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"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 – April 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit
(Psalm 30:1-3).*

I cannot recall the first time in my life when death confronted me; however, I can recall that one of my earliest childhood memories was the military funeral of my great-uncle Charlie (a decorated war veteran whom I've written of previously). And I can recall the emotions I had when, for the first time, I saw the lifeless body of a relative—although I'm unable to remember whose body it was. Frightened by what I saw and startled to see people so sad—these emotions I still feel today as I think about this and what happened so many decades ago.

*Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning
(Psalm 30:4-5).*

Those experiences stuck with me for a very long time. Even though my young mind had yet no vocabulary to explain such things, I knew with great certainty I didn't like them. I remember the feelings of relief as my family drove away from visitations and funerals and cemeteries. Later, as I laid my little head on my pillow, I would fall asleep in fear of the dreams that would soon come. Maybe not that night but come they would. Events, twisted into grotesque and frightening scenes, flashed through my dreams and hammered me awake with a great start—and tears.

*As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed
(Psalm 30:6-7).*

And then there was the ever-increasing number of “relics” scattered about our home and the homes of my extended family. Dried flowers from a casket spray. Corner plaques from coffins (yes, they are meant to be removed and distributed to the family). And pictures. And more pictures. My grandparents’ houses had those old, sepia-toned photographs of family members long dead. I have one such picture passed down to me. At first glance it looks like a lovely portrait of my four-year-old grandfather and his many older siblings. Yet there’s something off. There are no smiles, just blank faces filled with shock. Further inspection reveals they are standing in front of the coffin of my great-grandfather Jonas, who is visible, lying in repose. Yes, family portraits around the deceased were a common practice in pre-war America. It’s a sad fact of life that as we age our walls become decorated with more pictures of the dead than the quick. And soon, a future generation will look at, and then box up, old photographs that record none but the dead. Yes, these and many other “relics” caught my little eyes and filled my mouth with questions—the answers to which would fill my young mind with dread.

As time went by and I journeyed into my teen years, stories were shared about creepy things. Stories of Bachelors’ Grove, an old cemetery where the remains of German lumbermen who settled and established my hometown still rest awaiting their resurrection. We repeated stories of the immense Chicagoland cemeteries. We recounted the folk tales as we drove by the lightless and lifeless tracts of land with their endless rows of tombstones stretching beyond the iron fences, faintly illuminated by passing headlights. It was death in your face. Even with decades of life in front of us, there was always that sense of dread. Our conversations would turn from teen things to deep questions. Questions for which our young lives and our suburban communities had few answers.

*To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper”
(Psalm 30:8-10)!*

As a pastor I think a lot about death. A large impact of the proclamation of the Gospel is to prepare God’s people for that moment—the moment they will face their last breath in this life. And I think about why death had such an impact on me in my youth. It still does but not in the same way. What is it about death? Many of us were raised and educated to believe—wrongly—that it is simply a part of life. (Now that is a rather ridiculous and non-sensical statement: to be dead is to be a part of life!!)

And I also find, much like when I thought like a child, the culture around us lacks a vocabulary to deal with the truth of death. The culture tries to hide it. It attempts to push death to the side and out of view. If you’re old like me, you have noticed how the practices and customs around funerals have changed. Church funerals are increasingly rare, and “memorial services” without the body are becoming increasingly common (please don’t do that). There’s much more to say about these trends, but this will suffice for now. Maybe a future class discussing funeral practices should be forthcoming. I’ll add it to the ever-increasing list of things I’d like to teach before I’m done on this earth.

So why are we uncomfortable even discussing this? Why do we try to run from and hide from it regardless of our worldview? The answer, of course, comes from God. *“...for in the day you eat of it you shall surely die.”* We live—and die—under the curse. We know, deep within us, death lurks. Our springs, if you will, are wound in the womb, and eventually, the key will cease turning and we will stop. Dead in our tracks. No one gets out alive. And we know it. Life

ceases with unlived experiences, unsaid things. Plans that never came to realization. I am convinced that the entire progressive political movement is driven by this. Deep within our hearts we know something is amiss. We know death can never be sanitized or normalized—or celebrated. And so the futile attempts to legislate and rationalize away suffering and death. The truth is, left on our own, there is no way out. And we know it.

