

***“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 23, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, February 23rd

Elder:	Tyler Werke
Communion Assistant:	Alex Triage
Ushers:	Mitch Bull Eric Campbell
Organist	Christine Roth

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

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

Sunday, February 23	9:00 am 10:30 am 2-5 pm	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School Circuit Youth Group Outing
Monday, February 24	7:00 am 8 - 4 6:00 pm	Matins <i>RICC Home School</i> Book Club
Tuesday, February 25	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, February 26	<i>9-N</i>	<i>CHALK Home School</i>
Thursday, February 27	6:00 pm	LWML Bible Study & Dessert
Friday, February 28		
Saturday, March 1		<i>[Use of cafeteria – Schumaker]</i>
Sunday, March 2	7:15 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Board of Elders Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School

Attendance for Last Week - Sunday, February 16th

Attended - 54; Communed - 40

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**EMERGENCY VOTERS MEETING
- AFTER SERVICE TODAY -
REGARDING CHURCH INSURANCE
IN THE CAFETERIA**

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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!

- **TODAY – Circuit Youth Group Outing**
- **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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My Devotions – Daily Readings for Young Christians booklets for March-May 2025 are in the Narthex.



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

NEW DATE: March 13 – Bible Study and Dessert – Business Meeting

March 20 – Serve at Christian Care Men’s Shelter

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/>

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF February 23rd

Deuteronomy 31:6 – *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.*

From Central Illinois District - DOLLARS FOR MISSION 2025: The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 60,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. Portions of the brick and concrete structure are showing their age and are in need of repair. This project will fund targeted work at repairing and repointing sections of the building exterior, so that the Lord's Word and Sacraments can continue to be given out for many decades to come!

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: February 23 – Luke 6:30-31 – *“Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”* Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus – and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

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A Life THOUGHT for February 23 – Joseph's brothers aborted him well after his birth because they thought him a threat. History eventually disclosed the Heavenly Father's design: a life-giving mission they didn't see (Genesis 45:7-8). The same holds true in the surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses we encounter. So Christians practice servanthood to apparently burdensome persons (Luke 6:29), because like mercy from God makes our lives possible.

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A Life QUOTE for February 23 – *“Handmade by the one true God and designed in His image, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity.”* Michelle Bauman, &4Life – A Life Quote from Lutheran For Life. Lutheransforlife.org

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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.

As you come to Him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4-5

Have you ever noticed the pattern in which bricks or cement blocks are arranged on a wall? In the middle of the wall each one is touching six others. The church of Christ is to be like that. Each one of us is touching others that we may support one another. Of course, we are not limited to supporting six people and we ourselves may be supported by more than six.

Have you ever watched a small child build a tower with wooden or plastic blocks? They tend to place each one directly on top of the others. Even if the blocks snap together, the wall easily falls. In business or in church that is what we call “silo thinking.” Departments or families “stack” themselves together without giving any real support to other families or departments. Just like the small child’s block tower, such an arrangement is doomed to fall or to function at much less than its potential.

Christ is our solid Rock upon whom we are securely founded and supported. If things fall apart in a congregation, we cannot blame God. Rather, we must look at ourselves and assess how we are built together and upon whom we are founded. Lack of members or money are symptoms and not the cause of a fall. In rural areas where the number of members may decline because the area population is declining, the congregation can serve God and members can grow in faith as they support one another. Remember, Jesus called twelve apostles, not twelve hundred. And as far as we know, none of them was rich. Yet those few people made a huge difference in the world as God blessed them, supported them, and used them. - Rev Jeff Harter

LWML CID District Convention: April 25-26, 2025, at Zion, Lincoln, IL. Friday, the 25th, we will have servant events, an evening meal followed by worship service and fellowship hour at Zion Church. Saturday, the 26th, is convention day at Zion School. We are thrilled to have Old Missionary Gary Thies of Mission Central as a keynote speaker. Also, we are equally happy that LWML President Eden Keefe will be with us. Delegates will tend the district’s business and select mission grants for funding. Six Breakout sessions will be held. **Registration/hotel information will be available from your church’s LWML group or at <https://lwmlcid.org> beginning Mar 10.**

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING - Registration is now open for our All Illinois district event! The event will be on Sunday night at the Dome with a meal, entertainment, t-shirt, giveaways, and seating on the floor for the mass event. This event will save you from having to make dinner plans for one night at the Gathering, and you get to go into one of the club areas in the dome! **Deadline to register is April 1st.** <https://www.cidlcms.org/2025nyg.html>



The Camp CILCA Lowdown
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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.
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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 & KFUO.org: We continue our study of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 am) and Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 am). Tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 am) to hear the latest installment in our new series on Lutherans in Australia! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!



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