



## Weekly Calendar Nov. 22-29, 2015

### Sunday, 11/22

11:15a Ushers' Meeting  
6:30p Adult Information  
Class (Overflow  
Room)

### Monday, 11/23

8-9p Men's Prayer Group  
8:00p AA Meeting

### Tuesday, 11/24

6:30a Men's Bible Study  
6-7:30p Zumba

### Wednesday, 11/25

No Adult Bible Study  
No Immanubells Practice  
No Midweek Classes  
No Choir Practice  
No Agape Ringers Practice  
7:30p Holy Communion

### Thursday, 11/26

Church Office Closed  
No Preschool Class  
9:00a Holy Communion

### Friday, 11/27

Church Office Closed  
No Preschool Class

### Saturday, 11/28

5:30p Holy Communion

### Sunday, 11/29

7:45a Worship Service  
9:00a Sunday School &  
Bible Study Classes  
10:15a Holy Communion  
1:30-3p Children's Christmas  
Service Practice  
6:30p Adult Information  
Class (Overflow  
Room)

## Our Weekly Announcements

**RESTROOMS** are located in the hallway next to the overflow room and multipurpose room and in the church basement in the hallway to the side of the old kitchen.

### PARENTS OF LITTLE

**CHILDREN:** There are activity bags available in the narthex for your little ones. Please feel free and take a bag with you as you enter.

### LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.

There are several large print bulletins available in the narthex for anyone needing one.

### PRESCHOOL FAMILY OF THE

**WEEK.** During the school year, we will be including an Immanuel Preschool student and his/her family in our prayers each week. This week we include Emma Newsome and her family in our prayers. Her parents are Joshua & Courtney. May God bless you and your family in all your ways, Emma!

### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS.

Are you a Thrivent member who still has Thrivent Choice dollars left to designate this year? If so, Immanuel's Preschool is a designated recipient and would appreciate any and all donations. Go to Thrivent's website ([www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com)) or call Member Care Services (1-800-847-4836) to find out if you have any dollars available to donate.

**THANK YOU** for all of the items donated during September & October to benefit Immanuel's Preschool. These items will come in very handy through the year!

—In Christ, Cindy Troup,  
Preschool Director

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the First Sunday in Advent. The readings for next Sunday will be Jer. 33:14-16; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; and Luke 19:28-40. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

### DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR

**WEBSITE** for info on the latest events and activities taking place at Immanuel! Visit [www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org) and check it out. It's pretty cool and has a user-friendly layout! A link to all of our past services can be

found there, too. If you have any suggestions, feel free to let us know.

**PROFIT AND LOSS** reports for October 2015 are available in the narthex for anyone wishing a copy of the report.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for October-December 2015 are now available. Pick up your copy today! The booklets can be found on the windowsill in the narthex.

### FOOD COLLECTION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!

The Bi-County Backpack Program provides meals for children in Waterloo, Valmeyer & Red Bud, who would struggle without this support. The items needed include (no glass jars, please) pasta (spaghetti, elbow, etc.), pasta sauce, pasta mixes, Roman noodles, peanut butter, pancake mix, pancake syrup, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, tuna, soups, stews, canned ravioli, fruit (cans or cups), canned vegetables. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

**DID YOU KNOW?** Households visited through Immanuel's New Neighbor Outreach since November 2007: 658.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH!

(1) Recycle your aluminum cans! There is a large trash can in the kitchen for those cans. If you have a large amount and put them in trash bags, you can put the bags over by the white shed at the corner of the parking lot. (2) The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products! (3) The ice machine is available and ice can be purchased for a freewill donation during office hours, and on weekends before and after the services. Simply bag your own ice with the large ice scoop and place your money in the donation bucket. All proceeds benefit Immanuel's youth group and their events throughout the year. Thanks for your continued support!

