

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 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

What is truth?

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" (John 18:33-38).

What is truth? So Pilate half asks, half asserts as he listens to (unbeknownst to him and so many others) his Creator testify before him. Who knows what inner turmoil and suspension of personal values Pilate engaged in while climbing the political ladder. I imagine brutal governments require brutal people to fill their various posts. I do know that if Pilate's performance as governor of Judea did not satisfy Rome, his life would be required. So, there's that. It's easy then to understand how, after he hears Jesus speak, he would utter those words: "What is truth?"

Sadly, we so often ask the same question. There are so many voices in our ears. Which one is correct? Who should we listen to? Where is the truth? How can we, when presented with the same facts, people, parties, organizations, and the media, arrive at so many different conclusions? Group A says esteemed leader is evil personified, while Group B portrays esteemed leader in glowing, halo-esque light and tolerates no dissenting opinions. How are we to make sense of such things as God's people? What is truth? Group A says Baptism saves, while Group B says it is a work you do to demonstrate your submission to God. It's the same with the Lord's Supper. So, you may ask, what is truth?

We confess that indeed there is a truth, and that the truth can be known. And we know it is found in the person of Jesus Christ. He says about Himself: *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"* (John 14:6). Jesus is the Truth. Standing before Pilate was the answer to Pilate's question. Yet

Pilate refused to see it. The way Pilate viewed the world—or using the twenty-dollar word: his *epistemology*—kept his eyes closed to the truth.

So often we also refuse to see the truth. Yet it is there. The truth about who we are—particularly who we are as we stand before God—is there. As is the truth about God in so far as He reveals Himself to us. And there is the truth about life in this fallen world. These are all put before us in Christ our Lord and His Holy Word. Yet our worldview might get in the way of seeing the truth. For instance, if your starting point when it comes to salvation is that you must do something, such as accepting Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you will not see the truth of what Baptism does. You will not understand, and as a result, you will eschew and empty the Sacraments of their true meaning and power. Your worldview, your epistemology, should be based on Scripture, what Christ says about Scripture (what He says about Himself), and the Creeds. The Creeds act, if you will, as guard-rails to help keep us focused properly on Scripture. Along with that is what you and I confess about Scripture. Is it the Word of God? Or does Scripture merely contain that Word of God? (That phrase right there explains the vast chasm between what we confess and what has become of the ELCA.) All these things—our view of Scripture and the Creeds—help us silence the outside voices and influences, understand Scripture, and see the truth.

So, again we ask, what is truth?

Think about the truth of what Jesus says as He stands before Pilate. He says “...*My kingdom is not of this world.*” That’s a truth we would do well to remember. And it would also do us some good to remember that we are heirs of that kingdom. That’s what your Baptism does. You, in Baptism, are buried and born again in Christ. And that makes you an heir. The glories of that kingdom now await you. Your kingdom is not of this world.

Funny that we look for heaven on earth here, now. Or to be a bit more precise, we desire to make where we find ourselves now a heavenly place. The problem is that we each have our own ideas of what heaven should be—most of those ideas not being based on Scripture. We know what we the Baptized are now—it is surely sealed by the blood of Christ. But we do not yet see it. We are waiting for that day, that moment, when we will see and know fully what our Lord has done for us. But not yet.

Pilate could see no way out of his political dilemma and his fluid understanding of truth offered no assistance. He could see no way to preserve his place in this fallen world, and so he washed his hands of the whole affair. *O felix culpa!* O happy guilt! Pilate’s actions sealed our Lord’s fate. A fate He willingly, for you, accepted. His death means forgiveness and life for Pilate in his cowardice, Judas in his betrayal, Peter in his denial, and you in your sin and weakness. The death of Christ brings forgiveness and life for all (though not all will want this great gift). The gift is for you. The forgiveness is for you. The life is for you. This is the truth!

Our hope, our life, is not found in Pilate or any political leader (a very good bit of truth to remember). And if the Lord Almighty could use a hack despot like Pilate and the pagan Roman Empire to accomplish the most wonderful bit of Good News in all of history, be assured that He can work His good and holy will today—even in the midst of so much confusion and suffering. What we are, the hope we have, the way we see ourselves and the world, is found in Christ. That is the Truth.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski, Jr., Pastor



Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is May 4th

God's richest blessings to our new Confirmands –

- Beverly Joan Eckardt, daughter of Bunnell & Amanda Eckardt
- Alexander Charles Miller, son of Matt & Sara Miller

EDUCATION BUILDING RESTROOMS ...

