



# 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 – January 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*"Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one"* (John 17:11).

So the words of our Lord. He prays for His Church to be one. So why isn't it? Why are there so many confessions? Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist, Pentecostal—to name a few.<sup>1</sup> And then there are the Lutherans. We of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are often confused with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA—sadly, an extremely liberal confession), and there's also The Wisconsin Synod, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod (a small synod formed by Norwegian Americans located mostly in the upper Midwest), the ELDoNA, and a handful of other small Lutheran confessions. Yeah, all of these on the heels of the Lord's prayer that we would be one.

This is a frequent stumbling block. It's a stumbling block for those new to the Faith and even for lifelong members of the church. It's also seen as an accurate and potent criticism of Christianity. And I agree that it is. Why are there so many churches with widely divergent confessions regarding the essence of the sacraments, how one is saved, who exactly is Christ, and the totality of the fall of man? As we ponder these things, the question inevitably arises: which confession is correct? That's the heart of it. Each confession claims to hold the truth.<sup>2</sup> So what is the truth (quoting Pilate)—is there even a true faith—if there are so many groups who claim they alone possess it? Is this the oneness that the Lord prayed for? Of course not. But that thought offers no

<sup>1</sup> My library includes a *Handbook of Denominations in the United States*, by Roger Olson, Frank S. Meade, et. al., the fourteenth edition, published in 2018. It contains descriptions of over two hundred denominations—or confessions—found in America. If you're ever curious about the strangely named church your oddball uncle attends, you're welcome to come and peruse that book.

<sup>2</sup> This statement is true among the conservative confessions. These confessions are populated mostly by people of deep conviction—rightly or wrongly—in their beliefs. This is one of the reasons it's so difficult to build unity among these confessions—it takes a great deal of study and discussion and time. On the other hand, among the liberal confessions it is much easier to build a concession. When you believe 'all roads lead to Rome,' there's no reason to study or argue. And if you follow it to its logical end, it's simply a belief in nothing.

quarter for our conscience. How do we know if we're sitting in the correct pew and offering our "amens" to the true teaching? Yes, a stumbling block it is.

St. Paul dealt with this issue as he addressed the church in Corinth. Corinth was an active seaport that drew people from all over the Mediterranean rim and Asia Minor (hence the plethora of tongues St. Paul addresses in his first letter to that place—but that's a topic for another day). Divisions, or disunity, in the church is the main issue St. Paul addresses in that letter. In his opening sentences he states:

*I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? (1 Corinthians 1:10-13.)*

As there is only one Christ, there is only one Church. There is only one truth.

So, what is the cause of these divisions that linger to this very day? First, we need to acknowledge these divisions were there from the very beginning. Even the Apostles, before Pentecost, failed to grasp the nature of what was happening before their eyes. Within Judaism at the time of Christ, we learn of factions—Pharisees and Sadducees. We learn from Scripture of their incompatible views of the resurrection of the dead. One party acknowledged and one denied that doctrine. You might recall how the Sadducees tried to test—trap—the Lord on this very point. Then there were the divisions caused by the inclusion of the Gentiles in God's plan of salvation that culminated in the Jerusalem Council recorded for us in the Acts of the Apostles.<sup>3</sup> What's behind all of this? Satan, of course, and along with that our sin—our sinful pride.

Satan hates the Church. He hates the Truth. "Did God really say...?" So the false witness the Father of Lies bears against his Creator and ours. To this very day, this lie taints our hearing of the Word of God. We doubt. We question. We accuse. "Can baptism actually save us?" "Is this truly the body and blood of our Lord?" And on and on we hurl our questions toward the sky. "If God is good, why is there so much evil in the world?" The accusations birthed from that simple question Satan planted in our minds are seemingly endless. We each look to the Word of God—the truth He reveals to us—and draw our various conclusions. Baptism can't save you, some conclude. And so, some devise another system of salvation based not on what God has told us, but based on what they think and feel. Hence the divisions and dissolution of unity.

