

***“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 26, 2026***

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

<b>SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE – SUNDAY, April 26, 2026</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	Todd Hazen
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Mel Vogel
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Wiebel    Bryan Cobert
<b>Organist</b>	Christine Roth

**THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

**TODAY - Sunday, April 26**

- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study/Sunday School

**Monday, April 20**

- 6:00 pm – Book Club

**Tuesday, April 21**

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

**Wednesday, April 22**

- 9:00 am – CHALK home school

**Sunday, May 3 – Confirmation Sunday**

- 9:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Bible Study/Sunday School

**Attendance for Sunday, April 19**

Attended – 74    Communed – 60

**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!

**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).

## **CIRCUIT MOVIE OUTING, Thursday, May 7 at 3pm**

*The Story of Everything* is a cinematic exploration of the cosmos that reveals the hidden hand behind our universe. The film provides an evidence-based answer to the ultimate mystery of the universe: how did we get here? And it reveals a stunning conclusion: scientific evidence supports not just the existence of an intelligent designer of some kind — but the existence of a personal God. The scientific rediscovery of God provides hope of purpose and meaning to human existence, contrary to the claims of atheist scientists who assert that human life lacks any ultimate significance.

- Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by Sunday, May 3rd, or RSVP directly to Holy Cross Lutheran Church at [office@holycrossmoline-lcms.org](mailto:office@holycrossmoline-lcms.org), 309-764-9720
- Tickets are \$8.00 each (bring cash or a check written to Holy Cross to the movie)
- We will have reserved a theater at VIP Moline (near Lowes and Applebees)
- Holy Cross, Moline will be inviting the rest of the Rock Island Circuit as well.
- Invite a friend to join us!

*You can watch The Story of Everything, Official Trailer on You Tube*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwL3ZKlwEoc>

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## **LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA PARTY!**

The LWML is hosting a tea party on Sunday, May 17 at 2pm in the church cafeteria. Hats and gloves are encouraged, but come as you are comfortable! RSVP by signing up on the sheet on the table in the Narthex if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Werke.



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**VBS** will be held **June 29-July 3, 2026** with the theme: *Teach Us to Pray*. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you'd like to help. Thank you!

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## OFFICERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming an officer or member of a committee at Immanuel, there are positions that will be open, including but not limited to: Foundation (1), Board of Christian Education (4).

Some positions require attendance to the Council meetings which are *generally* held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. The date of the next Council meeting has not yet been determined but at that time a nomination list will be put together for the next Voter Assembly to elect the new officers. ***If you are interested, please contact Mel Vogel, Scott Welch, or call the church office at 309-786-3391.***

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

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



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**Building Healthy Families:** *"I have learned now that while those who speak about one's miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more."* (C.S. Lewis) If you're alive and old enough to read this, you've probably experienced the deep

pain of losing someone you love. The Gospel, God's ministering through His Spirit, the support of a pastor, and the love of family and friends help us heal. But sometimes – for a variety of important reasons – the pain of grief doesn't resolve and we feel stuck. If this is true for you or someone you know, call us. Lutheran Family Service offers specialized care for complicated or unresolved grief that will help. Learn more at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**

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A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Letting your family know about your estate gift plans is especially crucial regarding the charitable desires you have. Even if you choose not to share all the details of the inheritance you plan to give them, you should communicate the list of ministries you desire to support and why. This way, those family members will have clear insight into the details included in your estate plan, instead of heads full of questions. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in sorting through which conversations you want to have. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

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*For the week of April 26:*

**CHRIST FOR YOU** this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: Sharathon 2026 is finally here, and you don't want to miss out on the fun! Join us from Thursday, April 30th-Saturday, May 2nd for live programming, giveaways, and more! To learn more or to make a gift to KFUO Radio, visit [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon). It is your support that makes our work possible!

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## FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26

### **LCMS MEMORY VERSE: John 17:17**

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: 1 Peter 2:21** – “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

**LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life** – The first generation of Christians were “selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). They did this because they recognized that the Gospel of Jesus grants worth and dignity to every person. This doesn’t mean that each Christian needs to sell all they have. But it does mean that we would “die to sin and live to righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24), loving the poor and needy as well as the unborn, the sick, and the dying.

**LIFE QUOTE:** “Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – 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 4</b>	Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36	Luke 9:1-17
Monday	Lev. 9:1-24	Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday	Lev. 10:1-20	Luke 9:37-62
	<i>Lev. 11:1-15:33</i>	
Wednesday	Lev. 16:1-24	Luke 10:1-22
Thursday	Lev. 17:1-16	Luke 10:23-42
Friday	Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8	Luke 11:1-13
Saturday	Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37	Luke 11:14-36

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