



Weekly Calendar Dec. 20-27, 2015

Sunday, 12/20

7:00p Children's Christmas Service & Birthday Party for Jesus

Monday, 12/21

8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 12/22

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

Wednesday, 12/23

9:30a Adult Bible Study
5:45-6:30p Immanubells
6:30p Agape Ringers Practice

No Midweek Classes

No Choir Practice

Thursday, 12/24

Church Office Closed
4:00p Holy Communion
7:30p Holy Communion

Friday, 12/25

Church Office Closed
9:00a Holy Communion

Saturday, 12/26

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 12/27

7:45a Holy Communion
9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
10:15a Worship Service
2:45p Christmas Caroling (meet in the 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 Larry & Georgia Wynn in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Larry & Georgia, and may God bless you always!

WELCOME! Dale Zeisset was recently received into membership here at Immanuel through our Adult Information Class. Dale is the husband of Val Zeisset and has been attending Immanuel for some time. Welcome, Dale, and God bless you abundantly!

THANK YOU to the Christmas Decorating Committee for getting the church ready for Christmas! Those who helped were Ann Frank, Barb & Courtney Heimbürger, Pam Jacobs, Andrea & Sydney Kuergeleis, Ken, Susan & Matthew Stratman, and Val Zeisset. Thanks also to Wayne Collmeyer, Larry Goessling, and Allen Jacobs for setting up our outside nativity! It all looks beautiful!

THANKS to all the wonderful bakers, vendors, crafters, helpers, and buyers at this year's Cookie Walk. We had a great selection of cookies when we opened, and they were quickly snatched up! YUM! We earned \$1,550. The proceeds after paying bills will be donated to our preschool to help defray

expenses for this school year. Thanks again for your support!

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 First Sunday after Christmas. The readings for next Sunday will be Ex. 13:1-3a, 11-15; Col. 3:12-17; and Luke 2:22-40. 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 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 November 2015 are available in the narthex for anyone wishing a copy of the report.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March 2016 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

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2015	2014
Saturday	56	64
7:45am	47	62
10:15am	101	137
	204	263
Advent 3	138	185

2015 weekend average attendance: 234

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	30	\$21.00
HS & College	4	
Adults	20	
	54	

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 will be discussing the question "What Does It Look Like to Be a Christian in Our Culture?" led by Vicar Merritt.
- "Luke and Matthew: The Pre-Christmas Story" led by Alan Stumpf in the multipurpose room at 9:00am for all junior high, senior high & college 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 "Joseph: Carpenter of Steel" 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 will resume our study of the book of Ruth on January 7th.

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!

COLLECTION FOR CONCORDIA SEMINARY'S FOOD BANK. The Board of Social Ministry is collecting non-perishable food items for Concordia Seminary's Food Bank during 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.

COATS! COATS! COATS! Do you have like new or gently used coats at home that you

would like to donate to adults & children in need? If so, Daniel Menke, an Immanuel member and an IL State Trooper, is heading up a coat drive for local families (adults & children) who may otherwise not have coats during this upcoming winter.

Please drop off any donations in the church office by Sunday, December 20th.

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 Collmeyer'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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY. Pastor Troup is leading a study on "Joseph: Carpenter of Steel" on Tuesday mornings at 6:30am at Burger King. Come & join in the discussion!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

SERVICE. The Children's Christmas Service "Christmas Jubilee" will be held on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7:00pm, and a "Birthday Party for Jesus" will follow the service. All are welcome to attend!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING. All are invited to go Christmas

Caroling with the Board of Social Ministry, the youth group, and the choirs on Sunday, Dec. 27th. We'll meet in the overflow room at 2:45pm and break into 2 groups to visit 5 Waterloo nursing/assisted living homes (Rosedale House, Garden Place, Legacy Place, Oak Hill/ Magnolia Terrace, and Bellefontaine Place). Members and friends of all ages are welcome; the more, the merrier!

BOOK CLUB. January's book, *The Defense Never Rests*, by Craig Parton, will be discussed on Monday, Jan. 4 at 7:00pm in the library. All are welcome to come & join in on the discussion! February's book will be *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick.

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will resume their study of *Ruth: More Than a Love Story* on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:00pm in the overflow room. All ladies are welcome! We'll continue meeting on Thursdays at 7:00pm until Easter.

GROW BY ONE. Immanuel will begin a 3-week Stewardship Emphasis in January 2016. "Grow by One: Growing One Step at a Time" is our theme, and we'll be focusing on using our time, talents, and treasures for God's glory. Join us as we "Grow by One" as a family of Christ! See the insert for more details.

WOMEN'S RETREAT. Ladies, you are invited to attend Camp Wartburg's Women's Retreat on January 22-23, 2016. The theme is "Rejoicing in Being a Woman of God" and the speaker is Deaconess Ruth McDonnell. Come and enjoy a relaxing time getting to know other Christian women in the area as we delve into God's Word together. The retreat begins at 6:00pm on Friday and ends at 2:00pm on Saturday. Friday's snacks and Saturday's breakfast & lunch are included. Would you like to attend? The cost is \$45, but Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry is sponsoring this retreat so your cost is only \$25. Contact Lisa Clamors (939-6480 or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more info.