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"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 – April 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.¹

Peter saw it. He wrote about it. It happened—in time, in history. God walked among us. God ate, God slept, God worked and lived and died among us. Then God, once dead, rose from that death. As He did this, He turned death inside out, shaking loose from its folds all caught in its grip. He, as His own Word tells us, took captivity captive. Our Lord holds death on a very short leash. He holds its keys in His hand.

Yes, it really happened.

And, yes, it is very good news for you.

The good news of joyful reunions. The good news of reunions that are final—a reuniting with no looming goodbyes. Goodbyes—things of this old world, this old order. Goodbye will be a word forgotten, never to be recalled and never again to cross the threshold of our lips. No more partings. No more ephemeral moments of

¹ 2 Peter 1:16-20.

joy. And no more tears. Faces cradled tenderly by those ancient, pierced hands as He wipes from our eyes the last tears they will ever cry. Good news indeed.

It seems a dream, yet a dream it is not. He came, walked, spoke, lived, died, and rose among us. And those who came before us—whose names so often adorn the cornerstones of our gathering places—have told us what they saw, what happened.

Yes, awake from your dream; it really happened. And it was all for you.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.²

There will always be skeptics. There have been since it happened. And we, God's people, can acknowledge that what we confess, to those outside the Christian church, is often met with a great deal of incredulity. Yet it happened. It was witnessed, written about, and this event changed the entire course of human history. Even liberal scholars, who are often reluctant to confess anything that remotely hints of the miraculous, acknowledge that something happened back then—something that changed everything.

Even in the days of St. Paul, the apostles confronted these skeptics. In the case of St. Peter, he rebuffs the doubters by simply recounting what they saw—what he saw. Matthew and John were both apostles and close eyewitnesses to all the Lord did during those three years of His public ministry. John, in particular, was part of the inner circle of apostles, along with his brother, James, and Peter. Not only was John there for those private conversations, but as one who lived through the end of the first century, he was certainly a source of information for those who came after—people like Luke, and Clement, and you. Imagine all the events and actions of the Christ John retold that were never recorded for us. St. Paul reflects this in what he writes. Why endure the beatings and persecutions and martyrdoms for a myth? Baskets or no baskets, I'm not willing to die for the myth of a furry creature that drops chocolate eggs around the house. Dying for the truth, however, is quite another matter. And we, as God's people, are willing to submit ourselves to the teachings and commands of the God who once walked among us. Who spoke to us. Who saved us.

² 1 Corinthians 15:12-22.

Yes, it happened. And it is all for you—that you may have life and have it to the full.

He lives, and in Him, so do you, and so will you—forever.

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.³

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Rev. L.A. Astrowski Jr, Pastor

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – April 2

Divine Service at 6:30 PM

Good Friday – April 3

Chief Service at 12:00 Noon

Tenebrae Vespers at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 4

The Vigil of Easter at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday – April 5

Sunrise Matins at 6:30 AM

Breakfast Potluck at 7:30 AM

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord at 9:00 AM

³ 1 Corinthians 15:54-57.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & BAPTISMS

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



- 4 - Chris Gingry
Issac Raymond
- 5 - Joanna Triage (6)

- 6 - Tony England
Lucas Rusk
- 7 - Jill Elder
- 13 - Christopher Anselmi
Alina Diaz
- 15 - Everett Ayers (13)
Jan Brewer
- 17 - Zac Leeson
Jon Lowry
- 18 - Lio Armenta (13)
Grace Mills (13)
- 20 - Chery Heriford
- 24 - Liz Hazen
Paul Wilson
- 28 - Angie Mills
- 30 - Jack Copeland
Erika Raymond



- April 10, 2021 – Hunter & Samantha Peterson
- April 18, 1992 – Thomas & Sheila Ahlgrim
- April 20, 1996 – Kurt & Jennifer Draper
- April 20, 1991 – Robo & Tammy Robinson
- April 30, 1983 – Jerry & Melody Poole

