



Weekly Calendar Jan. 17-24, 2016

1/14—1/31

Uganda Mission Trip

Monday, 1/18

Pastor Troup's day off

No Preschool Classes

8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 1/19

6:30a Men's Bible Study

6-7:30p Zumba

7:00p Women's Christian
Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, 1/20

8:30a Adult Bible Study

6-6:30p Immanubells

6:30-8p Midweek Classes

7-8p Choir Practice

8:05p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 1/21

5:00p Weight Watchers
Meeting

7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

7:00p Church Council
Meeting

1/22—1/23

Women's Retreat at Camp
Wartburg

Saturday, 1/23

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 1/24

7:45a Holy Communion

9:00a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes

10:15a Worship Service &
Preschool Children
Sing in honor of
Lutheran Schools Week

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 Art Meyer and Jane Schaefer in memory of Ellie Meyer.

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 Nevaeh Pickering and her family in our prayers. Her parents are Zach & Deidra. May God bless you and your family in all your ways, Nevaeh!

GROW BY ONE. This is week one of Immanuel's Stewardship Emphasis, "Grow by One: Growing One Step at a Time." This weekend during our services, we'll focus on using our time for God's glory. Join us as we "Grow by One" as a family of Christ! See pg. 19 of your bulletin and the special bulletin insert for more details. During the services on Consecration Sunday, Jan. 30-31, we will be collecting your Stewardship Talents Survey and Commitment sheets. Between now and then, please prayerfully consider how you can "Grow by One" in your commitment of time, talents, and/or treasure.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The readings for next Sunday will be Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; and Luke 4:16-30. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS! The Uganda Mission Team left on January

14th and will be returning on January 31st. Please continue to keep the team (Adam Eggemeyer, Emilie [Eggemeyer] Land, Bob & Linda Polansky, Anne Stumpf, and Jason & Nick Valerius) in your prayers as they travel and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all they encounter.

THANK YOU to all those who helped put together the VBS craft kits for our Uganda Mission Trip. Those people are Betsie Adams, Veronica Demski, Chris Doerr, Vici Eader, Ann Frank, Carol Gruber, Jean Hoeffken, Audrey Hoffmann, Ethel Kurfman, Taryn Niemeyer, Ruth Polansky, Lois Rabbermann, Pastor & Cindy Troup, and Val Zeisset. Also, special thanks to Larry Goessling & John Patterson for their donations toward tools that we took on our trip. — In Christ, Linda Polansky and the entire Mission Team

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 (see below) 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!

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

Want to view our worship services or need more info? Visit us at www.immanuelwaterloo.org.

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
Saturday	77	73
7:45am	37	60
10:15am	127	119
	241	252

2016 weekend average attendance: 235

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	30	\$13.50
HS & College	6	
Adults	26	
	62	

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 study in the youth room (lower level of the school building) at 9:00am. They are discussing the question "What Does It Look Like to Be a Christian in Our Culture?" led by Vicar Merritt.
- A Bible study led by Alan Stumpf in the multipurpose room at 9:00am for all junior high 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 "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation" 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.

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 CHURCH

DIRECTORIES 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 "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation" 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 through their annual Baby Bottle Drive. Empty baby bottles are available in the narthex. Take one home, place your spare change in it, and bring it back by Jan. 31st. These donations help Life Network provide help to hundreds of families in Monroe County.

BAPTISMAL LAMBS. Was your son or daughter baptized at Immanuel in 2015? If so, please pick up his/her lamb from the church office. This is a nice reminder of that special day.

YOUTH NIGHT! All 7th-12th grade youth are invited to our next youth night on Sunday, January 17 from 6-8pm in the youth room. We'll have a Bible study, play some games, and eat some snacks. Hope you can join us, and feel free to bring a friend!

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 make Vicar or Sandy Nichols aware of your plans for the evening.

BOOK CLUB. All are welcome to come & join in on the discussion of *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick at our next meeting. Join us on Monday, February 1st at 7:00pm in the church library.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES.

"The Scandal of Lent" will be our theme for our sermon series beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10 and continuing each Wednesday throughout Lent. Join us for our midweek services as we explore "The Scandal of Lent." More info about specific weekly topics will be available soon!

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.