

***“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 27, 2026***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Elder	Larry Wiebel
Communion Assistant	Mel Vogel
Ushers	Mitch Bull Eric Campbell
Organist	Christine Roth
<i>The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tammy Robinson on what would have been her parents' 67th anniversary (Phillip "Neil" & Karen Burger).</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, September 27

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study and Sunday School

Monday, September 28

6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, September 29

9:30 am – Bible Study

6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study (Online)

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 am – CHALK Homeschool Group

Thursday, October 1

7:00 pm – Youth Group Programming

Sunday, October 4

7:15 am – Board of Elders meeting

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study and Sunday School

Attendance for Sunday, September 20

Attended – 70 Communed – 55

The Immanuel Lutheran Apparel Store is open! A flyer with a QR code will be available on the table in the narthex for ordering.

Portals of Prayer for October through December 2026 are in the narthex. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend!



ASLEEP IN JESUS... Phillip "Neil" Burger was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at the age of 87. The funeral service was held Saturday, September 26, 2026 at Immanuel and burial was at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Taylor

Ridge. ***May God comfort the survivors with the sure hope that those who die in the Lord are with Him in Heaven.***

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.

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.

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 have begun meeting again, so please check on your room/area.*



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.

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

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



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.

Items Requested for the Hispanic Food Pantry at Cristo Rey: Knorr Tomato Bouillon, Canned Chicken Soup, Rice, Sugar, Pinto Beans (Dry and Canned), Cooking Oil, Tortillas (any kind), Canned Tuna, Canned Sardines, Canned Fruits, Cereals, Eggs, Chorizo, Bacon, Fresh Cheese, Milk, Cookies, Crackers (any kind), Potatoes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Soap. *Note: Cristo Rey has both a refrigerator and chest freezer for the perishable food items.*

There is a table in the narthex for donated items.

Circuit BBB (Bible, Brats, and Beverages) - Sunday, October 25, 5:00pm, at St. John's, East Moline. Men, don't miss this great opportunity to meet others in the Circuit and share in a time of fellowship and study of God's Word. Weather permitting, we will be in our new courtyard.

The Concordia Lutheran Academy Leadership Team has been exploring a possible homeschool hybrid with consulting assistance from the Classical Consultants. This is a collaborative, classical Lutheran education model that offers support, direction, and community for homeschool families. In this model, parents and trained educators work together to provide an education that combines aspects of traditional schooling with homeschooling. Families are invited to attend a presentation by the Classical Consultants entitled **"Exploring the Benefits of the Homeschool Hybrid Model" on October 3 from 6:00-7:30pm at Concordia Lutheran Church in Geneseo.** Refreshments will be served. **RSVP the church office at 309-944-3993.** Come learn how this could benefit your family!

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 (ilcricactg@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.

LCMSFoundation TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. When it comes to estates, few of us know all the answers. We need to have conversations with others who will ask us questions that spur good thinking. We need to work with experts who have experience in gift planning, to ensure all the bases are covered in the plan. To begin identifying where you have need to ask for help, reach out to your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

Quad Cities LCMS Bowling League is still welcoming people to join at any time during the season. Please see the flyer on the table in the narthex.

Ministry Outreach Grant Program from the Central Illinois District - Church Extension Fund: Flyers with information are on the table in the narthex if your group/organization is interested. Please note that the deadline for applications is 10/1.

Canned fruit & vegetables, Body wash, large shampoo & conditioner, deodorant (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.



Building Healthy Families: “Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.” (Proverbs 20:28)

Is your marriage a place where both you and your spouse feel safe, respected, and valued? Loving words, faithful actions, and everyday kindness strengthen trust and build safety in relationships. Harsh words, criticism, and hurtful actions destroy them. Which is more prevalent with yours? www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Now Hiring: Lutheran Family Service is seeking a School-Based Mental Health Counselor / School Partnership Coordinator to serve students and families in Davenport, Iowa through faith-integrated counseling and support. Part-time and full-time opportunities available. For more information or to apply, contact Cassie Beltz at cbeltz@lutheranfamilyservice.org.



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For the week of September 27:

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 26! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of Paul’s letters to the Corinthians! We’ll be picking up this week with 1 Corinthians 12. Don’t forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (10/3 at 10 a.m.)—Pastor Brady Finnern and Rev. Dr. Rick Serina will be unpacking the doctrine of free will as found in Article 2 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuoradio.org!

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).

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 91:11-12

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – The consistent refrain of the foes of life is something like, “You are more significant than others” or “Look to your own interests.” This refrain seeps into the everyday routine of many because it resonates with our sinful nature. In fact, we grumble at the slightest infringements on our lives of convenience. The Apostle Paul instructs each of us to “look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). The world tries to drum into our minds that raising up children, serving those in need, caring for the elderly, and tending to those who are dying are useless pursuits. But in Christ we see the value of each life and the joy that God provides in seeing people loved.

LIFE QUOTE: “Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is the natural response to love and loss. But for those in Christ, grief is always shaped by hope. We do not mourn as those who have no future, no promise, no Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We mourn with the certainty that our loved ones in the faith are with the Lord and that we will see them again.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

Sep 27	Mal. 3:6-4:6	Matt. 4:12-25
Sep 28	Deut. 1:1-18	Matt. 5:1-20
Sep 29	Deut. 1:19-36	Matt. 5:21-48
Sep 30	Deut. 1:37-2:15	Matt. 6:1-15
Oct 1	Deut. 2:16-37	Matt. 6:16-34
Oct 2	Deut. 3:1-29	Matt. 7:1-12
Oct 3	Deut. 4:1-20	Matt. 7:13-29



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