Our pride adds to this. Thanks to the over-spiritualization of all things churchly, we think each and every thought we have about God is a gift of the Spirit delivered on a purple pillow to our waiting minds. How many times have you heard someone begin to give their personal, and oft erroneous, interpretation of Sacred Writ with the phrase "the Spirit told me..."? Perhaps this is you. As a pastor, I can confidently attest to the difficulty of engaging in a thoughtful discussion with such people. It's hard to convince this type person—someone who sees every thought and raindrop as direct revelation from God—that they might be wrong. I often wonder (too frequently, I'm afraid) how such folks rationalize their thoughts when confronted with the fact that their "revelation" is in contradiction to what the church has confessed throughout the ages? The result of all this? A fractured oneness.

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<sup>3</sup> See Acts Chapter 15. And for your information, "Acts of the Apostles" is the ancient and official name of the book we typically refer to as Acts.

And then there's my personal favorite. It's probably what I deal with most as a pastor. Its roots go back hundreds of years. We call it pietism. The fallout of this erroneous movement is widespread and long lasting. Among other things, pietism results in the teaching that the saving work of the Holy Spirit is *not* linked to the Gospel, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper—the *Means of Grace*. If the Holy Spirit does not work through these things to create and sustain faith in Christ, then one must look elsewhere for proof of one's salvation. To such an end, emotions emerge. What I *feel* is what provides proof. This statement casts aside the Word of God, Baptism, and the Holy Supper. What counts is what I feel. If feelings are the true indicator of salvation, then by necessity the drainplug is pulled on infant baptism. You must be old enough to articulate what you feel. Listen to people speak of Christ and faith. You will hear them speak not so much of doctrine drawn from Scripture but of what they feel. For them, this is the basis of truth. And, as noted, it's extremely difficult to convince people that their feelings are not necessarily indicators of what is true or untrue. So, divisions arise. Oneness is fractured.

These are a few of the reasons we are not one. So what? Is that all? Do we just accept our divisions? Of course, the answer is no. So what are we to do? St. Paul, speaking of divisions, offers the following:

*For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized (1 Corinthians 11:18-19).*

The Lord, as St. Paul tells us, uses these divisions to identify the genuine. This is a hard truth, but a truth it remains. This is what counters Satan's attacks, our pride, and our emotions. These divisions cause us to search Scripture, to explore how the church has interpreted the Word of Christ throughout the centuries, and to join with the genuine (St. Paul's word, not mine) among us.

The stumbling blocks will remain, and new ones will arise. But cling to the Word. Cling to the Apostolic Word. Dismiss your emotions and what you think the Spirit is telling you. Cling to the Word.

A blessed Epiphany to each of you.

Rev. L.A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor



**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 contact the office when someone is hospitalized or homebound. The church office phone number is **309-786-3391**; email address is [officeimmanuelri@gmail.com](mailto:officeimmanuelri@gmail.com).

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & BAPTISMS

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

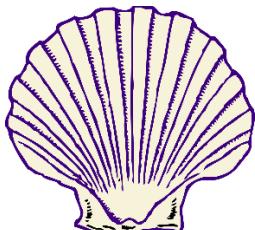


1 - Tina Taylor  
2 - Chase Spragg  
Brent Titus

6 -	Alaina Carter	17 -	Laurie Astrowski
8 -	Lance Ahlgrim	23 -	Ellen Campbell
	David Cobert	26 -	Hayley Fiedler
9 -	Michael Depaepe	29 -	Karen Burger
10 -	Renee Henrich	30 -	Wanda Titus
12 -	Kris Hazen	31 -	Marcus Ayers
14 -	Irene Christofferson		Mel Vogel
	Katherine Cobert		



January 2, 1999 – Todd & Kris Hazen  
January 20, 1990 – Bill & Cathy Wiebel  
January 21, 2011 – Andy & Kelly Cortez



