here as well.** We don't yet have a timeline for when this work will be completed except to say that it has been an ongoing process for a while now! Thank you to Bryan Williamson of Williamson Electric for all of the work he's done in the last couple of years!
- **We made the switch over to Metronet from Mediacom in mid-February.** We have a new email address for the church. It is active now and it is: [officeimmanuelri@gmail.com](mailto:officeimmanuelri@gmail.com). You may now start using this new email address.



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### *It's that time of year – mowers needed!*

*We are looking for people who are willing and able to help out this mowing season to mow the church property. **Please contact Clayton or call the office if you can help out or if you have any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex!***



**Mother's Day Breakfast** – Sat. May 11, 7:30-10 am, **St. John's Lutheran of rural Bath, IL** (10844 N Co Rd 1400E, Bath, IL 62617). You are invited to take your mom out for breakfast and enjoy a menu of biscuits and gravy, corned beef and hash, ham, scrambled eggs and assorted homemade pastries all for a donation of your choice. Funds raised will go toward the support of the State Fair Booth for the Lutheran Layman's League of the Central Illinois District.

Thank you,

Pastor Brian Lesemann

[banblesmann@juno.com](mailto:banblesmann@juno.com)



**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: [officeimmanuelri@gmail.com](mailto:officeimmanuelri@gmail.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.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Luther Room 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.**



## YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Sunday, May 5th from 4:30 - 7:30 PM:** Cinco De Mayo - Taco Party and Games at Immanuel RI

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE



There are still plans to help with special needs throughout the year as needed when requested via the Elders or Pastor.

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.

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Also this year, the Social Ministry Committee has been providing a first-year Seminarian at Fort Wayne, assistance with school related expenses. Funds will be sent directly to Concordia Ft. Wayne in his name. His name is Joshua Bieri and he was previously the Youth Director at Zion Lutheran Church in Taylor Ridge. Please include Joshua and his family (wife Chrystal and three sons) in your prayers during his tenure at Seminary). If anyone would like to send them a card or note of encouragement, their address is:

Joshua & Chrystal Bieri  
2219 Abbey Dr. Apt. 5  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

We recently sent a check to CTSFW payable to Joshua’s account for school expenses of \$250.00. He sent us a Thank You note that reads:

*“Thank you so much for your generous gift and continued prayers. My family and I are doing well. The Spring quarter is underway, and it will be a busy one for all of us. It is the most classes I have had at one time since I have been here. Chrystal is taking on some responsibility with the Seminary Wives Association while trying to keep up with Isaac. Jake is starting a new curriculum at home as well for his 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. We continue to keep you all in our prayers. May the Lord continue to bless you all at Immanuel through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks again!”*

*In Christ,  
Josh Bieri*

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

May 6 – Linnea Triage  
May 9 – Jake Nixon (16)  
May 10 – Leigh Ann Nixon  
May 12 – Kevin Klavon  
May 17 - Dani Stevens



May 24 – Eric Campbell, Kathy Peterson, Tony Ruiz  
May 26 – Matthew Kramer  
May 28 – Kathy Daack, Mary Ann Pedigo  
May 31 – Dylan Mills (9), Brayden Ripple (12),  
Haley Walker



Jack & Jane Copeland – May 4, 1991  
Steve & Kathy Daack – May 8, 1971  
Alex & Linnea Triage – May 16, 2015  
Rob & Christy Henke – May 17, 2015  
Wayne & Linda Haake – May 28, 1994 (30 years)  
Dave & Sandy Schumaker – May 29, 1971

***\*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!***

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**Membership Changes:**

**Additions:** Claire Mills – Confirmed May 5, 2024

**Deletions:** Lauren Corwin and daughter Mackenzie – transfer to another Lutheran congregation.

**Changes/Additions to current directory:** Tim & Lauren Corwin and daughter Mackenzie - delete

**Memorials Received in April:** To Social Ministry; handicapped bathroom upgrades





## Our theme for this year is “Lord of the Nations” 2024

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

May – Dinner Out and Election of Officers

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Website: <http://www.lwmlcid.org/>

District President: Laura Strattman

Contact this District: [lwml@lwml.org](mailto:lwml@lwml.org)

