

***“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  
September 6, 2026***

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

| SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 |                              |
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| Elder                                                    | Mel Vogel                    |
| Communion Assistant                                      | Larry Wiebel                 |
| Ushers                                                   | Larry Wiebel    Bryan Cobert |
| Cantor                                                   | Alex Tiece                   |
| Organist                                                 | Katherine Cobert             |

### **THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

#### **TODAY - Sunday, September 6**

7:15 am – Board of Elders meeting

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study

#### **Monday, September 7**

*Labor Day – Office Closed*

#### **Tuesday, September 8**

9:30 am – Bible Study

6:00 am – Intergenerational Bible Study (Online)

#### **Wednesday, September 9**

9:00 am – CHALK Homeschool Group

#### **Thursday, September 10**

8:30 am – LWML Fall Rally at Zion Taylor Ridge

#### **Saturday, September 12**

Pregnancy Resources Walk for Life

#### **Sunday, September 13**

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study and Sunday School

3:00 pm – Circuit Youth Group picnic at Zion Taylor Ridge

### **Attendance for Sunday, August 30**

Attended – 67    Communed – 60

**MOWERS NEEDED:** If you are willing and able to help with the church lawn mowing this summer, please sign up on the schedule sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your help!

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT IMMANUEL?** Classes leading to Baptism (for the unbaptized) and participation in Holy Communion are available for you (or a friend and family member). These classes are typically done on a one-on-one basis and adjusted to fit the needs of the catechumen. These classes cover the basics of the Faith, and what it means to be a communicant member of our church. If you would like more information contact Pastor Astrowski at 989-326-0199.

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**PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** are available for you by appointment with the pastor. Contact the pastor privately via his personal mobile phone at 989-326-0199 if you would like to schedule an appointment.

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**BUILDING UPKEEP:** Thank you to those who have signed up to clean a room/area monthly in our education wing. *Sunday School and the homeschool group begin again in September.*

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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.

• **Annual Circuit Youth Group Picnic** will be Sunday, Sept. 13, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Zion, Taylor Ridge. Zion will provide pulled chicken and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share.

*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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**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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**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 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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### **LWML NEWS**

**The first meeting** of the Immanuel LWML will be Thursday, September 17th at 6 p.m. Come join us for a

short devotional led by Pastor Astrowski, a look at our upcoming year and fellowship. All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

Helen Vogel, President

**The LWML Fall Rally** will be held this year at Zion Lutheran Church, Thursday, September 10th. Please contact Helen if you are interested in going and she will help you get registered.



**Christian Care in Rock Island has the following needs:**

Canned fruit & vegetables, body wash, large shampoo & conditioner, deodorant (for men & women), shaving cream, razors, T-shirts, Socks, Napkins, toilet paper, all-purpose cleaner, 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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**CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** We are reaching out to our congregations to ask for assistance for families in our area who have recently been affected by the closing of Tyson Food Plant. The unexpected loss of employment has placed a number of families in a difficult situation, and **Cristo Rey Food Pantry** is working to help meet their immediate needs.

Cristo Rey Food Pantry is in need of **food donations, grocery and gas gift cards, and monetary donations** to help support these families as they navigate the sudden loss of their jobs and income.

We are asking our congregations to prayerfully consider how they might help. Donations of nonperishable food items can help keep families' pantries stocked, while grocery and gas gift cards can provide some flexibility for immediate necessities. Monetary donations can also help Cristo Rey Food Pantry respond to the needs of the families they are serving.

This is an opportunity for our congregations to come together and show Christ's love and compassion to our neighbors during a time of uncertainty. Whether your congregation is able to organize a food collection, collect gift cards, provide a monetary donation, or simply share this request with your members, every contribution can make a difference.

Please also keep the employees and their families in your prayers as they seek new employment and adjust to the challenges this closure has created. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve those in need in our communities.



**Building Healthy Families:** Every day, your Lutheran Family Service counselors walk alongside people facing grief, broken relationships, anxiety, trauma, and life's many challenges. While professional care is important, our ultimate hope is in the Lord.

Psalm 34 reminds us that God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Whatever burden you're carrying today, know that nothing is beyond His notice and care. If you or someone you know could benefit from compassionate Christian counseling, call us. It's why we're here! [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**



Copies of Central Illinois District's **News You Can Use** for September are on the table in the Narthex.

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## Pregnancy Resources Walk for Life 2026

**Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026 at Ben Butterworth Park – East Shelter**

See the flyer on the table in the narthex for more information and a QR code to scan to register.

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*For the week of September 6:*

**CHRIST FOR YOU** this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: Our study of the book of Matthew continues on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! Tune in to “The Reign of Heaven Stands Near” as we look at Matthew 22-23. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we begin a new study in Paul’s letters to the Corinthians! Don’t forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (9/12 at 10 a.m.)—Pastor Brady Finnern and Rev. Brian Kachelmeier will be unpacking the doctrine of original sin as found in Article 1 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting **kfuoradio.org**!

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**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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**CID LLL District Annual Fall Retreat:** The topic is “Life Issues.” We will have the Biblical Perspective, CID LCMS Perspective, and the Illinois Right to Life Perspective. We will be discussing the preborn issues, as well as end of life issues. This will be Saturday, September 12th, at Camp Cilca with doors opening at 8:30. Retreat will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration is \$25.00 which includes lunch; deadline is September 7th. Mail registration to: Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. For more information contact Deloris at [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com) or 309-361-1461.

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## FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6

### **LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Jude 24-25**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”** What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish* — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

**LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life** – In faith, as God’s watchmen, we humbly proclaim His Word. The faithful Word gives a true warning to the wicked (Ezekiel 33:7-8). We are called to speak boldly when lives are heartlessly ended and when God’s gifts are mocked. We also rejoice as we teach about forgiveness. In Psalm 32 we read that the Lord forgives those who acknowledge their sin before Him. In God’s plan, He allows us to be watchmen, proclaiming warnings so that all may confess their sins and have a clear conscience. Many have guilty consciences because they have rejected the truth concerning God’s gift of life. May God’s mercy lead them to rely completely on the grace of God.

**LIFE QUOTE:** “However imperfect, every day comes as opportunity and privilege. They usually require patience and persistence, of course, and not a little bit of shared sweat and tears. But they turn out the sweeter for it. ‘When she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world’ (John 16:21). ‘Take heart; I have overcome the world’ (John 16:33)!” *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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

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| Sep 6  | 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37    | Eph. 5:15-33    |
| Sep 7  | 2 Kings 4:38-5:8         | Eph. 6:1-24     |
| Sep 8  | 2 Kings 5:9-27           | Phil. 1:1-20    |
| Sep 9  | 2 Kings 6:1-23           | Phil. 1:21-2:11 |
|        | <i>2 Kings 6:24-8:29</i> |                 |
| Sep 10 | 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 | Phil. 2:12-30   |
|        | <i>2 Kings 13:1-18:8</i> |                 |
| Sep 11 | 2 Chron. 29:1-24         | Phil. 3:1-21    |
| Sep 12 | 2 Chron. 31:1-21         | Phil. 4:1-23    |

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