

***“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
March 9, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, March 9th

Elder:	Todd Hazen
Communion Assistant:	Alex Triage
Ushers:	Kevin Millen Jim Boudro
Organist	Christine Roth
<i>Eternal Light is given to the Glory of God by Donna Dettmann</i>	

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

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

Sunday, March 9	9:00 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School Bell Choir practice
Monday, March 10	7:00 am 8 - 4 6:00 pm	Matins <i>RICC Home School</i> Book Club
Tuesday, March 11	8:30-4 6:00 pm	<i>RICC homeschool, classrooms</i> Intergenerational Bible Study
Wednesday, March 12	9-N 5:30-6:15 6:30 pm	<i>CHALK Home School</i> Lenten Supper Lenten Midweek I
Thursday, March 13	6:00 pm	LWML business meeting/dessert
Friday, March 14	9:30-N	<i>CHALK homeschool, gym</i>
Saturday, March 15	5-9 pm	<i>RICC homeschool, Luther Room</i>
Sunday, March 16	9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study/Sunday School

Attendance for Last Week - Sunday, March 2nd

Attended - 72; Communed - 60

VOTER'S MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 10:30 am



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!
 - **SERVE LENTEN SUPPER – April 2nd**
 - **March – Circuit Bible Bowl “Life of David”– location/date TBD**
 - **April – District Bible Bowl – location and date TBD**
 - **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.

Youth Group Fundraiser – Trivia Night **THANK YOU!**

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Trivia Night. We raised over \$1700 to be used for the Youth attending Higher Things 2025 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. And a big THANK YOU to all who volunteered their time, talent, treasure, silent auction items, and baked goods.

A special THANKS to the committee members and members of the Youth Group who helped organize and run the event.

..... FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT (CID)
"MISSION READINESS SURVEY"

We invite individual members from your congregation to complete an online survey sharing feedback and thoughts on some of CID's prospects for ministry funding into the future.

The survey will take about 15 minutes at most to complete. The results will guide the next steps for expanding various specialized missions that we share.

The link to access survey: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/G3Ci9x>

Thanks to all of you in advance for giving us your thoughts, and doing so by March 21st. The Lord be with you.



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 – Mite Box Sunday

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

March 20 – Serve at Christian Care Men's Shelter

April 9 – Serve Lenten Dinner

April 20 - Easter

April 24 – Bible Study and Dessert

May 22 – Dine Out and Election officers

LWML-sponsored --- We will be serving a meal at the Christian Care Men's Shelter on Thursday, March 20th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help with a food donation.

Lenten Schedule - 2025				
Date	Supper Host	Supper Time	Service Time	Service
March 12		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek 1
March 19		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek II
March 26		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek III
April 2	Youth Group	5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek IV
April 9	LWML	5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek V
Sunday, 4/13			9:00 am	Palm Sunday Divine Service
Thursday, 4/17			6:30 pm	Holy (Maundy) Thursday
Friday, 4/18			7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae
Saturday, 4/19			7:00 pm	The Vigil of Easter
EASTER Sunday, 4/20			6:30 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise
	Breakfast Potluck		7:30-8:30 am	
			9:00 am	The Resurrection of Our Lord

Legacy of Life – Pregnancy Resources

35th Anniversary

Celebration & Fundraising Dinner

(A limited-seating, adult-only event)

- Celebrating 35 years of life-saving ministry
 - Witnessing the faithfulness of God
 - Looking towards our exciting future

March 27th, 2025

6:00 pm-8:30 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)

Today, you stand in the gap and offer a Legacy of Life when culture provides a legacy of death for many. Your intentional sharing of the truth with countless people has a profound impact. You may not have seen their faces, but you have extended hope and life to moms and dads wrestling with their next steps. Join like-minded friends, hear your impact over the decades, and see where the Lord leads for years to come at our 35th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraising Dinner.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK OF March 9th

I Corinthians 10:13 – *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - Transfiguration: March 9 – Luke 4:8 –
“And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written ...’” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

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A Life THOUGHT for March 9 – Lent I – Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!

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A Life QUOTE for March 9 – “Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God’s masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product.” Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, MN – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life – lutheransforlife.org*

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Lent starts late this year. We have been able to enjoy two full months of Epiphany, the revelation of the glorious power and grace of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Remembering this lightens Lent's dark themes of sin and its horrible consequences. Perhaps also the presence of sunlight as we exit our mid-week Lenten services will help us to remember the blessed end of all this: God's glorious grace shining on us out of an opened heaven.