*You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever
(Psalm 30:11-12)!*

I have put, by God's grace, those childish things behind me. As have you. And that is what we will celebrate a few weeks from now. This is truly what we celebrate every Sunday (there's a reason the minister that speaks the Words of Institution is called the *Celebrant*). We are baptized into Christ's death and His *resurrection*. We are people of life. And year after year, each spring we hear of our Lord's vanquishing of death and the promise of life—everlasting life—in Him. *"Death is swallowed up in victory." 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).*

I see now that those relics—mementos—and pictures were not, for my elders, harbingers of doom but tokens of a great promise. They are reminders that we are heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. They are reminders that our parting is temporary. Our ancient forbears in the Faith cherished and fashioned the bones of departed saints into the great underground sanctuaries of the catacombs. They protected those bones, knowing those bones would one day be called to life by the voice of our Lord. So we, in our way, protect those mementos and memories for the same reason. They remind us of the reunion that awaits us. The Lord has indeed turned our mourning into dancing. We have been clothed in the gladness of Christ's destruction of the curse. And we will, with all those who have gone before us in the Faith, sing and give thanks to God forever. This is Easter. This is the gift.

A glorious Feast of the Resurrection awaits us.

Rev. L.A. Astrowski Jr, Pastor



Confirmation Sunday is May 4th

God's richest blessings to our new Confirmands –

- Bevy Eckardt, daughter of Bunnie & Amanda
- Alex Miller, son of Sara Miller



Immanuel LWML Officers for 2024/2025 are:

- Janet Mau: President
- Laurie Astrowski: Vice President
- Helen Vogel: Secretary
- Karlene Campbell: Treasurer

The Lutheran Women in Missions (LWML) invites you to participate! Here is an update and a calendar of events. To grow in our faith and joy, Pastor will be providing a more in-depth Bible Study instead of a devotion on the 4th Thursday of the month starting in October. We will have just three business meetings for the year and the election of officers in May.

To learn more about the missions our mites are going to, we will share a “Mission Minute” at each business meetings. You will see that we have two dates to serve at Christian Care Men’s shelter. If you have never served, I would love to see more people get the opportunity. It is a rewarding experience and reminds you how blessed you are. We have the fleece purchased for Phil’s Friends blankets and will again do that after Christmas.

Please come and join us. Our goal is to still to be respectful of your time. The meetings start at 6 pm with refreshments in the Luther Room. Our goal is to be done no later than 7:30. These dates are subject to change but is the plan!

April 9 – Serve Lenten Dinner

April 24 – Bible Study and Dessert

May 22 – Dinner Out and Election officers

Gift cards from the congregation at Christmas time – over \$500 was donated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORT OF OUR SEMINARIANS.

The Lincoln Zone invites you to join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for our 80th annual LWML Central Illinois District Convention to be held on Saturday, April 26th at Zion Lutheran School, Lincoln IL. The Convention will begin at 8:45 am. Theme is “Planting Seeds of Faith” based on 1 Corinthians 3:6-7. If you are interested, please contact Janet Mau at 563-209-0723.

If you wish to participate in the In-Gathering here are some items they will be collecting:

Layette items (NEW): diapers, baby wipes (travel size), pacifiers, bottles, sleepers, onesies, receiving blanket, blanket. A box will be in the Narthex if you wish to contribute.

Items need to be donated by 16th.

LWML FALL RALLY will be held in September – here at Immanuel

Theme: “Precious in His Eyes”

Isaiah 43:3-4



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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 - 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.

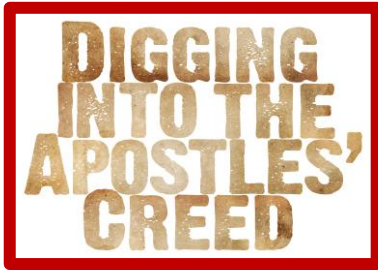
■ Please join us

- **Wednesday, April 2**
Immanuel Youth Group serve Lenten Supper
- **Date/time to be determined**
District Bible Bowl
- **Spring Circuit Wide Event**
May 18th – Maquoketa Caves, 1 pm
- **Higher Things 2025**
July 29 – August 1, Calvin University, Grand Rapids MI

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN... LUTHERAN WITNESS



It's that time again to order your Lutheran Witness. **The cost this year is \$20.65 for 11 issues. June/July are together.** If you would like to renew or start receiving a copy, please let the church office know by **April 15th**. You may write a check payable to *Immanuel Lutheran Church* and leave it in the offering plate, designating it for **Lutheran Witness** or mail it to the office. This subscription will start in June. Call 309-786-3391 or by email at officeimmanuelri@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Immanuel VBS – 2025

June 23 – 27

5:00 – 7:45 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be Monday, June 23rd – Friday, June 27th in the evening. We will be “*Digging Into the Apostles’ Creed*”, learning the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and studying the baptism of Jesus. We will start each evening with a light meal followed by Bible stories, catechism, singing, crafts, and games. VBS enrollment is open to children **going into** PreK through 6th grade (typically ages 4-11 years old). **Encourage your children to invite their friends to join them at VBS for a night or the entire week.**

Please prayerfully consider being a VBS volunteers. More volunteers will allow us to share God’s Word with more children! We will need volunteers to help with registration, teaching, crafts, music, group leaders (escorting children to each activity, games, and kitchen helpers. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is located in the Narthex. We plan to have our first VBS staff meeting in April (more details to follow).