Baptism Birthdays

- 1 - Corbin Ayers
Mary Hazen
Nancy Williamson
- 2 - Amanda Depaepe
Luca Fiedler
- 3 - Andrew Atkins
Jack Copeland
- 5 - Burnie Eckardt
- 6 - Doug Campbell
Sandy Kramer
Carrie Titus
- 7 - Karen Burger
- 10 - Bryan Saunders
Wanda Titus
- 12 - Joanna Triage
- 13 - Chase Spragg
Alexander Spragg
Rachel Spragg
- 14 - Catherine Wiebel
- 17 - Kathryn England
Gregory Masias
- 18 - Lance Ahlgrim
Milo Boisvert
John Campbell
- Keith Hentrich
Jordan Stockwell
- 19 - Elizabeth DeJonghe
Renee Hentrich
Jon Lowry
Pamela Shrake
- 20 - Brian Luebbe
- 21 - Jehrian Cozadd
Tyler Werke
- 22 - David Cobert
- 26 - Samuel Ayers
- 28 - Andrew Klockau

**NOTE – Birthdays, anniversaries and baptisms are listed according to our records. If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You.*

We care about your privacy. If you would like your name and birthday and/or anniversary excluded from the newsletter list, please contact the church office. Thank you.

VBS will be held June 29-July 3, 2026

Theme: Teach Us To Pray

Please prayerfully consider being a VBS volunteer and help share God's Word.

More details to come.

MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY CHANGES / MEMORIALS - MARCH REPORT:

Membership – **Additions** – none to report.

Deletions – none to report.

Changes – Angel McCord and Eric Campbell are married and Angel's last name is Campbell. Eric's address is the same as Angel's.

Memorials – To General Memorial, given in loving memory of my husband, Harold, on his Spring birthday, by Kathy Nelson.

To General Memorial, given in loving memory of Luray "Punkie" Kendall from the Quad Cities Community Foundation – Luray Thoms Kendall Fund.



EASTER LILIES

We thank the members and friends who have donated towards the Easter Lilies that decorate our chancel on 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 10th 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)
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Please find the summary of the income and expenses for the first quarter of 2026 (January through March) below:

Income: \$71,163.46

Expenses: \$84,592.15

-\$13,428.69 - electric bills have been extremely high this quarter. We are also paying quite a bit more to insure the church property.

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 2026 FLOWER CHART and **THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART** are posted in the Narthex. The cost for Altar Flowers (two vases) is \$30.00 and for Eternal Light is \$10.00. If you sign up, 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 OFFICEIMMANUELRI@GMAIL.COM. YOU CAN ALSO WRITE A NOTE AND LEAVE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



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 contact the office when someone is hospitalized or

homebound. The church office phone number is **309-786-3391**; email address is officeimmanuelri@gmail.com.

Remember – we continue to recycle aluminum cans.

There is a white barrel outside of the kitchen door – west side of the building. Please place your aluminum cans in the barrel and they will be taken to be recycled. The money is then used to purchase gas for the mower at the church. **Thank You.**



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.

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.



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).

Another part of our Social Ministry includes helping support two Seminarian families. If you wish to help with their support, 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.

Names and addresses if you wish to send a card of encouragement, etc.:

Josh Bieri – Vicarage appointment to
Faith Lutheran Church
1407 Main St
La Crosse, WI 54601

Josh Camp - 2nd year at CTSFW
Josh & Catherine Camp
7630 Coldsprings Blvd
Fort Wayne IN 46825

See letter from the Camps on page 13

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 Adult Bible class** – 10:30 am in the Luther Room.
- **Sunday School** – 10:30 am in Peter and Mark rooms.
- **Adult Bible Study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies** – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm online via Zoom.
- **For the older youth** – there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group. Watch for announcements on dates and times.



Thank You

· Thank you to everyone who donated items for Lutheran Living Communities (Davenport Lutheran Home). Karen Wilson, Lutheran Home administrator, spoke at our meeting about their history and ways to get involved with the residents, and we were able to present her with many items including blankets, puzzles and lotions which will be put to good use.
· 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.

