

***“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  
April 5, 2026***

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

<b>SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE – SUNDAY, April 5, 2026</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	6:30 – Mel Vogel; 9:00 – Alex Triage
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	9:00 – Larry Wiebel
<b>Ushers</b>	6:30 – Larry Wiebel, Bryan Cobert 9:00 – Brent Titus, Carrie Titus
<b>Organist</b>	6:30 – Katherine Cobert

**THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

**TODAY - Sunday, April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY**

- 6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service
- 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast Potluck
- 9:00 am – The Feast of the Resurrection

**Monday, April 6**

- Easter Monday – Office Closed*
- 6:00 pm – Book Club

**Tuesday, April 7**

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

**Wednesday, April 8**

- 9:00 am – CHALK home school

**Sunday, April 12**

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

**Attendance for Sunday, March 29**

Attended – 86    Communed – 69

**Portals of Prayer** for April through June 2026 are in the Narthex. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend!

**VBS - Save the Date!** VBS will be held **June 29-July 3, 2026** with the theme: *Teach Us to Pray*. Please prayerfully consider being a VBS volunteer and help share God's Word. More details to come.



# EASTER LILIES

*We thank the members and friends who have donated towards the Easter Lilies that decorate our*

*chancel this Easter morning.*

- In memory of parents Grant O. & Elvina Roti, brother Grant C., and Aunt Elverna Mueller – by Janice Roti and Linda Roti & family.
- To give thanks to God – by Dennis & Janice Rusk.
- In memory of loved ones and to give thanks to God for His steadfast love – by Kathy and Steve Daack.
- In memory of Arthur Williamson and Joe Williamson and to give thanks to God – by Nancy Williamson and Sheila Kiddoo.
- In memory of her mother, Margaret Maxine Marble – by Renee Hentrich.
- To give thanks to God for the cloud of witnesses in our family who took us to church and shared their faith in Jesus as a payment for our sins so that we may have everlasting life – by Ron & Janet Mau.
- In memory of Marlis Donner, Mark Donner, and Marcia Carter – by John & Karlene Campbell.
- In memory of Randy and Christopher Shrake, George and Edna Randall, and to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Michael and Sydney Shrake – by Pamela Shrake.
- In memory of Loved Ones lost in 2025 – by Tammy Robinson:
  - Adeline Husser - Aunt/Godmother - mom Karen Burger's sister (May)
  - Bob Kestler - husband of dear friend, Cathy (July)
  - Susan Perry-Burdge - best friend since childhood (August)
  - Jim Burger - Uncle - dad Neil Burger's older brother (December)
- In memory of Donald & Pauline Moench, Helen's parents, and Mathias "T.C." & Elizabeth "Betty" Vogel, Mel's parents – by Helen & Mel Vogel.

## LWML April Meeting

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Business Meeting with opportunity to color boxes for Phil's Friends after the meeting.



**Thanks** to all who donated on Mighty Mites Sunday and our Lenten meal. Proceeds will be used to support seminarians at Fort Wayne Theological Seminary.

Blessings,

Helen Vogel, LWML President

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**MOWERS NEEDED:** If you are willing and able to help with the mowing this Spring and Summer, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. There is also a schedule sheet to sign up for specific weeks to mow. Thank you for your help!

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**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).

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**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.

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**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.

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## 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.*

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### 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](mailto:officeimmanuelri@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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**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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**Copies of the Camp CILCA Lowdown for April 2026 are available on the table in the Narthex.**

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**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 the week of April 5:*

**CHRIST FOR YOU** this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: A blessed Easter to you! On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), tune in as we pick up the account of Joseph in our study of Genesis! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we wrap up our study in Numbers. This week, we'll be continuing with chapter 33. Don't forget to join us for The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.)! We'll be checking in with the folks over at Lutheran Bible Translators, as well as continuing our new series, "Getting to Know the Council of Presidents." Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

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### ***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.

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## FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5

### **LCMS MEMORY VERSE: Romans 10:9–10**

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Mark 16:6 – “And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.’”** The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen, but that He is risen to bless us — there is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!

**LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life – Alleluia, Christ has risen!** This is *the* pro-life proclamation! Our Lord has defeated death to give life to the world. There is no person whom Jesus does not wish to rescue from the curse of death, as “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34). And we, who have already “been raised with Christ” through faith and Holy Baptism, “seek the things that are above” (Colossians 3:1), desiring that all would have life, now and when He appears in glory (Colossians 3:4).

**LIFE QUOTE:** “As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God’s strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness.” *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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

<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Ex. 14:10-31	Heb. 7:23-8:13
Monday	Ex. 15:1-18	Heb. 9:1-28
Tuesday	Ex. 15:19-16:12	Heb. 10:1-18
Wednesday	Ex. 16:13-35	Heb. 10:19-39
Thursday	Ex. 17:1-16	Heb. 11:1-29
Friday	Ex. 18:5-27	Heb. 12:1-24
Saturday	Ex. 19:1-25	Heb. 13:1-21

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Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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