

***“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
October 26, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025	
Elder	Todd Hazen
Communion Assistant	Alex Triage
Cantor	Keith Hentrich
Ushers	Kevin Millen Jim Boudro
Organist	Christine Roth

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, October 26

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

2:00-4:00 pm – Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 27

7:00 am – Matins

6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, October 28

9:30 am – Bible Study

6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 am – CHALK home school

Thursday, October 30

LWML serve at Christian Care

Sunday, November 2

7:15 am – Board of Elders meeting

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

5:00 pm – Circuit Youth Group at Mt. Calvary, Galesburg

Attendance - Sunday, October 19th

Attendance – 69 Communed – 61

Trunk or Treat

TODAY!! Sunday, October 26 • 2 - 4 pm

Hot dogs provided



**Immanuel LWML Will Serve at
Christian Care**

THIS Thursday, October 30

Sign up in the Narthex

All items should be 9x13 or larger. Drop off at the church no later than Noon on the 30th or take to Christian Care (ring doorbell on the side for help). Please label with the following: Immanuel Lutheran Church Meal – 10/30/25



FOR YOUR SAFETY:

***Please avoid the gymnasium area outside
(both walking and parking), as work is
being done. Thank you.***

POSITION FILLED

Holy Cross's previously announced office job opening has been filled. Thank you for your prayers.

Peace be with you,

Holy Cross Board of Elders



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.



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.

■ **Sunday, Nov. 2, 5:00 pm – Circuit Youth Group at Mt. Calvary, Galesburg.**



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 Fall 2025

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 PLACE ITEMS IN CC BASKET IN NARTHEX AND THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO CHRISTIAN CARE



I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Isaiah 43:25

Due to advancing age, illness, or other maladies many of us struggle to remember things. It can be very frustrating! I forget where I put my keys or my cell phone. And I quickly forget names. Yet I have trouble forgetting some things, like something a person says or does that offends me. And I may ruminate for days about my sins or mistakes.

The inability to forget some things and to remember others is a weakness with us. But God has the amazing ability to forget what he does not want to remember. And he always remembers what he doesn't want to forget. He remembers his promises and his love for us. When he says, "I forgive you" he immediately forgets the sin and wipes it from his mind as if it never happened. This is an amazing strength that is beyond our comprehension!

Satan tempts us to doubt God's word and to mistrust his promises. He wants us to believe his lie that God holds grudges and bears resentment. Satan wants us to argue with God by condemning ourselves or others for sins that have been absolved and that He has chosen to forget. We must always remember the verse above. Romans 8:1-2 reminds us , **Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**

When our pastor pronounces Christ's absolution and when we confess our sins in Christ to one another, we are set free from condemnation and the fear of punishment! Satan cannot condemn us, and our guilty consciences and resentful hearts are silenced by Christ's true and holy Word! As Jesus said in John 8:32, **you will know the truth and the truth will set you free!**

Rev Jeff Harter



Building Healthy Families: Despite living with physical, emotional and financial challenges and through social and political upheaval which often separated them by many miles and at times threatened life itself, Martin & Katie

Luther created and sustained a marriage and family life characterized by faithfulness, mutual respect, teamwork and a good degree of humor. As we remember and give thanks for God's work in their lives which provides us with an example of Christian family life today. May the lives and marriage of Martin and Katie and their love for their children (and other people's children!) remind us of Christ's love for his church and of the Father's great love for us, His redeemed children .

Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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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For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of October 26:

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: We are continuing our series, “Letters From Prison” on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT). This week, we’ll pick up with the second half of Philippians 2. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our series on the Gospel of Matthew! This week’s study will take us through chapters 14-17. Don’t forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (11/1 at 10 a.m. CT)! We’ll be discussing the 2nd Article of the Apostles Creed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at **kfuo.org** or in the KFUO Radio app!



We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future dreams. Throughout life, many of our decisions are based on financial budget decisions, whether we can afford this or that, planning for retirement. As life changes, we start anticipating when we get to go home to be with Jesus, instead of focusing on the temporary needs of this life. That can change our perspective about our gift plan in our Christian Estate plan, that focused on transferring blessings to family or ministry. There is freedom at this point in life. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to explore that new freedom. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org

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

Oct 26	Deut. 28:1-22	Matt. 18:1-20
Oct 27	Deut. 29:1-29	Matt. 18:21-35
Oct 28	Deut. 30:1-20	Matt. 19:1-15
Oct 29	Deut. 31:1-29	Matt. 19:16-30
Oct 30	Deut. 31:30-32:37	Matt. 20:1-16
Oct 31	Deut. 32:28-52	Matt. 20:17-34
	<i>Deut. 33:1-29</i>	
Nov 1	Deut. 34:1-12	Matt. 21:1-22

FOR THE WEEK OF October 26th

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: *Genesis 15:6* –

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Revelation 14:6 – “**Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.**” During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – Defending the lives that God created, redeemed, and called by the Gospel is a good thing! But we must be careful not to become like the Pharisee in Jesus’ parable, who became so proud of his good works that he mistreated those who didn’t think like him (Luke 18:11-12). Affirming the sanctity of every life also means caring about those who disagree with us, treating them with compassion and sharing the forgiveness of Christ with them, that they, too, might receive the “crown of righteousness” on the Last Day (2 Timothy 4:8).

LIFE QUOTE – “We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things.” *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



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Monday—Thursday

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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