### A COFFEE & DOUGHNUT

**FELLOWSHIP** is held each Sunday after the early service (until 9am). Coffee and doughnuts are sponsored by Immanuel's youth and are located in the hallway by the overflow room. The youth appreciate free will donations. **Would you like to sponsor a Sunday?** If so, please sign up on the sheet on the coffee & doughnuts table or by the ice machine! Your help is appreciated!

### BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.

Remember to take a look at all the flyers on the bulletin board in the narthex. Many events and activities in and around our community (upcoming Lay Bible Institutes, concerts, dinners, Thrivent events, blood drives, etc.) are posted there!

### AUTO CONTRIBUTIONS.

Would you like to have your weekly or monthly contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account? If so, please fill out a Direct Contribution Form found on the shelf in the narthex and drop it in the wooden box in the narthex or in the "Notes 4 Lisa" basket in the church office.

### UPDATED CONSTITUTIONS

are available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up a copy if you'd like.

**LWML MITE BOXES.** There is a purple & white "Mites for Missions" box on the table in the narthex for any loose donations you would like to give to support LWML local & national mission work. Thank you!

**DO YOU SHOP AT SCHNUCKS?** Schnucks offers a wonderful and EASY fundraising program, and Immanuel is a part of it. If you already have an e-scrip card, remember to use it every time you check out at Schnucks. If you don't have an e-scrip card, you can pick one up right as you enter Schnucks. They can be found on the display with the ads and other coupons. Thank you for using your cards!

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LCFS

**CHILDREN!** During November and December, we'll be collecting Christmas gifts for the children in LCFS foster care.

## **Last Weekend's Attendance**

	2015	2014
Saturday	74	48
7:45am	51	64
10:15am	<u>102</u>	<u>106</u>
	227	218

2015 weekend average attendance: 235

### Sunday School:

PreK-8th	33	\$8.75
HS & College	6	
Adults	<u>29</u>	
	68	

## **Bible Study Opportunities**

### Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study called "Letters from a Jailbird: Paul's Prison Epistles," at 9:00am in the overflow room.
- A high school and college Bible class in the youth room (lower level of the school building) at 9:00am. They are studying *Broken: 7 Christian Rules that Every Christian Ought to Break as Often as Possible* led by Vicar Merritt.
- A Bible study led by Alan Stumpf and Matthew Bohlmann in the multipurpose room at 9:00am for all 7th & 8th grade students and their parents.
- An adult & family DVD study by Dr. Kevin Lehman entitled "Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World" at 9:00am in the church basement kitchen. Feel free to bring your little ones, too!

### Tuesdays:

- A Bible study on Mormonism led by Pastor Troup at Burger King at 6:30am. This is a Bible fellowship for men.

### Wednesdays:

- A Study of Romans led by Vicar Merritt Demski in the overflow room at 9:30am. This is a Bible fellowship for adults.

### Thursdays:

- Ladies, we are taking a break for the holidays. We'll resume with our study of Ruth on January 7th.

The lists can be found on the Christmas trees on the back walls of the church. Please take a list or two and purchase 2-3 gifts for each child. The unwrapped gifts will need to be returned (with a label attached to each gift) to the decorated box in the narthex or to the church office on or before Dec. 6th. Feel free to contact Lisa in the church office (939-6480) if you have any questions.

**COLLECTION FOR CONCORDIA SEMINARY'S FOOD BANK.** The Board of Social Ministry will also be collecting non-perishable food items for Concordia Seminary's Food Bank during November & December. These items include all canned goods, boxed items, sauces, soups, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers (all sizes), laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies, and other non-perishable items. This Food Bank benefits all of the Seminary students and their families throughout the year. You can put your donations in the barrel in the narthex.

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP.** A couple elders, Wayne Collmeyer & Scott Janssen, have recently began a Men's Prayer Group. Are you interested in attending? If so, they meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 8:00pm at Wayne's house (209 Crosswinds Ct.) in Waterloo. Need directions or have questions, give Wayne a call (618-719-7235).