### Baptism Birthdays

1 -	Amanda Eckardt	12 -	Brenda Weisenborn
8 -	Thomas Ahlgrim	15 -	Nancy Farrar
	Ron Mau	20 -	John Hazen
		23 -	Dave Schumaker

*\*NOTE – Birthdays, anniversaries and baptisms are listed according to our records.  
If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You.*

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### MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY CHANGES / MEMORIALS - DECEMBER REPORT:

**Membership** – Additions – Avery Kate Fiedler and Asher Otto Fiedler, by baptism, 12/07/2025  
Deletions – Rodger Kramer, by death, 12/18/2025

**NEW Membership Directories are available on the table in the Narthex.**  
**New Directory Changes** – Rodger Kramer, by death, 12/18/2025

**Memorials** – To Social Ministry, given in thanks in celebration of my dad's 74<sup>th</sup> birthday, by Tom Klockau.  
– To General Memorial, given in memory of Rodger Kramer.  
– To General Memorial, given in memory of family at Christmas: Harold, Mom & Dad, Tom, Darlene, and Fred, by Kathy Nelson.

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**THE 2026 FLOWER CHART** and **THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART** are 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](mailto:OFFICEIMMANUELRI@GMAIL.COM).**  
**YOU CAN ALSO WRITE A NOTE AND LEAVE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



## 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.
- Sunday, January 18, 4pm: Circuit Youth Group Movie Night at Immanuel
- Higher Things in St. Louis June 23-26, 2026

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



Social Ministry would like to compile a list of people to contact for help in the kitchen for funeral luncheons. If you would be willing to help, please contact Tammy Robinson via email ([ilcriacctg@gmail.com](mailto:ilcriacctg@gmail.com)).

This year we were able to help 13 families with gift cards to HyVee to do their holiday shopping. We were able to distribute the cards on Friday, December 19th. This is a great mission that the Immanuel Social Ministry team has been carrying down through the years and the recipients of the gifts they received have been very appreciative! Thank you everyone for your continued support.

If you would like to support Social Ministry, envelopes are provided in your offering envelope box or use a plain envelope, indicating for Social Ministry. If you have any questions, contact the church office or Christine Roth ([immanuelfinancemusic@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelfinancemusic@gmail.com)).

**Another part of our Social Ministry** includes helping support two Seminarian families. If you wish to help with their support, 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 NEW addresses if you wish to send a card of encouragement, etc.:

Josh Bieri – Vicarage appointment to  
Faith Lutheran Church  
1407 Main St  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Josh Camp - 2<sup>nd</sup> year at CTSFW  
Josh & Catherine Camp  
7630 Coldsprings Blvd  
Fort Wayne IN 46825

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 on Zoom.
- **For the older youth** – there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group. Watch for announcements on dates and times.



### Items Needed:

Men's Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Conditioner

13-gal Trash bags  
33 gal trash bags  
39 gal lawn & leaf trash bags

Toilet paper  
Men's disposable razors  
Napkins

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

### LWML UPCOMING EVENT

The February LWML meeting will be Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6 pm. Pastor Astrowski will lead us in a devotion and Karen Wilson, administrator at the Davenport Lutheran Home, will be our special guest. We will be gathering the following items for the Lutheran Home residents: books, adult coloring books, puzzles, lotion, nail polish. All ladies are welcome!



**Immanuel LWML will be gathering items for the Davenport Lutheran Home. Items include: books, adult coloring books, puzzles, lotion, fingernail polish.**

**Items can be brought to church through February 15, 2026.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**



### January and February 2026 LWML CID Mission Grant #5 – Just for Moms - \$3,544

Almost 4 out of 10 women who receive services from Pregnancy Resources in Moline, IL have no faith background or are of non-Christian faith. Along with this, of professing Christian clients, 48 are at risk for abortion. Pregnancy Resources "Just for Moms" bags help provide a new mom with a holistic wellness approach that considers a person's physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects. Each bag offers a Lutherans for Life devotional for mothers, a journal to track emotional needs, post-natal vitamins, and more help to prepare her for the birth and delivery of her baby.

