

***“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
November 23, 2025***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025	
Elder	John Campbell
Communion Assistant	Tyler Werke
Ushers	Kevin Millen Jim Boudro
Cantor	Karlene Campbell
Organist	Katherine Cobert
<i>The Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in memory of Gary Carter by Alaina Carter</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, November 23

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

Monday, November 24

7:00 am – Matins

11:00 am – Thanksgiving basket distribution

6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, November 25

9:30 am – Bible Study

6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study

Wednesday, November 26

6:30 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving – Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

9:00 am – Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

Attendance for Sunday, November 16th

Attended – 74 Communed – 66



Please join us **Saturday, November 29 at 9:00 am** to help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas. We will need many hands to make the church beautiful! Thank you for helping to prepare our church for Advent and Christmas!



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 meals 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 3rd – Board of Elders

Wednesday, December 10th – LWML

Wednesday, December 17th – Youth Group

<i>Holiday Service Schedule 2025</i>			
Date	Day	Time	Event/Service
November 26	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 30	Sunday	9:00 AM	First Sunday in Advent
December 3	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent Midweek I
December 7	Sunday	9:00 AM	Second Sunday in Advent
December 10	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent Midweek II
December 14	Sunday	9:00 AM	Third Sunday in Advent
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

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.



From the Social Ministry Group:

This year we will again be distributing **Thanksgiving AND 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 Thanksgiving Baskets on Monday, November 24th at the church starting at 11 a.m.

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



St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Milan is again holding their Annual Cookie Walk + Crafts on Saturday, December 6. All proceeds generated at this event are donated to the Milan Christian Food Pantry. *More information is in the flyer 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 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.*

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.



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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: We're continuing our series, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! Each day, we'll study a new hymn of Thanksgiving from Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we wrap up our study of the Gospel of Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 26-27. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (11/8 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! We're beginning a new study of the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at **kfuoradio.org** or in the KFUO Radio app!



Building Healthy Families: "Count your many blessings, name them one by one..." God's blessings are bountiful which we see when we take time to notice, recognize, name, and count them. Challenge your family members to do the same this week. What's on your list? Happy Thanksgiving from your

team at **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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.



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



We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. An estate transfer can be a simple financial transaction, harsh and cold. Or the transference of gifts to family or ministry can be a faith guided, prayer covered, activity including specific plans to shower others with the grace of Jesus. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep this focus. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org

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

Nov 23	Dan. 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15
Nov 24	Dan. 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
Nov 25	Dan. 5:1-30	Rev. 21:9-27
	<i>Dan. 7:1-8:27</i>	
Nov 26	Dan. 6:1-28	Rev. 22:1-21
	<i>Dan. 9:1-27</i>	
Nov 27	Is. 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
Nov 28	Is. 2:1-22	1 Peter 1:13-25
	<i>Is. 3:1-4:6</i>	
Nov 29	Is. 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
	<i>Amos 1:1-9:15</i>	



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

Please remember in your prayers all our CID campus ministries, especially Rev. William Jensen and Wittenberg Lutheran Center in Normal, serving students, faculty, and staff of Illinois State University and other institutions. And pray for the “Keeping Christ on Campus” campaign, building endowments to help CID support our campus ministries.

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23rd

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: *Revelation 2:10* –

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – When people argue that we should not bring more children into a world such as this, they agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction: “Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed” (Luke 23:29). But this is not the way that Jesus intends us to view the gift of new life. Instead, we weep with those who cannot bear and nurse, and we celebrate God’s gift of life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the “refuge and strength” of His people (Colossians 1:18; Psalm 46:1), and the little children will always be His “treasured possession” (Malachi 3:17).

LIFE QUOTE – “Thankful hearts and people produce a grateful culture, a society that is set free to live freely, set free from the mere whims of others, allowing all to live, everyone from the smallest to the perceived greatest. Whether you trust in God or not, freedom exudes gratitude. Gratitude is the grace that blesses all in this life. It gives others some semblance of hope.” *Rev. Mark Frith, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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