**POINSETTIAS!** As in years past, we will again be decorating our altar and nave with beautiful poinsettia plants. The plants will be purchased from the Waterloo High School FFA and are \$6.00 each. Would you like to purchase one in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one or a special event. Please fill out the order form on the insert and drop it, along with your payment, in the wooden box in the narthex or on the desk in the church office. **The order deadline is Sunday, Dec. 6th.**

**AN USHERS' MEETING** will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22 after the 10:15am service. If you serve on an usher team, please make every effort to attend. —The Board of Spiritual Ministry

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICES.**

Immanuel will have a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wed., Nov. 25 at 7:30pm, and a Thanksgiving Day service on Thurs., Nov. 26 at 9:00am. Holy communion will be celebrated at each service. All are welcome!

**THANKSGIVING DINNER!** The Waterloo Lions' Club will be hosting their annual "Share the Feast" Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 26 at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Grade School cafeteria in Waterloo. Serving from 11:30am until 1:00pm, and you are welcome to dine in, carryout, or call for delivery. Reservations are suggested but not necessary. For reservations, carryouts or delivery, please contact Ruth Ann Mueller at 618-939-6867.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE.**

The practices for this year's Children's Christmas Service "Christmas Jubilee" will begin soon! Young people in preschool—8th grade are encouraged to take part in this special service. The practices will be held on Sundays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13, from 1:30-3:00pm, and on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 9:30-11:00am. The service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7:00pm, and a "Birthday Party for Jesus" will follow the service.

## **HOMETOWN HARMONY**

**CONCERT.** The 6th Annual Hometown Harmony Christmas Concert is set for Sunday, November 29. This talented group of local singers will take the Hope Christian Church stage at 6:30pm. This year's theme is "Twinkling Lights and Holy Nights." The concert will feature the Singers Spotlight children's performance group as guests. In addition to Christmas classics and great 4-part harmony, there will be a special visit from Rudolph, Frosty and Santa! You're sure to leave this concert in the Christmas spirit!! Doors open at 5:45pm. Purchase advance tickets for \$5 or pay \$6 at the door. You can purchase advance tickets at First National Bank of Waterloo (all locations) or State Bank of Waterloo (all locations). Kids 10 & under are free. No advance seat reservations.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP NEEDED.** Show your creative skills by volunteering to assist with the church Christmas

decorations on Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at 8:00am. Your help is appreciated! Thank you!

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OUR CRAFT FAIR?**

We are looking for people to participate in our Craft Fair during the Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 5th. If you would like to participate, please fill out the Craft Fair Contract in your bulletin. You can drop it, along with your payment, in the wooden box in the narthex or on the desk in the church office.

**COOKIES, PLEASE!** Well, it is that time again! Time for our infamous cookie bakers to begin creating their specialties. Our Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9am-12pm. Cookies will be sold by the pound (\$7.00 per lb.), and we would love all kinds of cookies. Can you help? Please fill out the special Cookie Walk form in your bulletin. You can drop this form in the box in the narthex or on the desk in the church office. Thanks, in advance, for your donations!

**TRIVIA NIGHT.** Immanuel's Uganda Mission Team will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, December 5th at 7:00pm in the multipurpose room. Get a table of 6-8 friends or family together and come out for a fun evening to support mission work! \$10 per person. You may bring your own snacks and drinks, but no alcohol please. Please contact the church office (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com or 939-6480) to reserve your table today!

**BOOK CLUB.** December's book, *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson, will be discussed on Monday, Dec. 7 at 7:00pm in the library. Come & join in on the discussion!

**THE CHRIST CONCERT IS RETURNING!** Immanuel is reprising the Christ Concert during Advent this year. The Advent service on Dec. 16th will include the Christ Concert and the Living Nativity. **Are you interested in sharing your musical talents (vocal or instrumental) in the Christ Concert?** If so, **let us know!** Contact the church office (939-6480) or Ann Frank (282-6597) by Dec. 1st.