LWML Upcoming Events

April 16th - Business Meeting with opportunity to color boxes for Phils’s Friends after the meeting.
April 24-25th - LWML Central Illinois District Convention in Decatur, Il. Registration forms are due by April 10th and can be found on the LWML table.
As always, we welcome all women of the congregation to our meetings and events.



Confirmation is Sunday, May 3, 2026. God’s richest blessings to our new confirmands: Millie Eckardt, daughter of Burnie & Amanda Eckardt; Owen Miller, son of Sara Miller; Grace Mills, daughter of David & Angie Mills.

TRIVIA NIGHT - Save the Date!

Saturday, May 2, 2026 - Trivia Night Fundraiser for Immanuel Youth Group's trip to Higher Things
More details to come!



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 - 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, 2026

Please pray that our Circuit Youth Group will continue to be a source of fellowship, fun and sharing God's Word with our youth.



Items Needed:

Men's Deodorant	13-gal Trash bags	Toilet paper
Shampoo	33 gal trash bags	Men's disposable razors
Conditioner	39 gal lawn & leaf trash bags	Napkins

Please place items in the Christian Care box in the Narthex. Items will be taken to Christian Care.

APRIL 2026 MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Week of April 5, 2026 - **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.

Week of April 12, 2026 - **Ephesians 2:13–14**

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

Week of April 19, 2026 - **Mark 12:29–31**

Jesus answered, "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Week of April 26, 2026 - **John 17:17**

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

A Better Way

Originally published in April 2023

The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn’t necessary because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won’t be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one’s income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here’s another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we’re not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let’s answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I’m glad you’re still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God’s promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I’d really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we’re ecstatic that you’re giving, and that you’re giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

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.***

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.



Bart asked his friend Dave this question: "Have you let your children know the details of your estate plan?"

That question unleashed a much more dramatic response from Dave than Bart was expecting. "No way. I want it to be a surprise. My kids have no business knowing what we have, or how we plan to disperse it after we are gone. I don't want them to feel entitled to my stuff, hoping I will die soon so they get it all."

While harsh, elements of this response may be present in many, even among Christians. Let's break it down a bit. First, we begin by reminding ourselves that the things in our lives are really not "our" things, but God's things, which He has asked us to manage faithfully on His behalf, to share Jesus with our families and the world around us. Second, not having discussions with children about inheritance robs them of hearing from you your understanding of blessing, and your intentions to respond from a life of faith in managing those blessings. Third, if you are asking family members to carry out estate roles (personal representative/trustee) someday, you need to be giving them clear guidance so they can make sure your God-directed desires are carried out.

Family dynamics can be challenging, especially where sin has left its mark. However, it is crucial, if possible, to communicate your faith and your intentions to family, in an effort to celebrate Jesus together, especially His grace shown on the cross. We don't want to leave these matters dangling. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you to know your plan well, to express your faith clearly and to prepare for family conversations. For help, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnfnd.org.



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APRIL 2026

It is true! The Lord has risen.

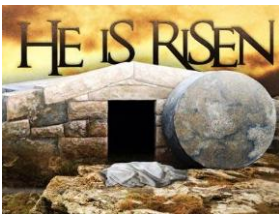
We all have friends and family who are no longer with us, and we have cried at their departure. Jesus also wept in front of the tomb of his friend Lazarus. It was here where our Lord Jesus Christ pronounced these beautiful words: *“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”* (John 11:25, 26). These words continue to be of great consolation and strength of faith in Christ, our Source of life, for those who believe in His name.

Matthew 20:17-19 tell us: *Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day, He will be raised to life!”*

Here we are told that Jesus announces to his disciples what will happen to Him in the coming days in Jerusalem. Jesus knew every detail of his inevitable abuse, suffering, death and resurrection. Jesus knew what was going to happen to Him and did not hesitate to go to Calvary because of His great love for all people and because He desires to do His Father’s will. He knows that in the end He will be victorious over sin, death and the devil.