*How can I help? Pray that God uses the materials distributed by Pregnancy Resources to bring lost souls to Christ. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.*

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026:** Envelopes for 2026 are available for pick up on the table in the Narthex. If you do not find your set, please contact the office at 309-786-3391.

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## Building Upkeep

Thank you to those who have signed up to clean a room/area monthly. We really appreciate the help. If you are interested, there are several areas that haven't been claimed yet. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

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## POINSETTIAS



### Thank you to those who donated the poinsettias for the Chancel:

- In Memory of Grant O. & Elvina Roti, brother Grant C., and Aunt Elverna Mueller
  - by Janice Roti and Linda Roti & family
- To the glory of God and in Memory of Arthur Williamson and Joe Williamson
  - by Nancy Williamson and Sheila Kiddoo
- In memory of Loved Ones lost in 2025 – by Tammy Robinson:
  - Adeline Husser - Aunt/Godmother - mom Karen Burger's sister (May)
  - Bob Kestler - husband of dear friend, Cathy (July)
  - Susan Perry-Burdge - best friend since childhood (August)
  - Jim Burger - Uncle - dad Neil Burger's older brother (December)
- In memory of Marlis Donner, Marcia Carter, and Mark Donner
  - by John & Karlene Campbell

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## JANUARY 2026 MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE



Week of January 4, 2026 - **Psalm 37:23–24**

The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.

Week of January 11, 2026 - **Ephesians 1:7**

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Week of January 18, 2026 - **1 John 2:2**

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Week of January 25, 2026 - **Leviticus 19:18**

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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### ***Remember – 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.**





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Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez

## January 2026



The year 2025 is gone, never to return. We all experienced many situations this past year. Perhaps it was family conflicts, financial troubles, divorces, sickness, loss of a beloved one, etc. In all of this God has remained faithful showing His love for us in order to strengthen our faith and hope in Him. I receive a Bible text every day from my phone. It's free and I, in turn, share it on Facebook. Some of these texts are the motive for this brief devotional. The words remain with me, and I continue to think about them. They describe my relationship with God, and maybe it is the same with you.

Isaiah 53:6 says: *"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."* Yes, my brothers and sisters in Christ, we are lost sheep, aren't we? Even though we are sinners, the Holy Spirit has opened our minds and hearts to believe in the Savior. Thank you, Holy Spirit! Ephesians 1:7, 8 says: *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding."*

We don't know how it will be in 2026. Nobody does, only God, but in all of our struggles and circumstances, we have this assurance: *"For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,"* (Philippians 1:29)

Now the next text: *"what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings, that you care for them?"* (Psalm 8:4) We are all sinners, it's true, but it's also true that the Lord thinks about us. He has chosen us before the creation of the world (Eph. 1:4).

What is our response to this Mighty and Merciful God? *"Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness."* (Psalm 150:1,

2) This Bible text was received today to complete this devotional, so I close by saying:

Praise the Lord for thinking about me and you!

Praise the Lord that He never leaves us alone!

Praise the Lord that He will protect us and guide us in 2026.

*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."* (Psalm 150:6)

**Prison Ministry** On Dec. 18 a Christmas event took place at the East Moline Correctional Center. I played Spanish Christmas songs and hymns at this event. I read from the Bible and delivered a Christmas message. Thank you, God, for this wonderful opportunity to witness. We continue to offer Bible studies there on Thursdays.

**Gift of Legos** For several years, CR has received Lego donations from Rev. Tim Eckert and his wife, Susan, to be distributed among the children of the church, as well as to children of contact people they know. Many thanks to Rev. Echart and Susan. The children really enjoy them.



