

***“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
February 16, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, February 16th

Elder:	Mel Vogel
Communion Assistant:	John Campbell
Ushers:	Kevin Millen Jim Boudro
Cantor:	Karlene Campbell
Organist	Katherine Cobert
<i>The Altar flowers and Eternal Light have been given to the glory of God by Barb Soyke in celebration of the 18th birthday of granddaughter Elayna Soyke.</i>	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, February 16	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School
Monday, February 17	7:00 am 8 - 4 6:00 pm	Matins <i>RICC Home School</i> Book Club
Tuesday, February 18	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, February 19	9-N	<i>CHALK Home School</i>
Thursday, February 20		
Friday, February 21		Deadline for items to The IMAGE
Saturday, February 22	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Trivia Night – Doors open Trivia Night begins
Sunday, February 23	9:00 am 10:30 am 2-5 pm	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School Circuit Youth Group Outing

**Attendance for Last Week - Sunday, February 9th
Attended - 65; Communed - 55**

Seasonal Bell Choir



We are hoping to play handbells for Easter and to have practices on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm. If you are interested or need more information, please call the church office.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!
Help continue Pregnancy Resources'
Legacy of Life
Grab a Bottle and Fill It Up!
Please return filled bottles
by the end of this month.
THANK YOU!



TRIVIA NIGHT

SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH GROUP

Join in the fun night of Trivia to benefit
the Immanuel Lutheran Youth Group
Saturday, February 22

6:00 pm – (doors open at 5:30 pm)

The night will feature 10 rounds of Trivia,
a fabulous Silent Auction, and delicious Bake Sale.

\$80 a table/8 persons per table

Reserve a table by using sign-up sheet in Narthex, calling the
church office at 309-786-3391, texting Helen Vogel at 309-781-
9627, or email Helen.vogel.66@gmail.com.

Ways you can help:

- Reserve a table
- Donate baked goods
- Put together a Silent Auction Basket

Sign-up sheets on table in Narthex.



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!

- **February 22 – Trivia Night**
- **TBD – Bible Bowl “Life of David”**
- **February 23 – Circuit Wide Youth Group - Bowling**
- **Higher Things 2025**
 - July 29 – August 1, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI

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.

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF February 16th

Numbers 23:19 – God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

The Lutheran Women in Missions (LWML) invites you to participate!

Please come and join us. The meetings start at 6:00 pm with refreshments in the Luther Room, and we plan to finish by 7:30 pm.

TODAY – 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

- ***The LWML fleece tie blanket kits for Phil’s Friends are available in the Narthex.*** Please feel free to take one (or more) to complete and return with your Mite Box on **March 9th - Mite Box Sunday.** If you need a new Mite Box, there are extra on the table.
- Phil’s Friends receives grants from LWML mites to support their ministry of providing care boxes for cancer patients. **CANCER IS STRONG HOPE IS STRONGER.** Each blanket we complete will be included in a care box sent out by Phil’s Friends across the United States. Anyone can go to Phil’s Friends and request a box be sent to someone they know with Cancer. <https://philsfriends.org/request-a-care-package/>

REMINDER: Pastor will be leading the Psalms Bible Study on Thursday, February 27th at 6 pm in the Luther Room. Please let Pastor know if you would like a book.

From Central Illinois District - DOLLARS FOR MISSION 2025: Portions of brick are crumbling away, water is leaking in-between the masonry frames and the windows, and mortar joints are opening in brick walls. The current Dollars for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. These funds will help to correct the wear-and-tear on the 70+ year old church and student center. University Lutheran Church has served many thousands of students with the Gospel of Christ over 70+ years. Please help to provide a space for another 70 years of distributing Christ's gifts!

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: February 16 – Luke 6:20-21 – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you're poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there's an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

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A Life THOUGHT for February 16 – Only in 1 Corinthians 15:8 (“untimely born”) do the Scriptures use a technical term for “abortion.” Paul labeled himself like a miscarriage or one designated for intentional termination. But the Lord God intervened by reaching out with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Savior dying and rising makes abortion entirely unnecessary – and diametrically opposite to the Gospel message and community.

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A Life QUOTE for February 16 – “I love reminding them that the first diagnosis is, ‘It’s a baby,’ and no other diagnosis ever negates diagnosis number one. The baby is inherently valuable and worthy of our love.”
Dr. Robin Pierucci – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life

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

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.**



News You Can Use

February 2025

We learn valuable lessons in life, sometimes in the most unexpected places.

One of the great life lessons I learned was in the Chicago Bus Terminal one Friday night after midnight. While there, I began conversing with an old-order Amish man. He said he was a farmer. I asked how big a farm he farmed and he said it was “big enough.” I asked how much land he farmed. He said “enough”. I asked him how many acres he farmed and he said “enough.” I saw that he was a wise man, content with what he had. For him, it was “enough.”

It became apparent to me that I wasn't as content as this man but prayed that God would change my heart, so like this gentleman and the apostle Paul, I would be content in any and every situation. Contentment is about faith, knowing that God created and sustains every atom and molecule of this world, believing that He loves us so much that God sent Jesus to suffer and die for our sins, and understanding that He will never leave us or forsake us. Therefore, we can trust that, whether living or dying, He will always give each and every believer “enough.”

