

***“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 15, 2026***

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

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, March 15, 2026	
Elder	Alex Triece
Communion Assistant	Larry Wiebel
Ushers	Mitch Bull Eric Campbell
Cantor	Alex Triece
Organist	Katherine Cobert
<i>The Eternal Light has been given in memory of Marcia Carter by John & Karlene Campbell.</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

TODAY - Sunday, March 15

Mighty Mites Sunday

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

10:40 am – Church Directory photos

2:00 pm – Bible Bowl @St. Matthew

Monday, March 16

6:00 pm – Book Club

Tuesday, March 17

Election Polling Place

7:00 am – Matins

9:30 am – Bible Study

6:00 pm – Intergenerational Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 am – CHALK home school

5:30 pm – Supper

6:30 pm – Lenten Midweek service

Thursday, March 19

Illinois March for Life in Springfield

Saturday, March 21

4:00 pm – Guzman-Cafeteria use

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Bible Study / Sunday School

Attendance for Sunday, March 8

Attended – 56 Communed – 43

Attendance for Wednesday, March 11

Attended – 32

DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Katherine Cobert of Cobert Photography will be taking photos of members after church today, **March 15**. March 1's photos went very quickly, so even if you don't have a time slot reserved, please gather outside the Library/Paul room and she will take your photo. If you are unavailable today and still want your photo taken, please email (officeimmanuelri@gmail.com) or call the church office (309-786-3391).

LENTEN SUPPERS - Please 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.



CHRISTIAN CARE MEAL

The LWML will be serving a meal at the Rock Island Christian Care Center on Tuesday, March 31st. A sign up is in the narthex for anyone who would like to prepare food. We ask for 9 x 13 pans of food to make sure we have enough to serve approximately 60 people. Any questions, text Helen Vogel at 309-781-9627.

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).

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.

VBS - Save the Date! VBS will be held **June 29-July 3, 2026** with the theme: *Teach Us to Pray*. More details to come!

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).

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.

- 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.



Copies of Central Illinois District's ***News You Can Use*** for March is on the table in the Narthex.



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



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN... LUTHERAN WITNESS

It's that time again to order your Lutheran Witness. ***The cost this year is \$23.50 for 11 issues. June/July are together.*** If you would like to renew or start receiving a copy, please let the church office know by ***April 15th***. You may write a check payable to *Immanuel Lutheran Church* and leave it in the offering plate, designating it for **Lutheran Witness** or mail it to the office. This subscription will start in July. Call 309-786-3391 or email officeimmanuelri@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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For the week of March 15:

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 29! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 22. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (3/21 at 10 a.m.)! We'll be continuing our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. How often should we be receiving the Lord's Supper? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you and your household. Last chance to register for the **Central Illinois LLL District Convention on Saturday, March 21** at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Road in Normal, Illinois.

The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. His presentation topic "Act Like Men: Be Strong in Christ". Rev. Dr. Scaer is often on CTSFW Lectionary Podcasts, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty podcasts, Facebook and YouTube.

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. 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 MARCH 15

LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:4–5

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Psalm 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’”

The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John 9:6, Isaiah 42:16). The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to “walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.

LIFE QUOTE: “Never will a time come when the most marvelous recent invention is as marvelous as a newborn baby.” *Carl Sandburg – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



The Chancel of our church will be decorated with lilies on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

We invite you to donate towards the cost of the Lilies. There will be a form available in the Narthex for you to fill out with the information that you want printed in the announcements on Easter Sunday. Place your slip and monetary donation in an envelope with “Lilies” written on it, along with your name, amount, & envelope number. Drop it in the offering plate at a service or mail it to the office by Monday, March 30th.

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

Lent 4	Gen. 41:28-57	Mark 11:20-33
Monday	Gen. 42:1-34	Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday	Gen 42:1-34, 38	Mark 12:1-12
Wednesday	Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34	Mark 12:28-44
Thursday	Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28	Mark 13:1-23
Friday	Gen. 47:1-31 <i>Gen. 48:1-49:28</i>	Mark 13:24-37
Saturday	Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26	Mark 14:1-11



Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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