

***“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
February 22, 2026***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026	
Elder	Mel Vogel
Communion Assistant	Alex Triece
Ushers	Brent Titus Carrie Titus
Organist	Christine Roth

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, February 22

- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School
- 4:00 pm – RI Circuit Youth Group Olympics

Monday, February 23

- 6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, February 24

- 7:00 am – Matins
- 9:30 am – Bible Study
- 6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study

Wednesday, February 25

- 9:00 am – CHALK home school
- 5:30 pm – Supper
- 6:30 pm – Lenten Midweek I service

Thursday, February 26

- 6:00 pm – LWML

Sunday, March 1

- 7:15 am – Board of Elders meeting
- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School
- 10:40 am – Church Directory photos

Attendance for Sunday, February 15

Attended – 71 Communed – 62

Attendance for Ash Wednesday, February 18

Attended – 41 Communed – 38

2025 Financial Statements and 2026 Offering envelopes are still available. Please see an elder if you need yours.

LENTEN SUPPERS SIGN UP - We will continue our tradition of inviting our members and the public to join us for a light supper prior to our midweek Lenten Worship services. Supper will be served at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria, with church at 6:30 in the sanctuary. **We have one open slot for supper host on Wednesday, February 25.** Volunteers can sign up for the available date on the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. One or more families are encouraged to sign up for each supper. Enough food should be prepared to feed 20-25 people. Soup, sandwiches, a salad or veggies, and a dessert are some suggestions. A free-will offering is taken and the serving group may use it to cover expenses or they can donate it to the general congregational treasury.

Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle Boomerang
Help continue Pregnancy Resources' Legacy of Life
"Fill the Bottle 2026"

Grab a bottle and fill it up!

Please return filled bottles by the **end of February**. Thank you!

Directory Photos will be taken on March 1 and 15 after church. Since photos went so quickly last week, more people can be accommodated. Even if you don't have a time slot reserved, stick around after church and you'll be fit in on either date. If you prefer to sign up for a specific time, please call the church office.

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).



LWML FEBRUARY MEETING

The February LWML meeting will be Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6 pm. Pastor Astrowski will lead us in a devotion and Karen Wilson, administrator at the Davenport Lutheran Home, will be our special guest. We will be gathering the following items for the Lutheran Home residents: books, adult coloring books, puzzles, lotion, nail polish. All ladies are welcome!

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.

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 (ilcriacctg@gmail.com) or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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.

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.

- Circuit Wide Youth Group – Fun Winter Olympics Feb. 22 at 4 pm.
- 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.



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



Building Healthy Families: *Wives, what do you think of your husband's gifts? (No, not the ones he gave you for your last birthday or Christmas!) What are his talents? What does he love to do? What are his spiritual gifts? What are his accomplishments? Aspirations? Hopes and dreams? Recognize them, name them, and communicate your respect for them...to him and to others. Communicating authentic respect is one way to build a great relationship. Looking for more ways to strengthen or repair your marriage? Check out the blog posts on the LFS website and call us to schedule time to meet with a marriage counselor in person or virtually. We're here to help! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org*
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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 21! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we look at the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 11. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (2/28 at 10 a.m.)! We'll be concluding our study of Baptism as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. What does it look like for believers to walk in their Baptisms daily? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

'But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Joshua 24:15

- A majority of practicing Christians participate in spiritual conversations, prayer and Bible-reading with their households.
- Faith heritage impacts Christians' beliefs and practices for the long term.

Join with others at the **Central Illinois LLL District** at the annual convention on **Saturday, March 21** at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, Illinois. Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will provide the keynote address. Polly Faszholz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL will provide a virtual presentation with LHM Updates.

The registration fee is \$25.00 per person including lunch. Please complete the registration form and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309.361.1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com.

Strengthen and encourage your faith walk as you encourage others in their faith journey as partners in His mission. Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.

Executive Director Position Opening - LCMS District Church Extension Fund

Have you ever felt like your work could be more gratifying? That you're devoting all your time and effort to a business that doesn't match your values or that is constantly striving for new goals without meaning? That you could be devoting your skills to a better and higher cause?

If these questions give you pause, please give prayerful consideration to applying for the position of Executive Director of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF), a stand-alone not-for-profit corporation located in Springfield, Illinois. This position will give new meaning to your work life as you devote your time and effort to the Mission of growing God's Kingdom by extending loans and grants to the churches, schools, and agencies that reside within the Central Illinois District.

You will have responsibility for the administration, management, and operations of the CID-CEF under the direction of their Board of Trustees, which are comprised of pastors, bankers, and lay people from the LCMS within the District. Your responsibilities will include all loaning functions, internal investment operations, external investment of funds, financial reporting, marketing, policy, legal, and insurance requirements, in accordance with sound business practices but with primary responsibility to the service and support of our churches and schools.

Qualifications for this position include a Bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting, or Finance, with six to ten years of progressive management experience in a related financial environment.

If you would like a new perspective on work and a more satisfying and fulfilling

career where your efforts will benefit a higher cause, please contact Darin Gehrke at 217-883-1247 or Kevin Schultz at 217-341-8622 for a full job description and qualifications.

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Romans 5:8

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written.’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God’s Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil’s words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil’s temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father.

LIFE QUOTE: “God created us anew in Baptism. We are the work of His hands, and He will not forsake us. Guided by the Spirit through the wisdom of His Word, we learn to walk in His ways, even when we must ‘walk in the midst of trouble.’” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

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



Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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