The death of a loved one scares us and leaves us with an empty space that is difficult to fill. All who knew of Jesus' death experienced deep pain and emptiness. On Sunday morning, the women went to anoint the Lord's body and found that the stone in front of the grave has been removed. Mark 16:5,6: *As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”*

Also, Luke 24:6-7 says: *“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee; The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again”*



It has been more than two thousand years since Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection, and as we have read and believed these lines from Scripture, we are able to continue even today with the fundamental proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus. Without it there would be no Christian faith as the Apostle Paul pointed out in the earliest times, *“if Jesus had not been raised then our preaching would be in vain... and we would be the most pitiable of all men”*. (1 Cor 15:14,19).

When we speak of the Risen One we are not talking about a person from the past, but of a living Person who animates, vivifies and fills with His Spirit and love the believing community that does not feel orphaned. The Risen One walks with us this very day; *“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* (Mt 28:20b).

The resurrection of Jesus is the best news that we could receive, and it is necessary and appropriate that we shout with jubilation like those first disciples; “It is true! The Lord has risen. He has risen indeed. Alleluia!” (Luke 24:34)

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Dear Friends of Cristo Rey, we want to wish all of you a most Joyous Easter, and thank you once again for your continued support of bringing the Gospel of our Risen Lord to the Hispanic Community.



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

The Camp CILCA Lowdown

April, 2026

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org

4124 Camp Cilca Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

SAVE THE DATE:

ANNUAL BANQUET 2026

Sunday, April 12, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

At Camp CILCA's Dining Hall!

Tickets are \$40 each.

Tickets must be reserved in advance.

Call the camp office (217-487-7497) or email (camp@cilca.org) to reserve your tickets today!

The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating God's work of Creation and Redemption, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA.

Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends.

This year, Rev. Jason Braaten will be our speaker on the topic of Patience. Special Music by the Lutheran High music ensemble from 5:00-5:30pm.

HOG ROAST & AUCTION

Sunday, May 24, 11:30am-1:30pm

At Camp CILCA's Dining Hall

Get your tickets at the door. This is Camp CILCA's largest annual fundraiser. Come support the work that the Lord is doing in the great outdoors!

Summer Camp 2026 registration is OPEN!

Register before April 1, 2026 and save with the Early Bird Discount!

Space is limited. Register today to SAVE your spot!



CAMP CILCA 2026
MARK YOUR CALENDARS



S.E.L.F. RETREAT
Singles Engaged in Lutheran Fellowship (S.E.L.F.) Retreat's goal is fellowship and fun. We are planning to do lots of activities and have a ton of fun with other Lutherans who happen to be single.
"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
Matthew 18:20

- February 27-28 ACT LIKE MEN Woodcutters' Retreat
- March 6-7 Women's Retreat with Katie Schuermann
- March 14 Spring Work Day & Pancake Dinner
- April 12 Annual Banquet
Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets.
- April 17-19 Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
- May 17 J.C. Training 2 p.m.-6 p.m. (Option 1)
- May 22-25 CID Campout & Hog Roast with Auction
- May 26 J.C. Training 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Option 2)
- May 27-July 31 SUMMER PROGRAM
- August 1 Homecoming
- August 28-30 S.E.L.F. Retreat (Singles' Retreat)
- Aug. 29-Sep. 1 CID Campout (No Chicken Dinner)
- September 18 Whippoorwill Golf Outing
- September 26 ACT LIKE MEN Shooting Retreat
Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- October 3 G.R.I.T. Run!
- November 7 Fall Work Day
- TBD Fall Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
- December 11-12 Joyful Hearts Christmas

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Greetings in Christ!

Josh has just finished his Winter Quarter and we enjoyed his week of break together. We got to visit with Catherine's parents in Wisconsin and then Josh's brother, Noah, came to visit. We will find out where we will be placed for vicarage on April 28th at 7pm. We are excited to learn where we will end up for a year! Josh is looking forward to his Luther Texts class with Dr. Grobien, and studying the Gospel of John in his Gospels III class. He is also excited to play flag football and ultimate frisbee as the weather gets warmer.