**The work to update the Men's and Women's restrooms
in the Education Building hallway
to be handicap compliant is scheduled to
begin the week of May 11th.**

News from our Central Illinois District –

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY IS MAY 4th

Gifts are used to support our CID students attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher, deaconess, or other called church worker. Please make a generous gift now or on May 4th, designated "CID Scholarship Fund" for the 2025-2026 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be given through your church or sent to the Central Illinois District - LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. We also ask you to encourage those who may be good candidates to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation. If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you. **SCHOLARSHIP ENVELOPES ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**

AED/CPR TRAINING – Saturday, May 10 (10:00 am – 12:30 pm)

Sign-up sheet on table in the Narthex

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.

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.***



THE 2025 FLOWER CHART and THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART is posted in the Narthex. The cost for Altar Flowers (two vases) is \$30.00 and for Eternal Light is \$10.00. If you sign up, 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 THE INFO TO OFFICEIMMANUELRI@GMAIL.COM. YOU CAN ALSO WRITE A NOTE AND LEAVE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE.***



Immanuel LWML Officers for 2024/2025 are:

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

May 22 – Dinner Out and Election officers

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

Theme: "Precious in His Eyes"

Isaiah 43:3-4



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

- **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

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



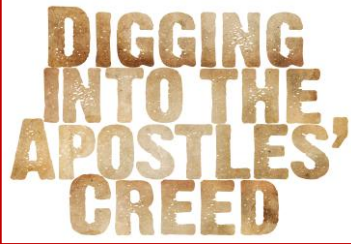
In addition to providing Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, our Social Ministry continues to help with special needs throughout the year as needed when requested via the Elders or Pastor. Envelopes are provided in your envelope box or use plain envelope, indicating for Social Ministry. If you have any question, contact the church office or Mel Vogel.

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

Easter 3 Week of 4th	Ex. 32:15-35	Luke 6:39-49
Monday	Ex. 33:1-23	Luke 7:1-17
Tuesday	Ex. 34:1-28	Luke 7:18-35
Wednesday	Ex. 34:29-35:21	Luke 7:36-50
	<i>Ex. 35:22-38:20</i>	
Thursday	Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31	Luke 8:1-21
Friday	Ex. 39:32-40:16	Luke 8:22-39
Saturday	Ex. 40:17-38	Luke 8:40-56
	<i>Lev. 1:1-7:38</i>	
Easter 4 Week of 11th	Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36	Luke 9:1-17
Monday	Lev. 9:1-24	Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday	Lev. 10:1-20	Luke 9:37-62
	<i>Lev. 11:1-15:33</i>	
Wednesday	Lev. 16:1-24	Luke 10:1-22
Thursday	Lev. 17:1-16	Luke 10:23-42
Friday	Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8	Luke 11:1-13
Saturday	Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37	Luke 11:14-36
Easter 5 Week of 18th	Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27	Luke 11:37-54
Monday	Lev. 21:1-24	Luke 12:1-12
Tuesday	Lev. 23:1-22	Luke 12:13-34
Wednesday	Lev. 23:23-44	Luke 12:35-53
Thursday	Lev. 24:1-23	Luke 12:54-13:17
	<i>Lev. 25:1-55</i>	
Friday	Lev. 26:1-20	Luke 13:18-35
Saturday	Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44	Luke 14:1-24
	<i>Num. 1:1-2:34</i>	
Easter 6 Week of 25th	Num. 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25-15:10
	<i>Num. 4:1-8:4</i>	
Monday	Num. 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
Tuesday	Num. 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
Wednesday	Num. 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
Thursday/Ascension	Num. 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
Friday	Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37
Saturday	Num. 13:1-3, 17-33	Luke 18:1-17



MOWERS – Please use the WEEKLY DATES sheet to sign up for week(s) you can mow. THANK YOU!



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



MAY 2025 MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Week of May 4th – Psalm 103:13

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Week of May 11th – Acts 16:31

And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Week of May 18th – John 16:22

So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Week of May 25th – Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.