Rev. Charles Olander

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's contributions to the District. “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored.” Please remember in your prayers all our CID campus ministries, especially Immanuel Lutheran Church in

Charleston, serving students, faculty, and staff at Eastern Illinois University. And pray for the “Keeping Christ on Campus campaign,” building endowments to help CID support our campus ministries.
Items of Interest to Share

Announcing 2025 Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl:

TOPIC: The Life of David (1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2:12) DATE: April 6 (PLACE: a centrally-located venue (usually a church, school, or Camp CILCA, near Springfield) large enough for all the registered teams. AGES: youth involved in their church. If you would like more information, you may contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois (zionlcms@juno.com) or 309-795-1063.

Free Ukrainian resources for sharing the Gospel: Great news! The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (a recognized service organization of the LCMS) has just gotten a huge shipment of books carrying two FREE new resources available in Ukrainian, including the classic children’s Bible storybook A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories and Best of Portals of Prayer. These materials are available to any LCMS church, mission or individual who wants to share the Good News with their Ukrainian-speaking neighbors. To order, send an email to info@LHFmissions.org or call the LHF office at (800)554-0723. Next Small Church Summit in CID: Feb. 22 in Pekin Trinity Lutheran Church, Pekin, will host the Small Church Summit (SCS) meeting on February 22. The bad weather date is March 1. Sign-in starts at 9:30 a.m. Opening devotion will commence at 10:00. Adjournment will be at 2:30 that afternoon. Before lunch, a presentation on Witnessing Helps (that can be found online at <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>). Copies of the four Witnessing Helps sheets on 1) beginning an evangelistic conversation, 2) listening discerningly to a nonchurched person, 3) making a simple statement of the Gospel, and 4) defending the resurrection will be provided at the SCS. Lunch will be provided. In the afternoon, interest sessions will include: SCS is free and available to all congregations of not only CID but also the Southern Illinois District. You need not be from a small church to attend. It works best to bring three or four others from your church. Talk in the car on the way to and from. Trinity Lutheran Church is at 700 S 4th St., Pekin, IL, 61554-4504. The deadline to register is Tuesday, February 11. REGISTER NOW for the winter Small Church Summit at <https://forms.gle/iwHhyL2kXhnAAsHV8>

MITE BOX SUNDAY – March 9th

Daily Readings for week of February 16th – 22nd
From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

Sunday	Job 12:1-6, 12-25	John 5:30-47
Monday	Job 13:1-12	John 6:1-21
Tuesday	Job 13:13-28	John 6:22-40
Wednesday	Job 14:1-22	John 6:41-59
Thursday	Job 15:1-23, 30-35	John 6:60-71
Friday	Job 16:1-22	John 7:1-13
Saturday	Job 17:1-16	John 7:14-31



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

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

SAVE THE DATE:

❖ **Summer Camp registration is OPEN!**

○ To celebrate CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 are **\$75** if you register before April 1.

❖ **Act Like Men Woodcutters:** Feb 28-March 1

○ 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 relevant to men navigating life in the modern age.

○ Email director@cilca.org or register at cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat to sign up today!

❖ **Women's Retreat:** March 28-29

○ Our retreat theme is **Lean & Learn**: join us as we lean into God's word, digging into what God says to us and learn how we live it out in our daily vocation as women. Two choices for our retreat... You can join us overnight for \$100 and stay in the Christian Growth Center. There is a day-only option for \$75. Registration opens December 27th.

❖ **Homecoming:** August 2, 2025

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- 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, swimming, square dancing, face painting, wagon rides and more. Mark your calendar to celebrate CILCA's 75th anniversary in style!

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

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 is open so sign up early to secure your spot.

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

WKEI Kewanee 1450 AM 5 am / KCLN Clinton 1390 AM 9:30 am / WMT Cedar Rapids 600 AM 6:30 am
Daily Devotions to your computer,
<https://www.lhm.org/subscribe/>

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: We continue our study of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (2/22 at 10:00 a.m. CT) as we begin looking at the Smalcald Articles in the Book of Concord. This week, we'll start with Luther's preface. Find your favorite programs on demand at **kfu.org** or on the KFUE Radio app!

PREGNANCY RESOURCES - Welcome to 2025 – We’ve hit the ground running this year and are almost through January! As our church link, your faithful prayers, serving, and giving have made an enormous difference in the lives of moms, dads, and their little ones.

In this past year:

- You helped 1,982 individual clients by ensuring they received biblically compassionate and medically accurate information.
- Did you know that 91% of the women who needed early pregnancy answers were at risk for abortion?
- 86% of those at risk affirmed a life decision after care and counsel. Not only did the families receive full options education, fetal development, and life-affirming ultrasounds, but many learned how to become healthier parents with ...
- 1214 classes for mom AND dad!

YOU HELPED PROVIDE:

- 840 Bella’s Boutique visits, meeting real-time needs
- 94,392 diapers given
- 260 new baby gift bags
- 728 cans of formula
- 427 prenatal vitamins
- 143 car seats

You are the army of believers cheering on Mom and Dad when their lives are challenging and uncertain. Thank you!

Dates to Remember:

- Banquet – March 27
- Walk for Life – September 6
- PRC 101 Volunteer Training – Feb 18-20, Jul 15-17, Oct 21-23
- Taste of Making Life Disciples – Dates in May, Sep, and Oct



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