

The Image

"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."



From the Pastor's desk – December 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

To live as a Christian... It is quite a paradox. Christianity—being a Christian—is both easy and extremely difficult.

Now, most of you know I enjoy the great outdoors. Hiking, particularly backpacking, provides me an outlet and an enjoyable way to experience nature. Inevitably, when I share the tales of my “adventures,” some well-meaning yet misguided soul will ask me if I found God. “No. I wasn’t looking,” is more-or-less my answer. Our Lord prohibits that.¹ Of course, God’s creation proclaims His glory. And I most certainly look to the beauty of God’s creation and wonder about the God who makes such things—as long as the conditions are good. It’s a completely different story if the weather turns ugly, animals loom, or I’m caught unprepared. Even then, the safety and shelter of a vehicle, paved roads, a hot meal, and soft sheets are rarely more than a day’s hike away. You see, my “adventures” are rather controlled, bounded, and occur within the culture with which the Lord has blessed us.

Our beautiful national parks provide us with somewhat controlled and somewhat sanitized experiences of nature. These natural spaces have paved roads. They have campgrounds cleared and sometimes fenced. Trails and footbridges are maintained to provide easier access and guide our steps. Rangers, armed as they are, walk the trails to keep us safe from animals—and each other. Speaking of animals—and I’ve had my encounters—problematic (read “threatening”) animals are relocated or destroyed. I carry lightweight shelter, tiny systems to safely purify water, nutritious and tasty dehydrated foods, small but powerful lamps to provide light in the dark, a tiny stove to boil water very quickly, and a few small but powerful items for self-defense.

¹ This theological concept is known as the “locatedness of God.” The Lord does not want us roaming around looking for Him. He comes to us, gives His Word and Sacraments to us so we will know Him and the Christ who saves us. This doctrine is found throughout Scripture, especially in Exodus and Leviticus. It is most especially manifest in the Incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All this serves to keep our “adventures” within reasonably safe boundaries. And even in very remote places outside those park boundaries—and I’ve ventured into a few—a small device in a pocket will call for help from the sleepless eye in orbit above. And help will come. All this is to say that we, even in those great natural spaces known as parks, are given a false impression of the fallenness of the world around us. What we experience is groomed, made accessible, palatable.

Now, as a brief aside, there is a gift in this. My experience in these parks reflects the biblical concept and family of words that describe a household and those who manage and dwell in said households. The English word we use to describe the management of a household (whether God’s or our own) is a transliteration of the Greek word. The word we use is economy. St. Paul encourages and admonishes us to use our unique and God-given gifts to build up (in Greek, a form of the word economy) the household of God. Many people and their various talents are necessary for my park experiences to be enjoyable and safe. We use our talents to build each other up. The same happens in our homes with each member having various roles and talents shared to keep the household functioning. The same is true for our communities, and of course, the church. So that is the gift—using our various talents to build up the household of God. That’s the upside. Now let’s discuss the other side—the hard side of Christianity.

It is interesting—the increasing lack, at least in my lifetime, of a healthy respect for nature. I remember whitewater rafting not long ago on the Upper Gauley River in West Virginia. As we were being driven to the put-in point, our guide was rehearsing with us the various ways we were likely to meet our doom that day. As we arrived, we signed a nice, crisp sheet of paper relieving them of any liability should they be required to later fish one of our lifeless bodies from the rapids. Cue *Dueling Banjos*. One of the memories that’s stuck with me was the guide’s sharing of stories of the patrons who asked about the off button for the rapids, or where the wires were that guided the rafts through the ride! No such thing, of course, existed. But that’s often what we expect. We expect someone to flip the switch when the ride gets too scary. No such switch exists.

I think we also often expect that from the Faith. When confessing becomes uncomfortable—or dangerous—we look for the off button. As our idea of civilization decays around us, it is indeed frightening. The hostility which simmered below the surface, out of sight, now appears on full display. Of course, our Lord warns us. He warns us as he says, “*and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*”² Our Lord promises no easy ride in this life. We are sojourners. We live in a land that is not our home. And we are hated because our unfurled banner is the banner of the Cross—that ancient sign placed on our heads and hearts at the font. There, we each are marked as one redeemed by Christ the Crucified. There, we are claimed as His and we are reborn into His new creation. And yes, life lived as strangers in a strange land is hard.

Each day we are faced with decisions. We decide what to say and what not to say. We see others beaten down for proclaiming the same Truth we confess. We see, and we respond to the fear of what might happen. We respond with silence and inaction. We respond with weak “amens” to what the culture—not the Lord—demands we swear our allegiance to. And sadly, some walk away. They are the ones who perceive the cost as too high. In those moments of great and too frequent weakness, our Lord says to us:

*So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.*³

² Matthew 10:22.

