



Weekly Calendar Nov. 29-Dec. 6, 2015

Sunday, 11/29

- 1:30-3p Children's Christmas Service Practice
6:30p Adult Information Class (Overflow Room)

Monday, 11/30

- 7:00p Women's Christian Ministry Meeting
8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 12/1

- 6:30a Men's Bible Study
6-7:30p Zumba
7:00p Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, 12/2

- 9:30a Adult Bible Study
5:45-6:15p Immanuel Bells
6:15-7:15p Midweek Classes
6:15-7:15p Choir Practice
7:30p Advent Service
8:15p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 12/3

- 5:00p Weight Watchers

Friday, 12/4

- 6:00p Set up for Cookie Walk & Craft Fair

Saturday, 12/5

- 9-12p Cookie Walk & Craft Fair
5:30p Holy Communion
7:00p Trivia Night

Sunday, 12/6

- 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God by Mitchell, Dawn, Cameron & Chase Rubemeyer in memory of Mitchell's parents, Ron & Delores Rubemeyer, and Dawn's mother, Nancie Lee Farago.

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 Jakson Gregory and his family in our prayers. His parents are Josh & Jessica. May God bless you and your family in all your ways, Jakson!

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) or call Member Care Services (1-800-847-4836) to find out if you have any dollars available to donate.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Second Sunday in Advent. The readings for next Sunday will be Mal. 3:1-7b; Phil. 1:2-11; and Luke 3:1-14. 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 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 & December, we'll be collecting Christmas gifts for the children in

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2015	2014
Saturday	51	56
7:45am	52	58
10:15am	<u>126</u>	<u>106</u>
	229	220

2015 weekend average attendance: 235

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	42	\$16.50
HS & College	6	
Adults	<u>24</u>	
	72	

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 a special topic 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.

LCFS foster care. 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. 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).

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) MEETINGS. Do you or someone you know suffer with mental illness? If so, two meetings, one for the person with mental illness and the other for family & friends of those with mental illness, are held at Immanuel on the 2nd Monday of each month. Each are held at 7:00pm. One is held in the overflow room and the other is held in the church basement kitchen. Rev. Royal Boeder is one of the group leaders. Visit www.nami.org for more details.

ATTENTION MALE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Are you planning to attend college in the fall of 2016? If so, you can apply for grants & scholarships offered by the National Lutheran Fraternity, Beta Sigma Psi. Contact Lisa in the church office for more details and for an application.

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 page 11 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.**

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 Sat., 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 at First National Bank of Waterloo (all locations) or State Bank of Waterloo (all locations) or pay \$6 at the door. 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!

COOKIES, PLEASE! Well, it is that time again! Time for our infamous cookie bakers to begin creating their specialties. We would love all kinds of cookies. Can you help? You can drop off

your cookies on Fri., Dec. 4 from 9:00am-7:00pm. Thanks, in advance, for your donations!

COME AND SHOP! Don't forget to stop by our annual Cookie Walk and Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9am-12pm. Cookies will be sold by the pound (\$7.00 per lb.), and be sure to visit the crafters and vendors, too!

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 (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.

LIVING NATIVITY. Would you like to participate in the Living Nativity this year? If so, contact the church office as soon as possible to let us know.