Please pray that our VBS will be a blessing to the children and adults who will attend.

THANK YOU!

Kathy Welch and Helen Vogel

VBS Coordinators

Seminarians Immanuel Lutheran Church are currently supporting:

If you wish to help support these Seminarian families, 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.

Names and addresses if you wish to send them a card of encouragement, etc:

Joshua & Crystal Bieri (2nd year)
2219 Abbey Drive, Apt 5
Fort Wayne IN 46835

Josh & Catherine Camp (1st year)
5207 N Clinton Street
Fort Wayne IN 46825



LILIES will decorate the Altar area of the church to commemorate our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord! Donations towards the cost of the plants are accepted and donor names will be listed in the Easter



Sunday bulletins. Place your donations and completed form below in an envelope with your name and envelope number and:

- Drop it by the office
- Place in Offering plate
- Mail to church office

Donor name _____ Phone _____

Check one – use lines to include the additional information:

- IN MEMORY OF
- TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD
- TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF
- OTHER



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. Sign-up sheet is on the table

in the Narthex. Please contact Clayton or call the office if you can help out or if you have any questions.

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; Corporate Secretary; Treasurer; Property Chairman; Foundation (1), Call Committee (3); Elders (4).



Some positions require attendance to 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 next Voter Assembly to elect the new officers. ***If you are interested, please contact Mel Vogel, Ron Mau, or call the church office at 309-786-3391.***

AED/CPR TRAINING

Recently a new AED has been installed in the Narthex. We are planning on holding a CPR/AED (Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation/Automatic External Defibrillator) training class. Presenter will be Judy Dugan, RN, BSN, and Parish Nurse at St. John's East Moline. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested. Class will be held on a Saturday in early May, 10:00 am -12:30 pm.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 23, 2025 VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Agenda items voted on:

- 2025 Budget was presented and approved by the Voters.
- Upgrade of the Education Wing hallway Restrooms
Several years ago it was decided that we need to bring these restrooms up to code and funds have been coming in designated for this project. The proposed bid from Iossi/Peterson was presented, discussed, and approved. Construction should begin soon.

Also, the Property Chairman updated us on the on-going process of repair of the damage done to our building from the 2023 tornado. Damage was appraised shortly after the tornado and submitted to our insurance company. Insurance companies are slow in settling these cases and we are currently awaiting that payout. Fisher Construction, Davenport Iowa has been selected to do the repairs. When they make the repairs, we will be required to have things brought 'up to code'. This will require extensive work on the electrical wiring, etc. Adjustor and contractor feel the payout from the claim should cover all this work and more.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



4 th - Chris Gingry Issac Raymond	17 th - Zac Leeson Jon Lowry
5 th - Joanna Triage	18 th - Lio Armenta Grace Mills
6 th - Tony England Lucas Rusk	20 th - Chery Heriford
7 th - Jill Elder	24 th - Liz Hazen Paul Wilson
13 th - Christopher Anselmi Alina Diaz	28 th - Angie Mills
15 th - Everett Ayers Jan Brewer	30 th - Jack Copeland Erika Raymond



April 10, 2021 – Samantha & Hunter Peterson
April 18, 1992 – Tom & Sheila Ahlgrim
April 20, 1991 – Tammy & Robo Robinson
April 20, 1996 – Jennifer & Kurt Draper
April 30, 1983 – Jerry & Melody Poole

Membership Changes: (none)

Changes to current directory: (none)

Memorials Received in March:

THANK YOU:

- *Thank you for thinking of us during this unimaginable time.
We appreciate all the love and support. – The Cramm Family*

- *Thank you so much for your wonderful presence on Facebook. My mother was a resident of Allure and I would turn on your Sunday service for her to enjoy. Thank you so much! – A grateful daughter, Lisa Mizern*



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 Adult Bible class** – 10:30 am in the Luther Room.
- **Sunday School** – 10:30 am in Peter and Mark rooms.
- **Adult Bible Study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies** – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, Zoom only.
- **For the older youth** – there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group. Watch for announcements on dates and times.



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.