³ Matthew 10:26-33.

Our Lord knows how hard it is for us in this tired, fallen world. He knows our weaknesses. And yet, in His steadfast love, He forgives and rescues us. He reminds and admonishes us to stop being afraid. Regardless of what our eyes see, He IS victorious. And His victory, even over death itself, has been shared with us. Yet, it is hard for us, even as we know and confess the truth. It is hard to be moved out of our comfortable lives and into the wilderness, even as we stand saved by the blood of Christ.

This we do well to keep in mind as we turn to a new church year—as we begin the holy season of Advent. We are, as you may recall, ushered into this season of hope by being first reminded of the great times of tribulation that precede our Lord's second coming. This is where we find ourselves now. Our Lord spends a lot of time preparing us for this moment. It is good that we hear these things from Him. Our plight is not unknown to Him. He desires that we know what is to come. He desires that we know the tribulation that we must endure. And even then—even in that tribulation—He is victorious over the dark powers that harass us, His little flock. He knows there is no off button. And He reminds us that He has already pulled our dead bodies out of the water and given them, us, life. Life in Him. This, as Advent moves toward Christmas, is where we are directed. We are directed to the Christ that breaks into our world and saves us. In Him, we now live as people of light and life. And hope. And joy in the face of darkness.

And so we live. We live knowing we have been saved by the Christ. He has done it and bestowed salvation upon us. And we live slogging it out day after day in this hard life of sin, consequent misery, and death tugging at our elbows. Yet He is with us. He is with us, and He is reminding us of what we are but cannot yet see. He reminds us each Lord's Day what is ours and what we will one day soon see.

Stop being afraid. Stand in His promises in these dark and latter days. You are His.

*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.*⁴

In Christ,

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor

⁴ John 16:33.

Below are the total offering and expenses for the last three months.

We thank you for your continued generosity through this difficult time.

August Offerings - \$10,474.00	August Expenses - \$15,400.00
Sep. Offerings - \$15,514.00	Sep. Expenses - \$20,235.97
October Offerings - \$24,156.00	October Expenses - \$22,423.00

Your Vote Matters

CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING



A VOTERS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE. WE WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THE 2024 BUDGET. AN AGENDA HAS BEEN MAILED TO ALL VOTERS.

Offering envelopes for 2024 will be available for pick-up **beginning Sunday, Dec. 17th**. If you do not find your set, please contact Tammy in the office (309-786-3391). **REMEMBER – do not use them until January 1, 2024.** If any 2024 envelopes are received before the end of 2023, they will be held until January 1st. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. — **Board of Finance**



REMINDER – December 31, 2023 – all contributions for the year 2023 must be turned in to the office or at the service on the 31st to be credited for this year. Any donations received after December 31st will be credited to the 2024 Financial Statements. We thank you for your continued support of Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Christmas Caroling December 9, 2022

Join us for our annual Christmas Caroling followed by Pastor and Laurie's Open House. We will meet at Immanuel Church at 2:30 p.m. and travel to local homes to spread some Christmas Cheer. Then join us at Pastor and Laurie's home, 14 Foxwood Court, Rock Island, from 5 until 9 p.m. for their annual open house.





Dec. 6	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Supper – Provided by the Elders
		6:30 PM	Advent Midweek I Service
Dec. 13	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Supper – Provided by Immanuel LWML
		6:30 PM	Advent Midweek II
Dec. 20	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Supper – Provided by the Youth Group
		6:30 PM	Advent Midweek III Service
Dec. 24	Sunday	9:00 PM	Fourth Sunday in Advent - Divine Service
Dec. 24	Sunday	2:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion
Dec. 24	Sunday	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
Dec. 25	Sunday	9:00 AM	Christmas Day – The Feast of the Nativity Service with Holy Communion
Dec. 31	Sunday	9:00 AM	Divine Service
Dec. 31	Sunday	6:30 PM	New Year's Eve Service of Prayer and Preaching



Wednesday Evening Supper and Advent Worship

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 at 5:30 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.

Wed., December 6th – Board of Elders

Wed., December 13th – LWML

Wed., December 20th – Youth Group



Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will need many hands to make the church beautiful! Thank you for helping adorn the church for Advent.



THE 2024 FLOWER CHART and **THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART** will be posted on the Narthex bulletin board at the beginning of December. The cost for Altar Flowers (two vases) is \$30.00 and for Eternal Light is \$10.00. Please be sure to check the calendar periodically for the date(s) you signed to donate.