While the presence of physical light can improve our moods, Jesus Christ, "the light of the world" (John 8:12), improves everything for God's believing people. God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our paths (Psalm 119:105). In Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and every week of the Church year, God's word shows us His gracious love for us, because He did not leave us in the darkness, but "brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (2 Tim. 1:10). "Because the God who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is He who shined in our hearts for the enlightenment of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ... But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:3,20,57). Enjoy a lighter Lent!

Pastor Mark Eddy, 1st Vice-President - CID Board of Directors

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored." Please remember in your prayers Pastor Pablo Dominguez and Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church in East Moline, where the ministry is conducted almost entirely in Spanish, as well as St. John's Lutheran Church in Beardstown, where Pastor Dominguez travels twice a month to preach and teach in Spanish.

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

Registration is now open for our All-Illinois district event! The event will be on Sunday night at the Dome! It will be a meal, entertainment, t-shirts, 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!

The deadline to register for the All-Illinois district event is April 1st! Here is the link: <https://www.cidlcms.org/2025nyg.html>

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Ministry Outreach Grants – 2025 Round 1

Just a reminder to submit your requests for the first round of Ministry Outreach grants from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)! **Submissions should be received by April 1.** These grants are provided to assist our congregations, agencies, and individuals in carrying out the mission

and ministry of the LCMS, with special consideration given to new and innovative opportunities addressing the issues and concerns confronting our District and its congregations.

The application for the grant can be found on our website at www.cid-cef.org, then look under “Grants” and “Ministry Outreach Grants.” You can also email us at cef@cidlcms.org or call our office at 217-793-1802 to obtain a copy of the application. The deadline is April 1, 2025.

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 to the district's business and select mission grants for funding. Six Breakout sessions will be held. **Registration and hotel information will be available from your church's LWML group or at <https://lwmlcid.org> beginning March 10th.**

2025 Illinois Pro-Life March is scheduled for March 25th in Springfield

On March 25, 2025, concerned citizens from all over Illinois will gather in Springfield for the annual state Pro-Life March. Appropriately, March 25 is the festival of the Annunciation. Annunciation Day will make an excellent occasion for the Pro-Life March.

Trinity Lutheran Church (220 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL, 62701), across the street from the state capitol building, will again conduct a Matins service at 11:00 a.m. Northern Illinois District President Allan Buss will preach. Immediately thereafter, worshipers may walk to the ballroom of the State House Inn, one block north of the capitol building, to pick up a light lunch consisting of a four-inch ham or turkey sandwich, bag of chips, cookie, and bottle of water. The suggested donation is \$6. The Pro-Life rally outside the capitol is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Actual marching should step off at about 2:00 p.m. Worshipers may park in the State House Inn's west parking lot at the corner of Adams and First Streets.

CID Convention Reminders:

- **Convention Date: July 13-15, 2025- Springfield, IL**
- **Floor Committee meeting date: March 15th**



The Camp CILCA Lowdown
217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org
4124 Camp Cilca Rd., 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.
- **Annual Banquet – Sunday, March 30, 5-8 pm** – An evening celebrating God's work of *Creation* and *Redemption*, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. Our speaker, Pastor BJ Fouts, Executive Director at Camp Concordia, will discuss the impact of camp. Tickets \$40 each. Call the camp office or email to reserve your tickets 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.



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 & KFUE.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), we continue in the book of 1 Samuel, covering chapters 21-25. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT) as we conclude our study of Job and begin a new study on the book of Hebrews!

Save the date! KFUE's annual Sharathon is April 3rd-5th, 2025. Start, sustain, or strengthen your partnership with us during this year's giving drive! To learn more, visit: kfuo.org/sharathon.

Daily Readings for week of March 9th – 15th
From the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

Today, Lent 1	Gen. 4:1-26	Mark 2:18-28
Monday	Gen. 6:1-7:5	Mark 3:1-19
Tuesday	Gen. 7:11-8:12	Mark 3:20-35
Wednesday	Gen. 8:13-9:17	Mark 4:1-20
	<i>Gen. 9:18-11:26</i>	
Thursday	Gen. 11:27-12:20	Mark 4:21-41
Friday	Gen. 13:1-18	Mark 5:1-20
	<i>Gen. 14:1-24</i>	
Saturday	Gen. 15:1-21	Mark 5:21-43

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

**ITEMS CAN BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO CHRISTIAN CARE OR
PLACE ITEMS IN CC BOX IN NARTHEX
AND THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO CHRISTIAN CARE.**



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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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