**Note:** Lego toys are used for creative building, imaginative play, developing key skills like fine motor control, problem-solving, and spatial reasoning, allowing users to construct anything from simple objects to complex vehicles, fostering innovation and even serving as a hobby for all ages. They offer both structured building experiences (following instructions) and open-ended creativity, encouraging self-expression and collaborative play.

*Dear friends of Cristo Rey*

*We thank YOU for your continued support in 2025 whether it was offered prayers, monetary donations, gifts of clothing, furniture or food, or volunteer labor.*

*You truly are our partners in taking the Gospel to the Hispanic community of the Quad Cities area.*

*May God grant you all a blessed and joyous 2026!*

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry

*“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new. Also, He said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true’ (Revelation 21:5).*

In January there is a great deal of “new” talk. Parties are held to ring in the “new” year. “New” year’s resolutions are made to set a “new” course of life in the “new” year. There is date forgetfulness as checks and other forms are filled out without using the “new” year on the dateline.

We use all this “new” talk because there is very often so much wrong with the old in us. We think back to the “new” resolutions from the previous year that only lasted a few weeks. That “new” person did not shed any pounds and instead, picked up a few. The “new” habits of going to the gym were soon replaced by even more time on the couch binging on Netflix. The “new” person who does not lose their temper, use sarcasm as a lethal weapon and spend more money than necessary, but who worships, prays and serves the Lord and the neighbor, never seemed to stick around. We need “new” talk because the Old Adam is alive and well within every one of us.

But this promise of “new” is a matter of stewardship. It is the Lord Himself who makes the promise of all things being new. These words recorded by St. John are not pious wishes or hopeless promises. They do what they say. YOU, that one baptized into Jesus’ death and resurrection, are NEW! These words are indeed trustworthy and true. This “new” comes to you in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It comes free of charge, even without our prayer.

This stewardship of “new” is not a vague, someday kind of stewardship either. You are NEW now! Forgiven. Reborn from above. The old is gone, nailed to Calvary’s cross and buried and rotting in a tomb that was only borrowed by Jesus for His resurrection rest. The Gospel is what makes us NEW every morning. Remembering your baptism, you are new. Confessing your sins and receiving absolution makes you new. Hearing the Gospel filling your ears makes you new. Feasting on Christ’s body and blood in the Holy Supper makes you new.

These mercies, totally undeserved as they are, are entrusted to us to steward TODAY even as we long for the Last Day. But we know how often we fail in this stewardship. We hoard God’s creation as if it belongs to us. We belittle and devalue our neighbor because they look or sound or act in a way that we do not like. We seek to make the Holy Word of God softer and more palatable for those, or even ourselves, who refuse to confess sin as sin and repent. We value our comfort over truth, our reputation over faithfulness and our treasure over making sure that people get to hear of the Jesus who has done so much for the world and us.

We, as stewards of the Gospel, need to be made new every day. This is exactly what the Lord does. We failed in stewardship of the Gospel last year, so He gives us a new year. We failed in stewardship of the Gospel yesterday, and He gives us a new day. We failed in stewardship of the Gospel in the last few minutes, and yet in mercy our newness comes with each tick of the clock! Because that is how the Lord works.

As we see this working of all new things in us, it then calls us to be stewards of this newness to the world. This starts right in our own homes. It radiates out to our neighbors. It beams out from our congregations. This newness is teamed at the circuit, district and Synod levels all to shine the newness of the Gospel to those who need it.

Your new talk starts in the newness of the Gospel. Steward this treasure in this new year and this new day. It starts with a new you in Jesus. This is indeed trustworthy and true.