As a reminder – we are still recycling aluminum cans. There is a white barrel outside of the kitchen door – west side of the building. Please place your aluminum cans in the barrel and they will be taken to be recycled. The money is then used to purchase gas for the mower at the church. **Thank You.**



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APRIL 2025 MEMORY Verse Challenge

Week of April 6th – Galatians 6:14

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Week of April 13th – Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Week of April 20th – Job 19:25-27

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Week of April 27th – Romans 6:8-9

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.



Men's Deodorant
Shampoo
Conditioner
13-gal Trash bags
33 gal trash bags

39 gallon lawn and leaf trash bags
Toilet paper
Men's disposable razors
Napkins
Deodorant

Please place items in the Christian Care box in the Narthex. Items will be taken to Christian Care.

Save the Date! Join Us! Lutherans For Life National Conference
September 24-26, 2025 Great Wolf Lodge – Colorado Springs, Colorado
Lutheransforlife.org/conferences/

Our Vision – Every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same. **Lutherans For Life** has, since 1979, upheld the value of life affirmed by the resurrected Christ. We education congregations on life issues with a equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.



2025 Camp CILCA Service Project Trip

Sunday, June 15 – Thursday, June 19

Come when you can. Leave when you need to.

Camp CILCA (2 ½ hours south of the QCA) as founded by the LCMS in 1950.
That’s right, 75 years ago!

In those years, members of the Rock Island Circuit have enjoyed their time there as

- young campers & family campers
- counselors & junior counselors
- Pastor & Medics of the Week
- LLL, Walther League, & LWML Retreats

Members of St. John’s East Moline served Camp CILCA in 2021 and 2022, and this year for Camp’s 75th year, we are inviting members of the Circuit to join us in helping the small maintenance crew tackle some of the tasks (cleaning to light construction) that are needed in the 20+ buildings on the 250 acres of land.

SCHEDULE (Join us as your schedule allows.)

Sunday, June 15 – Travel to Camp (2½ hours south)
Monday – Wednesday are service days
Thursday, June 19 – Fun Day and return home

Evenings may include: evening chapel, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, campfires, etc.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

There are a wide range of projects available for all skill levels, both indoor and outdoor. Projects will include: cleaning, painting, organizing, landscape work, pressure washing, shopping (yes, shopping), destruction (yes, you read that correctly), and light construction.

EXPENSES

Travel – Gas (carpooling is a great idea)

Meals –Weekday meals will be enjoyed in the dining hall. The Sunday evening meal will be separate. Camp meals = Monday Breakfast – Thursday Breakfast are \$9 each.

Housing On-site Lodging

Hotel-Style Rooms (1 dbl & 2 twins) \$70/night

Camper/RV site \$15/night -OR- Tent \$10/night Both are near shower house

Off-site – There are many hotels in nearby Springfield

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Minimum: willing hands and feet

Recommended: work clothes & gloves, favorite tools

Optional: specific equipment will be requested later

FUN DAY!!

If you can stay another day, we will spend Thursday in Springfield doing one of many options: Knight’s Action Park, Lincoln Presidential Library and Home, New Salem Village, Washington Park Botanical Gardens, or the Henson Robinson Zoo.

QUESTIONS? Carrie Homann 309-737-5511 carrie.homann@gmail.com or

Deaconess Bower @ St. John’s East Moline 309-792-0755 deaconess@stjohnsem.org

The Camp CILCA Lowdown - April 2025

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org
4124 Camp Cilca Road, Cantrall, IL 62625



2025 marks 75 years of outdoor ministry! To celebrate this blessed anniversary, Camp CILCA will be offering every week of camp to all campers for just **\$75!** Registration will open November 1, so sign up early to secure your spot.

A REMINDER: ALL Summer programs in 2025 are only \$75 in honor of CILCA's 75th Anniversary. Registrations are coming in much faster than usual and space is limited, so you are encouraged to register soon.

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025

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.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PRICING

In celebration of CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 will be available for \$75 if you register before April 1st. All registrations made after April 1st will cost \$100.