## 2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION

### **A Thank You note from our District President:**

*Dear Ladies and Pastors of the Rock Island Zone,*

*I would like to thank you all for all the work and love you displayed in hosting our district convention. I feel blessed in having worked with you all and you went above and beyond. We had a lovely atmosphere and wonderful snacks and meals. All the ladies that assisted us this weekend were more than willing to go the extra mile and were gracious in their service. I cannot begin to express my thanks to you all. Pastor Astrowski, you were so helpful and willing to step in with the shoes of our missing Junior counselor. Thank you, and thanks for all your assistance with our AV needs.*

*Please pass this along to the ladies of all your groups. Please know that all your hard work did not go unnoticed. Blessings to you all as you recover and I pray that I will see you again at district events.*

*Your very thankful Sister in Christ, Laura*

*Laura Strattman  
LWML CID President (Emeritus)*

***A note from Immanuel's LWML President, Janet Mau:***

People who come into the church building may not notice the new blinds in the classrooms, clean windows, the restored stage in the gym, the shorter room dividing curtains in the cafeteria that move easier now, the blinds in the cafeteria that do not go to the floor. The deep cleaning done in the church education wing, the mopped and scraped floors that were done by hand and all of the unused junk that filled up all the corners that is gone! Seeing the slow process has really made me appreciate our building and the gift it is to our church.

**Convention**

Laurie Astrowski and Helen Vogel are delegates, Carrie Werke is our zone treasurer, Shelly Moeller is our current National Convention Manager and a big help to the planning for this convention. Wanda Titus and Sheila A helped me usher. Christine Roth was the pianist for the convention and the Friday service.

**Thank you!!**

I hope everyone enjoys the new bulletin boards decorated by Christine Roth, Brenda Weisenborn, Leigh Ann Nixon, Alaina Carter and Kathy Welch. I don't know what we would have done without Christine Roth directing all of the cleanup and repairs. Vickie and Mitch Bull and Kathy Welch as well as Christine R for covering the chairs with arms in black and removing the ugly torn red fabric. These will be used in the Luther room after the convention. John and Eric Campbell for cutting off the gym/cafeteria room dividing curtain. Doug Campbell for the rebuilt stairs for the stage and other assistance. Clayton Weisenborn for organizing our many repairmen. Big thank you to Brian Williamson our electrician. Also many thanks to the chair washing crew, parking crew, and the lawn mowing crew.

There were so many of our church people involved in getting this facility ready that I'm sure I've forgotten someone, so I apologize if I have! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!!

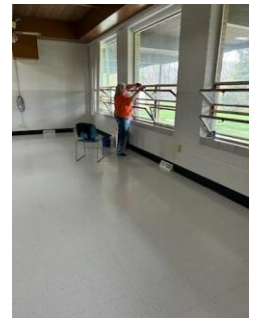
So much we don't notice when coming into our school facility but now that it is clean and the junk is gone, the bulletin boards redecorated, it feels like your home after you have completed your spring cleaning. Light and fresh and it just makes me proud of the work that has been accomplished. I hope you feel the same as you walk down the hall, and are as proud of our building. Let's think about what other ways we could use our building to share the love of Jesus. ~Janet

❖ Immanuel Lutheran hosted the CID LWML Convention on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Here are some photos of the event:





AND A BIG THANK-YOU to EVERYONE who came to clean, move furniture, set up tables, and otherwise made our place an inviting venue to host this convention! Not to mention those who helped direct traffic, hold umbrellas and assisted our visitors to where they needed to be.





## The Camp CILCA Lowdown

May, 2024

217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)  
4124 Camp Cilca Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

### Summer Programs 2024

The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

#### JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. **\$360/\*\$180**

- Full Week: **June 2-6**
- Half Week: **June 2-4\* or 4-6\***

#### BOLD SPIRITS

**4th- thru 6th-grade** campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 9-14**
- Session II: **July 7-12**

#### DAUNTLESS SOULS

**6th- thru 8th-grade** campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 16-21**
- Session II: **July 14-19**

#### FAMILY CAMP *New!*

**Parents and children of any age** are able to enjoy 4 days and 3 nights at camp with their family. **\$500** for up to 5 family members + **\$80** for each additional person.

- Session: **July 24-27**

### We need you!

9th-graders and up, serve as a Junior Counselor or Joyful Hearts volunteer and enjoy camp absolutely free!

