

***“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
December 7, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025	
Elder	Larry Wiebel
Communion Assistant	Todd Hazen
Ushers	Kevin Millen Jim Boudro
Cantor	Keith Hentrich
Organist	Katherine Cobert

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, December 7

- 7:15 am – Board of Elders Meeting
- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

Monday, December 8

- 9:00 am – Winkel
- 6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, December 9

- 7:00 am – Matins
- 9:30 am – Bible Study
- 6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10

- 5:30 pm – Supper
- 6:30 pm – Advent Midweek II

Sunday, December 14

- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

Attendance for Wednesday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Eve)

Attended – 25

Attendance for Sunday, November 30

Attended – 14 Communed – 14

Attendance for Wednesday, December 3 (Advent Midweek I)

Attended – 47



BAPTIZED THIS MORNING: Avery Kate Fiedler and Asher Otto Fiedler, born November 18, 2025, to Charles and Haley Fiedler. Sponsor is Emily Hazen.



POINSETTIAS will decorate the Altar area of the church to commemorate our celebration of the birth of our Lord! Donations towards the cost of the plants are accepted and donor names will be listed in the December 24th and 25th bulletins. Forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please place the completed form and monetary donation in an envelope with “POINSETTIAS” written on it along with your name, amount, and offering envelope number. Drop it in the offering plate at a service, or mail it or bring it to the church office by December 15.



ADVENT SUPPERS

We are continuing our tradition of inviting our members and the public to join us for a light supper prior to our mid-week Advent Worship Services. Supper will be served 5:30-6:15 pm in the cafeteria. Our worship service begins at 6:30 pm. The meals may be soup, sandwiches, veggies and a dessert. Coffee, tea, milk, lemonade, etc. are provided. The host may keep the free will offering to cover expenses or donate it to the general benefit of the church. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Elders.

Wednesday, December 10th – LWML

Wednesday, December 17th – Youth Group



Advent Supper and Craft Sale: We will be serving the December 10th meal and will have gift tags/ornaments and pot holders for sale. All donations will benefit our Fort Wayne Seminarians.

<i>Holiday Service Schedule 2025</i>			
Date	Day	Time	Event/Service
December 10	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent Midweek II
December 14	Sunday	9:00 AM	Third Sunday in Advent
December 17	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent Midweek III – Children’s Program
December 21	Sunday	9:00 AM	Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 24	Wednesday	2:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service w/HC
		6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight w/HC
December 25	Thursday	9:00 AM	Christmas Day – The Feast of the Nativity
December 28	Sunday	9:00 AM	The First Sunday After Christmas
December 31	Wednesday	6:30 pm	New Year’s Eve Service



From the Social Ministry Group:

This year we will again be distributing **Christmas Food Baskets** to those in need. If you know of someone who might need a little extra help during this Holiday Season, please contact Tammy Robinson or Mel Vogel with their name, address, phone number, and the number of people in their household. Due to financial constraints, we will be giving preference to the family and/or friends of our congregation first and if finances hold up, we will take names from outside of the congregation. We have received several generous donations this year and hope to help more families!

We will be distributing the Christmas Baskets on Monday, December 22nd at the church starting at 11 a.m.

We will also be looking for helpers to sort, pack and distribute the baskets. Please contact Tammy or the church office to let us know you would be available to help.

This is a great mission that the Immanuel Social Ministry team has been carrying down through the years and the recipients of the baskets have been very appreciative! Thank you everyone for your continued support.



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 a plain envelope, indicating for Social Ministry. If you have any questions, contact the church office or Mel Vogel.

Part of our Social Ministry includes helping support our two Seminary families. **If you wish to help support these Seminarians**, 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.

Josh Bieri - *Vicarage appointment - Faith Lutheran Church, LaCrosse, WI*
Josh Camp – *in his 2nd year at CTSFW*

CHRISTIAN CARE NEEDS: Canned fruit & vegetables, body wash, all-purpose cleaner, large shampoo & conditioner, napkins, toilet paper, deodorant (for men & women), shaving cream, razors, T-shirts, socks, toilet bowl cleaner, 12, 22, & 39 gallon trash bags. Items can be taken directly to Christian Care or placed in their basket in the Narthex and they will be taken to Christian Care.



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 is 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.

- Movie Night at Immanuel in January
- Higher Things in St. Louis June 23-26

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

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.



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on: WKEI Kewanee 1450 AM 5 am / KCLN Clinton 1390 AM 9:30 am / WMT Cedar Rapids 600 AM 6:30 am



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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: We are continuing our series “Yearning for the Day of Christ’s Returning” on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week, we’ll be studying 1 Thessalonians 3-5. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we begin a new series for the time of Advent. “Prophecy and Fulfillment” will take us through Old Testament prophecy and New Testament fulfillment, tracing God’s promises from Isaiah to the birth of Christ. On Concord Matters this Saturday (12/13 at 10 a.m. CT), we’ll be discussing the 2nd Petition of the Lord’s Prayer. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or in the KFUO Radio app!



Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions, supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District.

Please remember in your prayers all our CID campus ministries, especially Rev. William Jensen and Wittenberg Lutheran Center in Normal, serving students, faculty, and staff of Illinois State University and other institutions. And pray for the "Keeping Christ on Campus" campaign, building endowments to help CID support our campus ministries.



Building Healthy Families: Trauma, emotional distress, depression, anxiety, or family conflict negatively impact many people, including those within our church fellowship today.

When it does, we are often left searching for answers without knowing where to find help, especially help that will share and incorporate the important tenants of our Lutheran Christian faith. Lutheran Family Service offers professional mental health counseling with master's prepared and licensed therapists who share your faith and world view, now available to all regardless of location through telehealth. Call us...it's why we're here! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org



We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday.

As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. For many years, we focus on building and accumulating. Eventually, however, we must pass on financial assets to others, primarily family or ministries. If done correctly, this "passing on" is a plan for continuing the use of God's gifts, conveying His blessings. This isn't giving up at all, as we look to inherit our eternal inheritance. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you gain this perspective. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Joyful Hearts Christmas on December 12-13, 2025

Volunteers are needed to assist campers with disabilities. Receive free food and lodging for the night and have an experience you won't forget serving God's beloved

children. www.cilca.org/summer-camp

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

Dec 7	Is. 24:1-13	1 John 1:1-2:14
Dec 8	Is. 24:14-25:12	1 John 2:15-29
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Dec 9	Is. 26:1-19	1 John 3:1-24
Dec 10	Is. 26:20-27:13	1 John 4:1-21
Dec 11	Is. 28:14-29	1 John 5:1-21
		<i>2 John 1-13</i>
		<i>3 John 1-15</i>
Dec 12	Is. 29:1-14	Jude 1-25
Dec 13	Is. 29:15-30:14	Rev. 1:1-20

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Matthew 3:1–2 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – We rejoice that God Himself defends the cause of the poor and needy (Psalm 72:4) and that He does this primarily through us, His saints. We must be careful, however, that we don’t fall into self-righteousness and become a pharisaical “brood of vipers” (Matthew 3:7), always pointing out the sins of others while neglecting our own. Instead, as children of Abraham, we are all to “bear fruit in keeping with repentance” (Matthew 3:8), remembering that the things of God’s Word were “written for our instruction” (Romans 15:4), as well as for the instruction of others.

LIFE QUOTE – “Children brightly signaled hope in our sin-infested world of old—consider the births of Seth, Isaac, Moses, Samson, Samuel, John, and, finally, of course and paramount, Jesus. And we, too, must become as children.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



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