****PLEASE WRITE OUT ON THE FORM WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE PRINTED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS, OR EMAIL THE INFO TO ILCHURCH@MCHSI.COM. YOU CAN ALSO WRITE A NOTE AND LEAVE IT FOR TAMMY IN THE OFFERING PLATE.**

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will decorate the altar area of the church during December. Donations towards the cost of the plants are being accepted and the donor names will be listed in the bulletins on December 24th and 25th.

Contact Tammy via email at ilchurch@mchsi.com, write it out on paper and drop it by the office, or put it in the offering plate with your name on it, specifying how you wish to have it worded in the bulletin – in memory of someone, in honor of someone, in thanks to God for something. Place your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope # and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. **Deadline is Monday, December 11th.**



Reminder... each time you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island so that the hospital can inform the church. *If you would like Pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization.* The hospitals do not regularly call the churches as they once did.

Please call the office when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound: **(309-786-3391).**

Please use this email to contact the office: **ilchurch@mchsi.com**



All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.

- **Sunday morning Adult Bible class** – 10:15 am in the Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies** – 6 pm each Tuesday evening.
- **For the older youth** – there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group. Watch for announcements on dates and times.
- ***And of course, for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings.***



YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ The next group event(s) will be held after Christmas.
- ❖ The youth will be serving the Advent meal on December 20th with free-will donations going towards *Higher Things*.



ST. MATTHEW ANNUAL COOKIE WALK WITH CRAFTS IS COMING...

Walk Date: December 2, 2023

Place: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Milan, IL

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 Noon for Cookies & Crafts

Proceeds are donated to the Milan Christian Food Pantry

We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month including:



December 2 – Wayne Haake
December 3 – Emma Ayers (9)
December 5 – Jacob Umlandt; Cathy Wiebel
December 6 – Nancy Farrar; Dave Schumaker
December 9 – Pam Shrake
December 10 – Amanda Eckardt
December 11 – Maxine Grisham; Bryan Saunders
December 14 – Libby Cortez (12)
December 15 – Ken Anders

December 17 – Nan Hasenberg
December 18 – Thomas Ahlgrim, Nancy Williamson
December 20 – Betty Sulouff
December 23 – Carrie Werke
December 24 – Joshua Duburg; John Hazen
December 27 – Alayna Severtsgaard (13)
December 28 – Chris Ayers
December 30 – Mary Hazen



John & Mary Hazen – December 3, 1983

Kenny & Deanna Wilson – December 5, 1982

Zac & Sara Leeson – December 28, 2005

****NOTE – Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed to the best of our records.***

If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You!

Membership Changes:

Additions: None this month
Deletions: None this month

Changes/Additions to current directory:

Address Changes:

Additions:

Deletions:

Memorials Received in November: To the Social Ministry Group – thank you for your generous donations!



Our theme for this year is “Lord of the Nations”

2023-2024

Our meetings begin at **6:00 p.m. in the Luther Room** on the 4th Thursday of the month with Bible Study, followed by a brief business meeting and then Mission Work and Fellowship.

Thursday, December 7, 2023 - Christmas Party Potluck

January 2024 – No meeting

Thursday, February 2024 – Serve Meal at Christian Care Men’s Shelter – Date to be Determined.

Thursday, February 22, 2024 – Blankets for Phil’s Friends

Sunday, March 3, 2024– Mite Box Sunday

March 2024 – Lenten Meal

April 23 – 24, 2024 - LWML District Convention at Immanuel – “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling”

May 2024 – Dinner Out and Election of Officers



Stamps For Missions is a project of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League at Immanuel. The stamps collected are turned in to be further sorted to make sure they are ready for sale. The stamps are sold to stamp collectors all over the world. The proceeds support the Central Illinois District LWML Mission projects. Bring the stamps to an LWML meeting, to a church service, leave them in the church office, or give them to Sandy Kramer.



NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- **New entryway into the basement** – This work has been completed! Next up will be a new entry door to the kitchen.
- **Stained glass window repair in the Sanctuary** – “Glass Blast” was contacted and has inspected the windows in need of repair. They began repairs on October 2nd and have ordered parts for which they are awaiting delivery.
- **Electronic Outdoor Sign** – Approved by the congregation to proceed with the purchase and installation at a cost of \$22,549.00. *The new sign is installed and working! Check it out as you enter the property.*
- **Sound System for Gym & Cafeteria** – Approved by the congregation to proceed with the purchase and installation of the sound system by Finn AV/IT Solutions for \$26,408.83. Included in this cost will be the removal of the old system. *Work began on November 8th There are still some final tweaks to be made. We will let everyone know when the work has been completed!*



Save the Dates

- **December 8-9: Joyful Hearts Christmas**
 - Camp CILCA welcomes campers of all ages with developmental disabilities for a 24 hour CHRISTMAS PARTY! Campers are partnered up with a high school or college-age volunteer who will help them have a fun and safe time doing Christmas activities like baking, decorating, singing, and more!
- **Small Church Summit** in CID on Saturday, February 3, 2024, or (if the weather is bad) on Saturday, February 10, 2024.
- **The Illinois March for Life** on March 19, 2024, in Springfield. Trinity Lutheran Church, across the street from the state capitol building, will again conduct a Matins service in the morning prior to the march.
- **LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music**, to be held next summer, July 9-12, 2024, at Concordia University, Nebraska.

Looking for additional information, visit <https://linktr.ee/cidlcms> or connect with the following items:

- † CID's GatePost (newsletter) Subscribe to the E-GatePost/*News You Can Use*. Stay connected with us on Facebook and Instagram --**Central Illinois District-LCMS**



The Measure of Our Generosity

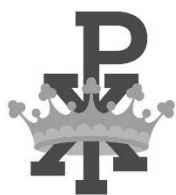
If you open up the Small Catechism, you'll find a shortened version of the Third Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." But if you look up the list of the Ten Commandments in Exodus, you'll find the full version:

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex. 20:8–11)

Why did Luther shorten this commandment for the Small Catechism? Was it so that the kids wouldn't have so much to memorize? No, it was because Luther knew that all the details of the Third Commandment were part of the "shadow" of the Old Testament (Col. 2:16). Or as St. Paul puts it, there is "letter" in the Old Testament law and "spirit" (2 Cor. 3:6). The details of not working on Saturday were fulfilled by Christ. That part of the Sabbath regulation no longer applies. But the spirit of the law does remain: We need to dedicate sufficient time each week to hearing God's Word and giving it honor and respect. Or as Luther sums it up in the Small Catechism's explanation to the Third Commandment: "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

The same sort of analysis applies to our giving. In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to give a tenth of their income to the Levites so that those men could dedicate their lives to serving in God's house, teaching the people, conducting worship, etc. In the New Testament, there is a rigid requirement listed about handing in your tax forms to church to make sure you've given enough. But the mandate to have a full-time ministry, which is the spirit of that law concerning tithing to the Levites, is right there in 1 Corinthians 9:14: "The Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel."

The New Testament church's job is significantly larger than the job of Old Testament Israel. We are commanded to preach the Gospel to all nations. There was only the temple to maintain in the Old Testament, but we have churches, schools, universities and seminaries, plus missionaries everywhere. So you tell me: Can we really undertake the work of the ministry if our giving doesn't even measure up to Old Testament levels of generosity?



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DECEMBER 2023



LAS POSADAS: A Historical Advent-Christmas Celebration from Mexico

Las Posadas are the most popular festivals that are celebrated during Christmas in Mexico. Las Posadas are from December 16 to 24. They are a series of processions and parties. The Posadas re-enact Mary and Joseph's cold and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. Las Posadas, a Spanish word means "inn", "lodging", or "accommodation". It is said in the plural because it is celebrated each day during this 9 day period.

The celebration has been a tradition in Mexico for 400 years. While its roots are in Catholicism, even Protestant Latinos follow the tradition. The tradition was begun by Spanish evangelists in order to teach the Christmas story to the indigenous and reportedly to substitute for rituals related to the birth of the pagan god Huitzilopochtli.

The celebration consists of a procession with candles, sometimes with individuals selected to play the parts of Mary and Joseph; sometimes with Mary riding a real donkey. If no one is dressed as Mary and Joseph, the procession generally carries a nativity scene.

The rest of the procession carries candles, paper lanterns and/or decorated staves. The procession will make its way to a particular home (a different one each night), where a special song is sung. In this song, those outside the house sing the part of Mary and Joseph asking for shelter while the family inside responds by singing the part of the innkeeper saying that there is no room. The song switches back and forth a few times until finally the innkeeper finally decides to let them in. The door is opened and everyone goes inside where the guests are offered fried rosette cookies known as "buñuelos", steaming hot tamales and a hot drink called "ponche", which is made from seasonal fruits such as tejocote, guava, plum, mandarin orange, orange and/or prune, sweetened with piloncillo, a kind of brown sugar and spices with cinnamon or vanilla and other festive foods.