We thank the members and friends
who have donated towards the Easter Lilies
that decorated our Chancel

- In memory of parents Grant O. & Elvina Roti, brother Grant C. and Aunt Elverna Mueller - by Janice Roti and Linda Roti and family.
- To give thanks to God for all our blessings – Kathy & Steve Daack
- In memory of Arthur Williamson and Joe Williamson; and to give thanks to God – Nancy Williamson and Sheila Kiddoo
- To give thanks for the LCMS, Immanuel Lutheran Church, our Pastor, and all the blessings God has given
- In Memory of Marlis Donner, Mark Donner, and Marcia Carter – John & Karlene Campbell
- To give thanks to God for His steadfast love that endureth forever – JoAnn Taube
- To give thanks to God – Pastor & Laurie Astrowski
- In Memory of Uncle Brian Ripple – Carrie Titus

LCMS NEWS - Stewardship in the Body of Christ

Baseball season is upon us. The southern images of spring training give way to the pageantry of Opening Day. On that day, the hopes and dreams of every major league team, player and fan focus on doing whatever it takes to get to the Fall Classic, the World Series. Baseball is a secular way that so many of us confess that hope “springs” eternal.

With all of this in mind, baseball can also teach us a new perspective about stewardship. Think about the game itself. Baseball is a team sport. The home team faces off against the visitors. Yet while it is a team game, there are repetitive, individual confrontations that take place within the game. The baseball game cannot start without the individual pitcher against the hitter. Once the batted ball is in play, the battle is between the ability of the fielder against the speed of the baserunner. Once there is a runner on base, an attempt to steal a base pits the runner against the catcher. A base hit into the outfield pits the outfielder against a runner trying to score.

Baseball is a team game with many smaller units at play. Without all those smaller units working together and achieving their tasks, the team will lose.

Romans 12 puts our stewardship of the Gospel in a similar setting. The church is certainly described as a team, if you will.

Verse 3: “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.” This is where the Body of Christ is really seen as a team. No one member of the baseball team can win the game by themselves. In the same way, no one part of the Body of Christ can accomplish stewardship of the Gospel alone. The pastor cannot. The congregational choir cannot. The lead soprano in the choir cannot. But each of these individuals have been added to the local congregation to be built into a team that can win the victory with Jesus.

Verses 4–5: “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” In baseball, the pitcher pitches. The catcher catches. The hitter hits. When a pitcher attempts to hit, the result is usually not very pretty. Catchers often do not excel at running the bases. The hitter usually does not do well when they are sent to the mound to pitch. Every

member of the Body of Christ has a unique set of abilities and functions. Not everyone preaches. Not everyone leads. Not everyone sings well. Yet when the congregation assembles together as a team, it can succeed in ways unattainable by the individual.

Verses 6–8: “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” Each member of the team has a role to play. Abilities and opportunities are entrusted to the individual members of the Body of Christ to be used for the ultimate purpose of stewarding the Gospel for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor. The one preaching is no more or less important than the others. The one serving or the one teaching, the leader or the merciful one — all are equally important in the faithful stewardship of all that the Lord has entrusted to the Body of Christ. All this stewardship is for the sake of the other!

A baseball team can have five All-Star pitchers but cannot win if the hitters do not hit. The best lineup in the league will struggle if the pitchers cannot get anyone on the other team out. Pitchers need the defense behind them to play well. Coaches need to lead well. When they all work together, you have a winning baseball team. When the Body of Christ has all its members faithfully stewarding the unique individual talents that have been entrusted to them, the victory goes to Jesus! This is the goal of faithful stewardship! It is all about Jesus!



