"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."

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS Rock Island, IL



Announcements for the Week of January 5, 2025

~~ Take your bulletin home with you to refer to it during the week ~~

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

Elder:	Alex Triece		
Communion Assistant:	Tyler Werke		
Ushers:	Larry Wiebel Brian Cobert		
Organist:	Katherine Cobert		
Cantor:	Keith Hentrich		

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING Office Hours: Monday — Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, January 5	9:00 am	Board of Elders Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School
Monday, January 6	7:00 am 6:30 pm	Matins Feast of the Epiphany
Tuesday, January 7		Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, January 8	7:00 pm	RI Circuit LCMS Youth Group Planning
Thursday, January 9		
Friday, January 10		
Saturday, January 11	9:00 am	Take down Christmas decorations
Sunday, January 12		Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School

Attendance for Last Week - Sunday, December 29th Attended - 55; Communed - 48 New Year's Eve - 13

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – Please come and help take down the decorations on Saturday, January 11th at 9:00 am.

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OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Envelopes for 2025 are available in the Narthex. If you do not find your set, please contact the office at 309-786-3391.

- Board of Finance

Daily Readings for week of January 5th From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304					
Jan 5	ls. 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	Rom. 1:1-17			
Hab. 1:1-3:19					
Jan 8	Ezek. 2:1-3:11	Rom. 1:18-32			
Jan 9	Ezek. 3:12-27	Rom. 2:1-16			
Ezek. 4:1-11:25					
Jan 10	Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32	Rom. 2:17-29			
	Ezek. 19:1-24:27				
Jan 11	Ezek. 33:1-20	Rom. 3:1-18			

Portals of Prayer for January through March 2025 are now in the Narthex. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend!

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF January 5th

Joel 2:32 - And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.



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!
 - January 19, 2025 Circuit Wide
 - "Movie Night"4:00-7:00 pm
 - Higher Things 2025
 - July 29 August 1, Calvin University, Grand Rapids,
 Michigan
 - \$100 reservation fee per attendee
 - Early Bird Rate
 - Five (5) youth per adult of the same gender

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



ALTAR GUILD – please sign up for duties for 2025 in the notebook in the Altar Guild room.

THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP.

If you want more information, please speak with Linda Haake or Barb Soyke.



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 meeting. You will see that we have two dates to serve at Christian Care Men's Shelter. If you have never served, we 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 have the kits available after Christmas.

Please come and join us. Our goal is to be respectful of your time. The meetings start at 6:00 pm with refreshments in the Luther Room and we plan to be done no later than 7:30. These dates are subject to change.

JANUARY - NO MEETING

February 16 – Fleece Blanket Kits Available
February 27 – Bible Study and Dessert

March 9 – Mite Box Sunday – Return Fleece Blankets
March 20 – Serve at Christian Care Men's Shelter

March 27 – Bible Study and Dessert – Business Meeting
April 2 – Serve Lenten Dinner

April 20 - Easter

April 24 – Bible Study and Dessert

May 22 – Dine Out and Election officers

CHRISTIAN CARE NEEDS:

Canned fruit & vegetables
Large shampoo & conditioner
Deodorant for men & women
Shaving cream, razors
Body wash
Napkins
Toilet paper
Toilet bowl cleaner

All-purpose cleaner
12, 22, 39 gallon trash bags
Coats, Hats, gloves, hoodies
T-shirts, socks
Men's underwear, long johns
PLACE ITEMS IN CC BOX IN
NARTHEX AND THEY WILL BE
TAKEN TO CHRISTIAN CARE.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:

January 5 - Second Sunday after Christmas

Luke 2:40 – "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him." At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

January 6 - Epiphany

Matthew 2:11 – "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

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A Life Thought in the Church Year for January 5 – Christmas II: No human life—and no human pregnancy—ever goes unplanned or unwanted by Almighty God. Ephesians' first chapter makes clear the Heavenly Father conceived each precious person "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). And the coming of Christ Jesus incorporates male and female, old or young, into heaven's household by adoption. Children come as Gospel gifts!

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A Life Quote for Sunday, January 5: "Let the peace of Christ change how you live—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God's child in the peace of Jesus." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

The Camp CILCA Lowdown



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Summer Camp registration is OPEN!

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

Act Like Men Woodcutters: Feb 28-March 1

O Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The study sessions will cover topics.

Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on the following Stations:

WKEI Kewanee, IL 1450 AM 5:00 am
KCLN Clinton, IL 1390 AM 9:30 am
WMT Cedar Rapids, IA 600 AM 6:30 am
You can receive Daily Devotions to your computer,
Go to https://www.lhm.org/subscribe/

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of January 5th:

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: Regular program will resume on January 7th.

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