Our son, Gideon, is crawling all over the place and is so close to walking. Most of our time home is spent chasing him around the house! He has continued to be a joy in our life. He loves to eat yogurt and cheese (as you can see - haha!) and to gnaw on pickles. We were able to attend the March for Life in Fort Wayne with him and it was very special.

Catherine is continuing to craft, she has made a couple of skirts and has enjoyed wearing them to church! She's also started knitting a new blanket for someone new...

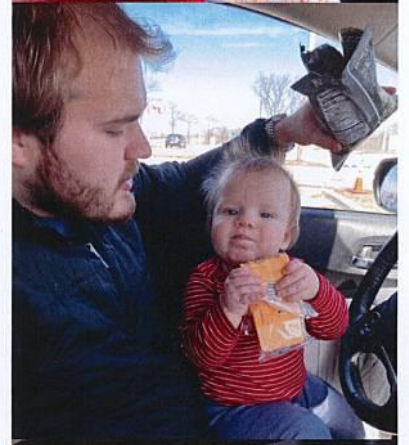
We also just found out that Catherine is pregnant! Praise God! She will likely be due in October. We are thrilled to welcome another child into our family.

We are so grateful for your continued prayers and financial support. Your gifts have enabled us to feed our growing boy and get Catherine the supplements she needs for a healthy pregnancy. During this Lententide we pray you all are enjoying the warmer weather and are looking forward to Easter!

Thank you and God bless you,

Josh, Catherine, Gideon, and Baby Camp

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

Holy Thursday	Ex. 12:1-28 <i>Lam.4:1-22</i>	Heb. 5:1-14 <i>Psalm 31</i>
Good Friday	Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16 <i>Lam. 5:1-22</i>	Heb. 6:1-20 <i>Psalm 22</i>
Holy Saturday	Ex. 13:17-14:9	Heb. 7:1-22

Easter Season

Easter Sunday	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
Easter 2	Ex. 20:1-24	Luke 4:1-15
Monday	Ex. 22:20-23:13	Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	Ex. 23:14-33	Luke 4:31-44
Wednesday	Ex. 24:1-18	Luke 5:1-16
Thursday	Ex. 25:1-22 <i>Ex. 25:23-30:38</i>	Luke 5:17-39
Friday	Ex. 31:1-18	Luke 6:1-19
Saturday	Ex. 32:1-14	Luke 6:20-38
Easter 3	Ex. 32:15-35	Luke 6:39-49
Monday	Ex. 33:1-23	Luke 7:1-17
Tuesday	Ex. 34:1-28	Luke 7:18-35
Wednesday	Ex. 34:29-35:21 <i>Ex. 35:22-38:20</i>	Luke 7:36-50
Thursday	Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31	Luke 8:1-21
Friday	Ex. 39:32-40:16	Luke 8:22-39
Saturday	Ex. 40:17-38 <i>Lev. 1:1-7:38</i>	Luke 8:40-56
Easter 4	Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36	Luke 9:1-17
Monday	Lev, 9:1-24	Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday	Lev. 10:1-20 <i>Lev. 11:1-15:33</i>	Luke 9:37-62
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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>RI Futbol Club uses the gym M, T, Th 5-8 pm through April 16</i>		1 9-12 CHALK 7 Youth Group Programming Bd	2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service	3 <i>Good Friday</i> 12 Good Friday Chief Service 7 Good Friday Tenebrae	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 12-3 Schumaker Cafeteria Use 7 Easter Vigil
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:30 Sunrise Matins 7:30 Easter Breakfast 9 Feast of the Resurrection w/HC	6 <i>Easter Monday</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 6 Book Club	7 7 Matins 9:30 Bible Study 6 Intergen. Bible Study	8 9-12 CHALK	9	10	11
12 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	13 6 Book Club	14 7 Matins 9:30 Bible Study 6 Intergen. Bible Study	15 9-12 CHALK	16	17	18
19 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Spring Pastor's Conference</div>	21	22 9-12 CHALK	23 <i>THE IMAGE</i> <i>Deadline</i>	24	25
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Calendar is subject to change. Any changes will be listed in the weekly announcements.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

Bible Study at 10:30 AM – Sunday School at 10:30 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

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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.