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

1st - Jacie Umlandt
2nd - Jerry Poole
6th - Linnea Tiece
8th - Mason Davis
Judy Muske
9th - Jake Nixon
10th - Leigh Ann Nixon
12th - Kevin Klavon
13th - Sam Davis
Alina Diaz
16th - Taylor Schelfaut

17th - Dani Stevens
Jeff Umlandt
24th - Eric Campbell
Kathy Peterson
25th - Ronald Schultz
26th - Samantha Davis
Matthew Kramer
28th - Kathy Daack
Mary Ann Pedigo
31st - Dylan Mills
Brayden Ripple
Haley Walker



May 4, 1991 – Jack & Jane Copeland
May 8, 1971 – Steve & Kathy Daack
May 8, 1993 – Greg & Penny Spragg
May 9, 2015 – Alex & Jordan Stockwell
May 12, 2001 – Jeff & Jacie Umlandt
May 17, 2015 – Alex & Linnea Tiece
May 21, 2016 – Andy & Jessica Klockau
May 28, 1994 – Wayne & Linda Haake
May 29, 1971 – Dave & Sandy Schumaker

Membership Changes: (none)

Changes to current directory: (none)

Memorials Received in April:



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, through May 27th and then begins again in the Fall
- **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 continue to recycle 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.**



By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

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.



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

SAVE THE DATE:

❖ *C.I.D. Campout:* May 23-26

- Spend your Memorial Day Weekend at Camp CILCA. Bring a tent, camper, or RV. Swimming on Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. No Hog Roast on Sunday.

❖ *Summer Camp registration is OPEN!*

- To celebrate CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 are just **\$100**.

❖ *Homecoming:* August 2, 2025

- This will be **CILCA's only fundraiser** for the year (replacing the Hog Roast and Chicken Fry). There will be live music, a vendor fair, great food served from 4-6pm, swimming, square dancing, face painting, wagon rides and more. Mark your calendar to celebrate CILCA's 75th anniversary in style!

❖ *S.E.L.F. Retreat:* August 22-24

What does S.E.L.F. stand for? Singles Engaged in Lutheran Fellowship. What's our goal? Our goal is fellowship and fun. We are planning to do lots of activities and have a ton of fun with other Lutherans who happen to be single. When's the retreat? August 22-24. Who can attend? Anyone over the age of 18

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.

<p>JOYFUL HEARTS Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. \$360/*\$180 \$75*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Week: June 8-12 • Half Week: June 8-10* or 10-12* 	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session I: June 20-21 • Session II: July 18-19 	<p>PATHFINDERS 1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. \$155/*\$180 \$75*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session I: May 28-30 • Session II: July 23-25 • Session III: July 27-30*
<p>BOLD SPIRITS 4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. \$375 \$75*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session I: June 1-6 • Session II: July 13-18 	<p>AQUA WEEK 4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. \$375 \$75*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session: July 13-18 	<p>NIGHT OWL 6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! \$375 \$75*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session: July 6-11
<p>DAUNTLESS SOULS 6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. \$375 \$75*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session I: June 15-20 • Session II: July 6-11 	<p>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*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session: June 22-27 	<p>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*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session: June 15-20
<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session: Every week May 28-August 1 	<p>INTREPID HEARTS High school students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. \$375/*\$180* (half) \$75*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Week: June 29-July 4 • Half Week: June 29-July 1 or 2-4* 	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session: July 20-22

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**

REGISTER TODAY!

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

WWW.CILCA.ORG





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Jesus' Resurrection Is a Real Fact.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that many saw Jesus alive. This included Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome (Mat.28; Mar.16), Joanna and the others with them. (Luke. 24:10). In addition, the disciples (Mar.16:14; John 20:19-29), Cleopas and the other disciple (Luke 24:13-35), more five hundred at the same time (1Cor.15:6), and lastly, the apostle Paul (1Cor.15:8) saw the Risen Christ.

Christ's resurrection is a real fact! The apostles gave constant testimony about it, and it was the central theme of their entire preaching. Acts 4:33 and Acts 5:40-42 says: *"They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah."*

Surely, they left the Sanhedrin in physical pain from the flogging they had received. Surely, they left tired and worried about the future. When we are "flogged" by hardships, are we hurting with anguish for all that is happening around us? Has the joy gone out of our lives? Diseases can crush us. We can become discouraged when work and income are not easy to find. We can be filled with hatred and anger against those who hurt us. How can we smile when the wind is against us? At these times, is God our ever present source of help and comfort?

It's my prayer that you continue faithful in serving our Lord. Have you been affronted because of Jesus' name? If the answer is yes, remember to trust in the Lord because nothing will extinguish the joy in your heart on having suffered for Christ's cause and for the preaching of the Gospel.



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 a decoration for the house for their mothers. Children give it to them on Mother's Day.

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.



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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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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.