

***“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 14, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025	
Elder	John Campbell
Communion Assistant	Mel Vogel
Ushers	Larry Wiebel Bryan Cobert
Cantor	Karlene Campbell
Organist	Christine Roth

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, December 14

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

Monday, December 15

Poinsettias Deadline

6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 am – Matins

9:30 am – Bible Study

6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17

5:30 pm – Supper

6:30 pm – Advent Midweek III/Children’s Program

Friday, December 19

IMAGE Item Submission Deadline

Sunday, December 21

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

Attendance for Sunday, December 7

Attended – 50 Communed – 40

Attendance for Wednesday, December 10 (Advent Midweek II)

Attended – 31

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.



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 meal 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 17th – Youth Group

<i>Holiday Service Schedule 2025</i>			
Date	Day	Time	Event/Service
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

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026: Envelopes for 2026 are available for pick up on the table in the Narthex. If you do not find your set, please contact the office at 309-786-3391.

REMEMBER, DO NOT USE 2026 EVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2026. If any envelopes are received before the end of 2025, they will be held until January 1. Thank you for your cooperation. - Board of Finance



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.



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programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts!

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: We're 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 5-2 Thessalonians 2. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our series, "Prophecy and Fulfillment, looking at Old Testament prophecies fulfilled by Christ in the New. On the Coffee Hour this week (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT), we have some fun things to share, including a new learning opportunity through Concordia Nebraska, and an update from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!



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

We give thanks for the gift of our Savior's birth, and we pray for the adherents of various world religions who do not believe that in Jesus Christ the Word became flesh for the salvation of all people. We ask the Lord to shine His saving Gospel light to everyone, and to do so through us. "Thy kingdom come"!



Building Healthy Families: *“Children are a gift from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3* For over 124 years, Lutheran Family Service has connected children to parents through adoption and still serves families through

this and a multitude of other ways, all consistent with the teachings of the LCMS church and without the interference of being tied to government funding. In thanksgiving to God for an important child or grandchild He has put in your life, celebrate the blessing of family with us this Christmas by making a gift in their honor or memory. Your gift in their honor will help a child, teen, or family in need of support this year. It's easy and you can do it right now from your smart phone by VENMO to @LutheranFamilyService, make your gift online at the “donate” tab on our website, or send your gift by mail to LFS/Admin Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. On behalf of those we serve, we thank God for your partnership and generosity! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

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. Estate documents often read and sound very legal. They are. But it is possible for you to insert language in a will or trust that reflects your Christian faith to all who will be benefactors of your estate. Your LCMS Counselor can supply examples to get you going. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnf.org

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

Dec 14	Is. 30:15-26	Rev. 2:1-29
Dec 15	Is. 30:27-31:9	Rev. 3:1-22
Dec 16	Is. 32:1-20	Rev. 4:1-11
Dec 17	Is. 33:1-24	Rev. 5:1-14
Dec 18	Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10	Rev. 6:1-17

Micah 1:1-7:20

Dec 19	Is. 40:1-17	Rev. 7:1-17
Dec 20	Is. 40:18-41:10	Rev. 8:1-13



**November and December 2025 LWML CID
Mission Grant #4 – Healing Spaces for At-Risk
Children - \$10,000**

Children who come to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch have experienced significant abuse, neglect, violence, and other heartbreaking traumas, resulting in psychiatric, emotional, behavioral, and/or developmental challenges. The purpose of this project is to build Zurcher Cottage, a new Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, a place of care specifically designed to provide Christ-centered care and treatment for the youngest and highest-need children served at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

How can I help? Pray that God provides the funds to build Zurcher Cottage where Christ-centered care can be given to the most challenged of our youth. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Isaiah 35:4 – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’” The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – God sends us, like John, to be His messengers and share His Gospel with the world before He comes (Matthew 11:10). Instead of grumbling against one another (James 5:9), we have the privilege of sharing Christ’s forgiveness, comfort, and encouragement with those having feeble knees and anxious hearts (Isaiah 35:3-4), especially with those frightened women facing surprise pregnancies, women enduring the cross of barrenness, and those carrying the guilt of abortion.

LIFE QUOTE – “And every life matters to God. It is impossible to live—even for a few moments on this earth—and not influence somebody in one way or another. We are all always influencing somebody—either for good or for bad. Life matters. Your life matters. Lives of kings and lives of shepherds all matter. We all matter and are important to God.” *Dennis D. Nelson, Lutheran CORE – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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