The reality is, there are many self-serve opportunities in life, from ATM's, to self-checkout at the grocery store to ordering a ride at the airport using Waymo, the autonomous cabs. But you don't get to self-diagnose illness or write your own prescriptions. You need a doctor to do that. You can't fill your own air conditioning unit with refrigerant. A licensed technician must do that. So also, in the complex world of estates, you need the assistance of those who specialize in doing this work, to make sure that mistakes don't happen. Your attorney or financial advisor bring much to the table. But sometimes they specialize in wealth creation or wealth protection. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor specializes in charitable gifts and the smartest way to use the right asset, in the right way for the right gift. It takes a team. To get your team all pulling for you, helping you in your faithful stewardship of God's gifts, your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

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

Jan 1	Is. 61:1-11	Luke 1:57-80
Jan 2	Is. 62:1-12	Luke 2:1-20
Jan 3	Is. 63:1-14	Luke 2:21-40
Jan 4	Is. 63:15-65:2	Luke 2:41-52
<b><u>Epiphany Season</u></b>		
Jan 5	Is. 65:8-25	Luke 3:1-20
Jan 6	Is. 66:1-20	Luke 3:21-38
Jan 7	Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28 <i>Hab. 1:1-3:19</i>	Rom. 1:1-17
Jan 8	Ezek. 2:1-3:11	Rom. 1:18-32
Jan 9	Ezek. 3:12-27 <i>Ezek. 4:1-11:25</i>	Rom. 2:1-16
Jan 10	Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32 <i>Ezek. 19:1-24:27</i>	Rom. 2:17-29
Jan 11	Ezek. 33:1-20	Rom. 3:1-18
Jan 12	Ezek. 34:1-24	Rom. 3:19-31
Jan 13	Ezek. 36:13-28	Rom. 4:1-25
Jan 14	Ezek. 36:33-37:14	Rom. 5:1-21
Jan 15	Ezek. 37:15-28	Rom. 6:1-23
Jan 16	Ezek. 38:1-23	Rom. 7:1-20
Jan 17	Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29	Rom. 7:21-8:17
Jan 18	Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12 <i>Ezek. 40:5-42:20, 43:18-27</i>	Rom. 8:18-39
Jan 19	Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29	Rom. 9:1-18
Jan 20	Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23	Rom. 9:19-33
Jan 21	Joel 1:1-20	Rom. 10:1-21
Jan 22	Joel 2:1-17	Rom. 11:1-24
Jan 23	Joel 2:18-32	Rom. 11:25-12:13
Jan 24	Joel 3:1-21	Rom. 12:14-13:14
Jan 25	Zech. 1:1-21	Rom. 14:1-23
Jan 26	Zech. 2:1-3:10	Rom. 15:1-13
Jan 27	Zech. 4:1-5:11	Rom. 15:14-33
Jan 28	Zech. 6:1-7:14	Rom. 16:17-27
Jan 29	Zech. 8:1-23	2 Tim 1:1-18
Jan 30	Zech. 9:1-17	2 Tim. 2:1-26
Jan 31	Zech. 10:1-11:3	2 Tim. 3:1-17

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# JANUARY 2026

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New Year's Day [Office Closed]	2	3
4 7:15 Bd of Elders 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	5 6 Book Club	6 7 Matins 9:30 Bible Study  <b>6:30 Feast of the Epiphany</b>	7  <b>7 Youth Group Programming Bd</b>	8	9  5 Circuit Pastors' Epiphany Gathering in Cafeteria	10
11 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	12 9 Winkel @ Cristo Rey  6 Book Club	13 7 Matins 9:30 Bible Study  6 Intergen. Bible Study	14	15	16	17
18 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School 4 Circuit Youth Group Movie Night	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day [Office Closed]  6 Book Club	20	21	22	23  <i>Pastor at Symposium</i>	24  <i>Deadline for submitting items for THE IMAGE</i>
25 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	26 6 Book Club	27 7 Matins 9:30 Bible Study  6 Intergen. Bible Study	28	29	30	31

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### Sunday Schedule

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

Bible Study at 10:30 AM – Sunday School at 10:30 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.**

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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.**