



Weekly Calendar Jan. 3-10, 2016

Monday, 1/4

- 10a-1p Help Assembling
VBS kits for children
in Uganda (lunch
served)
7:00p Book Club Meeting
8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 1/5

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

Wednesday, 1/6

- 9:30a Adult Bible Study
6-6:30p Immanubells
6:30-8p Midweek Classes
7-8p Choir Practice
8:05p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 1/7

- 5:00p Weight Watchers
Meeting
7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, 1/9

- 9:30a Board of Evangelism
Meeting
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 1/10

- 7:45a Holy Communion
9:00a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes
10:15a Worship Service &
Uganda Team
Commissioning

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 Candace Zlatich and her family in our prayers. Her parents are David & Francis. May God bless you and your family in all your ways, Candace!

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 Baptism of Our Lord. The readings for next Sunday will be Is. 43:1-7; Rom. 6:1-11; and Luke 3:15-22. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

THANK YOU! Dear friends, thank you so much for your many Christmas cards and gifts we received this holiday season. We feel truly blessed to be at Immanuel and to have such loving and supportive parishioners. Thank you again and God bless each and every one of you! Pastor and Cindy

THANK YOU FOR THE COATS!

Danny Menke, an Immanuel member and IL state trooper, on behalf of the IL State Police, would like to all who donated coats during the past few weeks. These coats will be given to families who need them during this cold time of year. Thanks again for your generosity!

THANK YOU to the following instrumentalists who added their time & talents to the various services during the Advent &

Christmas seasons: Paul Broske, Brittany Buettner, Erica Crawford, Jay, Jerry, Joe & Jon Grant, Karen Hodapp, Ben Konrad, Cal Neeman, Daniel & Elden Niemeyer, Rachel Patterson, Ian Schrader, and Adrianna Whelan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

SUPPORT AND PRAYERS! We are in the final stages of our trip to Uganda. We'll be leaving on January 14th and returning on January 31st. Our commissioning will be held on January 10th during the 10:15am service. Please continue to keep the team (Adam Eggemeyer, Emilie [Eggemeyer] Land, Bob & Linda Polansky, Anne Stumpf, and Jason & Nick Valerius) in your prayers.

CAROLING THANKS!

Thanks to all who caroled on Sunday to Oak Hill & Magnolia Terrace, Bellefontaine Place, Rosedale House, Garden Place, and Legacy Place. Those who joined in the fun were Sandy Benyo, Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Ann Frank, Jenna & Paul Hoeffken, Jeanette Moeller, Sandy Mueller, Elden Niemeyer, Jennifer, Rachel & Lauren Patterson, Vivian Reiss, and Michael Trout. Paul & Michael even did some solos in German which the residents really enjoyed! What a wonderful way to spread Christmas joy and God's love to others even in our busy lives!

THANK YOU to everyone who sent me Christmas cards this year. I really appreciate all of the cards and kind words. You all brightened my days. Sincerely, Judy Hitzemann

NARTHEX EXPANSION

EXPLORATION COMMITTEE.

Immanuel's Church Council recently formed the Narthex Expansion Exploration Committee to explore the possibility of enlarging the area around the main doors of the church. A Narthex Expansion Exploration Fund was also established for the purpose of paying for architect drawings and other expenses. An architect has already provided a free rough draft for this expansion, but more detailed drawings will be needed. The committee members are: Pam Schrader, Jane Schaefer, Roger Kinzinger, Larry Goessling, Melissa Ziegler, Karen Hodapp, and Allen Jacobs.

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

If so, please visit our website (www.immanuelwaterloo.org) for info on the latest events and activities taking place at Immanuel! It's pretty cool and has a user-friendly layout! A link to all of our past services can be found there, too. Click on Announcements/Blogs for the latest announcements, newsletters, and weekly updates. 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!

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2015	2014
CE 4:00p	263	238
CE 7:30p	<u>128</u> 391	<u>153</u> 391
CD 9:00a	116	105
Saturday	30	59
7:45am	51	42
10:15am	<u>76</u> 157	<u>121</u> 222

2015 weekend average attendance: 232

Sunday School:

PreK—8th	15	\$4.75
HS & College	4	
Adults	<u>27</u> 46	

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study called "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation," 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 Post-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 Bible study led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe 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' Bible study, *Ruth: More Than a Love Story*, in the overflow room at 7:00pm.

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!

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.

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!

"EXPLAINING ALL OF THE SCARY STUFF IN REVELATION" is the topic of Pastor Troup's new Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the overflow room. This study is a DVD series produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries. All are welcome!

COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY.

The Board of Social Ministry have 2 collections in January. The first one is for **New Life Evangelistic Center in St. Louis.** They are in need of new & gently used blankets and men's warm clothing items (coats, gloves, socks, hats, scarves, sweatshirts, sweatpants). The second is for **Life Network of Southern Illinois** in Waterloo. We will be handing out baby bottles for your spare change. These donations help Life Network provide help to hundreds of families in Monroe County. Be on the lookout for the special barrel and bottles!

WE NEED YOUR HELP assembling craft kits for VBS in Uganda. We are planning on creating Jesus bracelets, and each bead on the bracelet represents a Bible verse. We plan on assembling kits on Monday, January 4th starting at 10:00am at church. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in helping that day, call or text Linda Polansky (618-980-3475).

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 be having a 3-week Stewardship Emphasis during Jan. 16-17, 23-24 & 30-31. "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 pg. 19 of your bulletin 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 \$20. **Contact Lisa Clamors (939-6480 or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more info.**

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING EVENT! West Park Bowl in Columbia will be the venue for the youth group's bowling event on Friday, January 29th. \$10 per youth includes pizza, soda, and unlimited bowling for 2 hours. (Adults who would like to bowl must pay the standard rate.) Be sure to invite your friends. Those attending can be dropped off at the bowling alley at 6:00pm and picked up at 8:00pm, or people can meet at the Ed building at 5:30pm, and parents can pick up youth at the Ed building when we return at 8:30pm. Please just make Vicar or Sandy Nichols is aware of your plans for the evening.

TRIVIA NIGHT—MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Immanuel's youth group will be hosting a Trivia Night & Silent Auction on Saturday, March 12 at 7:00pm at the VFW Hall in Waterloo. More details will follow.