The kids get to break a piñata. Each is given a turn to try to hit "the piñata". Their eyes are covered with a bandana, given a stick and turned around several times. Those standing by try to tell the boy or girl where the piñata is. It is difficult to swing at the piñata since it is hanging from a rope and being pulled up and down by an adult. When the piñata is broken, candy and fruit fall out and everyone dashes to get some.

At the end of a posada, guests receive a small gift called an “Aguinaldo”, usually a package with cookies, dried and fresh fruit and candy. Then carols called “villancicos” are sung. A very old tradition has these songs sung to the newborn Child Jesus at the Nativity scene.



Marilyn Woods and Liz Newmann, on behalf of the LWML at St, John’s, Geneseo, came to CR. Using the monies from an LWML CID Mite Grant they were able to purchase Spanish Large Print Bibles for the East Moline Correctional Center.

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of us
here at Cristo
Rey want to wish
all of you a Blessed
Christmas and a Joyous
New Year And THANK YOU
most sincerely for your prayers,
your donations of food items, clothing
and furniture and your financial gifts.
We consider ourselves partners with you
as we take the Gospel to the Hispanic people.*

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE



This year again, due to funding and other constraints, we will only be taking names from the congregation for family members or friends who are in need this year. We will purchase items for Christmas dinners and deliver baskets the week of December 18th.

Please submit names by Sunday, December 11th!

We still ask for your help by giving a monetary donation for the “Gift Baskets”. Place your check or cash in an envelope and mark it for “Social Ministry” and drop it in the offering plate, drop it in the mail, or at the office. Be sure to include your offering envelope number so that we may give you credit. Please note that the 2024 offering envelopes will again include two envelopes for *Social Ministry*.

We also hope to be able to do this again for Thanksgiving/Christmas next year. There are also plans to help with special needs throughout the year as needed when requested.



If you have any questions, contact Tammy at the church office (786-3391), Mel Vogel (309-781-9624), or any other member of the Social Ministry Committee.

****We provided 8 Thanksgiving Baskets this year and they were delivered the week of Thanksgiving. Everyone was very thankful and appreciative of the baskets. There was a turkey along with items to prepare a full Thanksgiving meal plus some extra goodies (fresh fruit and candy!).**



Also this year, the Social Ministry Committee will be providing a first-year Seminarian at Fort Wayne, a Christmas Care Package. It will include a grocery and gas gift card to Meijer (local store in Ft. Wayne) and other small gift items. His name is Joshua Bieri and he was previously the Youth Director at Zion Lutheran Church in Taylor Ridge. Please include Joshua and his family (wife Chrystal and three sons) in your prayers during his tenure at Seminary). If anyone would like to send them a Christmas card or note of encouragement, their address is:

Joshua & Chrystal Bieri
2219 Abbey Dr. Apt. 5
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 2023		<div>ADVENT HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE</div>			1	2 9 am Hanging of the Greens
3 7:15 am Bd of Elders 9:00 am Worship /HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	4 7 am Matins 8-4 RICC Home School 6 pm Book Club	5 9:30am Bible Study 6:30 pm Interg. Studies 7:30 pm Confirmation	6 10 am – Noon CHALK 5:30 pm Advent Supper 6:30 pm Advent Midweek Service	7 LWML Christmas Party Potluck 7 pm Youth Group Programming Board	8	9 2:30 pm Caroling 5 pm Pastor's Open House
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24 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS 2:00 pm Christmas Eve Service w/HC 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/HC	25 9:00 am Christmas Day Service w/HC OFFICE CLOSED	26 <div>Wonderful Messiah Everlasting Love Wonderful Counselor LIGHT OF THE WORLD HOPE & JOY IMMANUEL GOD WITH US</div>	27	28	29	30 <div>Calendar subject to change. Any changes will be listed in weekly announcements.</div>
31 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS 6:30 pm New Year's Eve Service	<div><div></div><div>Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 3300 24th St. Rock Island, IL 61201-6212 Office Phone: (309) 786-3391 Website: Immanuelri.org</div><div></div></div>					



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

Bible Study at 10:15 AM – Sunday School at 10:15 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski, Jr.

Organists: Christine Roth and Katherine Cobert

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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<https://www.facebook.com/Immanuel-Lutheran-Church-RockIsland-IL-LCMS-179175395513326/>

All Sunday services are “live” streamed on Facebook at 9 am Sundays and posted to the church’s YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWLcoXZtMq13HOqRo_uifqg/featured?view_as=subscriber.

Additionally, you can tune in to Pastor’s nightly devotion each evening at 9 pm “live” on Facebook or find it on the church’s YouTube page later.