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. ~~\$360~~/*~~\$150~~ **\$75***

- Full Week: **June 8-12**
- Half Week: **June 8-10* or 10-12***

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. ~~\$375~~ **\$75***

- Session I: **June 1-6**
- Session II: **July 13-18**

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. ~~\$375~~ **\$75***

- Session I: **June 15-20**
- Session II: **July 6-11**

DAY CAMP

Grades 1st-8th come for the day Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A daily lunch is provided. ~~\$150/week~~ **\$75*/week**

- Session: **Every week May 28-August 1**

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 8-12**
- J.C. Training - **May 27**

GENERATIONS

Campers age **4 thru 4th grade** are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$75 per person**

- Session I: **June 20-21**
- Session II: **July 18-19**

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. ~~\$375~~ **\$75***

- Session: **July 13-18**

SURVIVAL WEEK

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. ~~\$375~~ **\$75***

- Session: **June 22-27**

INTREPID HEARTS

High school students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. ~~\$375/\$180*~~ (half) **\$75***

- Full Week: **June 29-July 4**
- Half Week: **June 29-July 1 or 2-4***

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. ~~\$155~~/*~~\$180~~ **\$75***

- Session I: **May 28-30**
- Session II: **July 23-25**
- Session III: **July 27-30***

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! ~~\$375~~ **\$75***

- Session: **July 6-11**

ART, DRAMA, & ATHLETICS

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track—Art, Drama, or Athletics—for the week & are led by experienced instructors. ~~\$375~~ **\$75***

- Session: **June 15-20**

FAMILY CAMP

Parents and children of any age are able to enjoy 3 days and 2 nights at camp with their family. ~~\$400~~ for up to 5 family members + ~~\$80~~ for each additional person. ~~\$375~~ +~~\$75~~

- Session: **July 20-22**

REGISTER TODAY!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register on our website!
Ages based on grade completed.

WWW.CILCA.ORG



Find out more at www.cilca.org



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APRIL 2025

I have met people who like to buy cheap, older houses. These houses need restoration; they need repairs made to damaged walls, broken doors and broken pipes. Perhaps an older style kitchen needs updating or other rooms rebuilt. There may be other minor or even major modifications needed. I have talked with the people who have bought these cheap houses. Husband and wife spend time, money and effort, working hard to improve the house and fix any and all necessary things. After weeks or months, many differences can be seen: a new kitchen, new windows, new doors, fresh paint. The rooms look so nice as do the other changes. The old and ugly house is now a pleasant and pretty house in which to live. Improvements were made correctly and tastefully.



Let's each consider our own "house" or in other words, our lives, our hearts. How do *they* look? Do you think they need "repairs?"

We need to give thanks to the Holy Spirit who comes to us when the Gospel is proclaimed and opens our eyes. We now are able to see our own sinful nature and realize the impossibility to make changes or "repairs" for ourselves. Good news! Jesus comes to restore our hearts. "He liberates from evil, and He makes us worthy to be in His presence. He comes to us and keeps us away from error. He turns us from sin to rightness, and from death to life" (*Hymnal "Cantad al Señor, page 20*)

What a marvelous and extraordinary restoration Jesus has made and continues to make in our lives, right? We need to thank God "**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him**" (John 3:17) Thanks be to Jesus who saved us when he died on the cross. As He hung suffering on that cross he was thinking of us. He paid the debt we owe and won salvation for us. And, my friend, this salvation is a free gift He gives to us.

Praise be to our merciful Father and many thanks to Jesus for "repairing and restoring" my heart day by day. Amen.



As of March 4, 2024, God has blessed us with another opportunity to share the Gospel of love and salvation to the Hispanic people of the Quad Cities. As we begin the second year of broadcasts on Radio Station, KALA FM 88.5 every Saturday morning from 7-8am, God has given us an estimated 3000-5000 Hispanic listeners. Christ for Today's Family is the name of the program broadcast and includes Christian songs and meditations. We thank God for this wonderful opportunity to reach so many individuals with His life giving Gospel!

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<i>RICC – Home School</i> <i>CC – Home School</i> FUTBOL – M-Th 5-8 pm In the gym (days vary)		1 POLLING PLACE 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Intergen Bible Study	2 9-N <i>CHALK</i> 5:30 – Supper 6:30 – Lenten Midweek IV	3 7pm – Youth Group Programming Board	4	5
6 5th Sunday in Lent 7:15 am Bd of Elders 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:30 am Bible Study/SS	7 7 am Matins 8-4 <i>RICC</i> 6 pm Book Club	8 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Intergen Bible St.	9 9-N <i>CHALK</i> 5:30 – Supper 6:30 – Lenten Midweek V	10	11	12
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20 EASTER 6:30 – Sunrise Service 7:30 – Breakfast Potluck 9:00 – Resurrection of Our Lord	21 7 am Matins 6 pm Book Club	22 8:30 <i>RICC (classrooms)</i> 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Intergen Bible St.	23 9-N - <i>CHALK</i> Deadline for IMAGE information	24 9-1 <i>RICC (Library)</i> 6 – LWML Bible Study and dessert	25	26
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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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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.