- Joyful Hearts Volunteer - **June 2-6**
- J.C. Training - **May 28**

#### GENERATIONS

Campers age **4 thru 4th grade** are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$70 per person**

- Session I: **June 14-15**
- Session II: **July 5-6**

#### AQUA WEEK

**4th- thru 6th-grade** water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. **\$360**

- Session: **July 7-12**

#### ART, DRAMA, ATHLETICS & SURVIVAL

**5th- thru 8th-grade** campers choose one track—**Art, Drama, Athletics, or Survival\***—for the week & are led by experienced instructors. **\$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

#### \*SURVIVAL WEEK *New!*

**Grades 6-8** learn fire starting, outdoor cooking, shelter building, sleeping under the stars, and more. Each day will teach and develop a new skill useful to surviving outdoors. Limited to 10 campers. **\$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

#### PATHFINDERS

**1st- thru 4th-grade** campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. **\$155/\*\$180**

- Session I: **May 29-31**
- Session II: **June 30-July 3\***
- Session III: **July 21-23**

#### NIGHT OWL

**6th- thru 8th-graders** experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! **\$360**

- Session: **July 14-19**

#### INTREPID HEARTS

**High school students** enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. **\$360/\$180\* (half)**

- Full Week: **June 23-28**
- Half Week: **June 26-28\***

#### DAY CAMP *New!*

**Grades 1-8** come for the day Monday – Friday. A daily lunch is provided. **\$150/week**.

- Session: **Every week June 10-July 26**

### Register Today!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register\* at:

**WWW.CILCA.ORG**

\*\$75 deposit due at time of registration  
Registration is according to the grade most recently completed.





## More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.



## Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church

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Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez



### Newsletter May 2024



In Mexico Mothers' Day is always celebrated on May 10th. It is the most beloved and important festival of the year for the family. It is a tradition that the children sing songs to their mothers on this day. We call it "serenata". A serenata consists of songs sung in the early morning with live music. Some hire a group of musicians with acoustic guitars. Others employ "The Mariachi", (The Mariachi is a group of musicians who play traditional folk music with guitars, trumpets, and violins). Or friends with acoustic guitars may form a group and travel to their mothers' houses and sing two or three songs. Upon finishing the songs, the mother must leave the house and thank the children personally with a hug and a kiss.

On this day, the mothers also receive gifts: flowers, hugs, kisses, and a lot of love from their children in appreciation. It is also a custom to observe festivals for the mothers in the elementary schools, where the students carry out dance numbers, interpret some songs and perform some recitations like poems for mothers. Mothers are so pleased when they see their children doing something for them. In many schools the students do some handcrafts, like decorations for the house for their mothers. Children give it to them on Mother's Day, May 10.

Many families are accustomed to being together to celebrate with their moms. They bring a special meal or some plates while others make reservations in a restaurant. The idea is to spend major time with their moms in order to honor them on their special day. At Cristo Rey we are going to celebrate Mothers' Day and give gifts on Sunday, May 12th.



### East Moline Correctional Center

This a paragraph written by Gary Loss, one of the volunteers:

"25 copies of 100 Bible Stories in Spanish published by CPH, have been delivered to Pastor Dominguez for his use with Spanish speaking inmates. Generous funding again provided by the LWML Central Illinois District. Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bettendorf, has made copies of Spanish daily devotions, April-June, which will also be used by Pastor Dominguez. This same church has also bound copies of Spanish song sheets that Pastor Dominguez uses during his Bible studies on Thursdays at EMCC."



We celebrated an Easter Service on March 28 with good attendance and participation from the inmates.






May 2024



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9 am – Noon CHALK	<b>2</b> 7 pm Youth Group Programming Board	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 7:15 am Bd. Of Elders Mtg 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS 4:30 pm Circuit Youth Group Cinco De Mayo Gathering	<b>6</b> 7 am Matins 8 am – 4 pm RICC 6 pm Book Club	<b>7</b> 9:30am Bible Study 6:00 pm Interg. Studies	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm – Ascension of Our Lord Service	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> 
<b>12 Mother's Day</b> 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>13</b> 7 am Matins 8 am – 4 pm RICC 6 pm Book Club	<b>14</b> 9:30am Bible Study 6:00 pm Interg. Studies	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Calendar subject to change. Any changes will be listed in weekly announcements.</i>
<b>19</b> 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>20</b> 7 am Matins 6 pm Book Club	<b>21</b> 9:30am Bible Study 6:00 pm Interg. Studies	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:30-5:30 pm Cemetery Governance Committee Mtg.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i> 7 am Matins	<b>28</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



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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.

**Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski, Jr.**

**Organists: Christine Roth and Katherine Cobert**

**Church Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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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](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.***