

***“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  
April 12, 2026***

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

<b>SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, April 12, 2026</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	Tyler Werke
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Todd Hazen
<b>Ushers</b>	Kevin Millen Jim Boudro
<b>Cantor</b>	Alex Tiece
<b>Organist</b>	Christine Roth

**THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

**TODAY - Sunday, April 12**

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

**Monday, April 13**

- 6:00 pm – Book Club

**Tuesday, April 14**

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

**Wednesday, April 15**

- 9:00 am – CHALK home school

**Sunday, April 19**

- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study/Sunday School
- 2:00 pm – Circuit Youth Group outing to Fun Station

**Attendance for Maundy Thursday, April 2**

Attended – 47    Communed – 41

**Attendance for Good Friday, April 3**

Noon: Attended – 10  
7pm: Attended – 56

**Attendance for Holy Saturday, April 4**

Attended – 41    Communed – 33

**Attendance for Easter Sunday, April 5**

6:30am: Attended – 18  
9am: Attended – 102    Communed – 83

## LWML April Meeting

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Business Meeting with opportunity to color boxes for Phil's Friends after the meeting.



**Thanks** to all who donated on Mighty Mites Sunday and our Lenten meal. Proceeds will be used to support seminarians at Fort Wayne Theological Seminary.

Blessings,

Helen Vogel, LWML President

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**MOWERS NEEDED:** If you are willing and able to help with the mowing this Spring and Summer, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. There is also a schedule sheet to sign up for specific weeks to mow. Thank you for your help!

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**The Rock Island Circuit is looking for applicants for a Parish Nurse to serve its churches.** Requirements include: RN and Online District Parish Nurse certification. Interested parties may contact the church office (309-786-3391) or Mel Vogel (309-781-9624).

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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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**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).

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.

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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 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.

- Fun Station, 2pm Sunday, April 19
- 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.*

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### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN... LUTHERAN WITNESS



It's that time again to order your Lutheran Witness. ***The cost this year is \$23.50 for 11 issues. June/July are together.*** If you would like to renew or start receiving a copy, please let the church office know by ***April 15th***. You may write a check payable to *Immanuel Lutheran Church* and leave it in the offering plate, designating it for **Lutheran Witness** or mail it to the office. This subscription will start in July. Call 309-786-3391 or email [officeimmanuelri@gmail.com](mailto:officeimmanuelri@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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**Portals of Prayer** for April through June 2026 are in the Narthex. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend!

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**VBS - Save the Date!** VBS will be held **June 29-July 3, 2026** with the theme: *Teach Us to Pray*. Please prayerfully consider being a VBS volunteer and help share God's Word. More details to come.

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**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.

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Copies of Central Illinois District’s **News You Can Use** for April 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



**KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at **kfuo.org** and

wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on Facebook, X, and Instagram.

*For the week of April 12:*

**CHRIST FOR YOU** this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: Continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we’re picking up with chapter 44! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as Pastor Booe guides us through a new study of the book of Ecclesiastes. Sharathon 2026 is just around the corner! Save the date for April 30th-May 2nd—join us for live programming, giveaways, and more, and consider partnering with us! Learn more by visiting [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon).

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

<b>Easter 2</b>	Ex. 20:1-24	Luke 4:1-15
Monday	Ex. 22:20-23:13	Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	Ex. 23:14-33	Luke 4:31-44
Wednesday	Ex. 24:1-18	Luke 5:1-16
Thursday	Ex. 25:1-22	Luke 5:17-39
	<i>Ex. 25:23-30:38</i>	Luke 5:17-39
Friday	Ex. 31:1-18	Luke 6:1-19
Saturday	Ex. 32:1-14	Luke 6:20-38



Copies of the Camp CILCA Lowdown for April 2026 are available on the table in the Narthex.

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**Executive Director Position Opening - LCMS District Church Extension Fund**

Have you ever felt like your work could be more gratifying? That you're devoting all your time and effort to a business that doesn't match your values or that is constantly striving for new goals without meaning? That you could be devoting your skills to a better and higher cause?

If these questions give you pause, please give prayerful consideration to applying for the position of Executive Director of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF), a stand-alone not-for-profit corporation located in Springfield, Illinois. This position will give new meaning to your work life as you devote your time and effort to the Mission of growing God's Kingdom by extending loans and grants to the churches, schools, and agencies that reside within the Central Illinois District.

You will have responsibility for the administration, management, and operations of the CID-CEF under the direction of their Board of Trustees, which are comprised of pastors, bankers, and lay people from the LCMS within the District. Your responsibilities will include all loaning functions, internal investment operations, external investment of funds, financial reporting, marketing, policy, legal, and insurance requirements, in accordance with sound business practices but with primary responsibility to the service and support of our churches and schools.

Qualifications for this position include a Bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting, or Finance, with six to ten years of progressive management experience in a related financial environment.

If you would like a new perspective on work and a more satisfying and fulfilling career where your efforts will benefit a higher cause, please contact Darin Gehrke at 217-883-1247 or Kevin Schultz at 217-341-8622 for a full job description and qualifications.

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**OFFICERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in becoming an officer or member of a committee at Immanuel, there are positions that will be open, including but not limited to: Foundation (1), Board of Christian Education (4).

Some positions require attendance to the Council meetings which are *generally* held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. The date of the next Council meeting has not yet been determined but at that time a nomination list will be put together for the next Voter Assembly to elect the new officers. ***If you are interested, please contact Mel Vogel, Scott Welch, or call the church office at 309-786-3391.***

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## FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12

### **LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:13–14**

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: 1 Peter 1:3–4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.”** We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

**LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life** – Jesus sent out His apostles with His Spirit to be His witnesses, bringing His peace to the world through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21; Acts 5:32). Through their witness and the witness of the believers who followed, we too have been brought to faith and are therefore blessed even though we have not seen Jesus with our eyes (1Peter 1:8; John 20:29). When we “praise the Lord” (Psalm 148:1) with our Gospel-motivated voices, our neighbors are also brought to see Jesus through us, that they too may believe and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).

**LIFE QUOTE:** “The cross that held Jesus’ body exposed all the sin, violence, and injustice of this world for what it is. At once, the cross revealed what kind of world we have and what kind of God we have: a world of gross unfairness but also a God of sacrificial love.” *Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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