



## Weekly Calendar Jan. 24-31, 2016

1/14–1/31

Uganda Mission Trip

**Monday, 1/25**

*Pastor Troup's day off*

8:00p AA Meeting

8:00p Men's Prayer Group

**Tuesday, 1/26**

6:30a Men's Bible Study

6-7:30p Zumba

**Wednesday, 1/27**

9:30a Adult Bible Study

6-6:30p Immanubells

6:30-8p Midweek Classes

7-8p Choir Practice

8:05p Agape Ringers

**Thursday, 1/28**

5:00p Weight Watchers

Meeting

7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

**Friday, 1/29**

6-8p Youth Group

Bowling Night at

West Park Bowl in  
Columbia

**Saturday, 1/30**

5:30p Holy Communion

**Sunday, 1/31**

7:45a Worship Service

9:00a Sunday School &  
Bible Study Classes

10:15a Holy Communion

## 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 last

weekend were given to the glory of God by Jim Neusel in memory of Ruthie.

### THE ALTAR FLOWERS this

weekend are given to the glory of God by Dave & Julie Powell in thanksgiving for the birth of their granddaughter, Molly.

**WE WELCOME** Edward Curt Arras into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism during the Saturday evening service this weekend. Edward is the son of Eddie & Annie nee Wood Arras. His sponsors are Matt & Jenny Prather and Emily Chittum. May God bless you and keep you in all your ways, Edward!

**WE WELCOME** many of Immanuel's preschool students and their families to our 10:15am service this weekend to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week by sharing God's love through singing and ringing. We are glad you are here!

### 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 Brenlyn Kistner and his family in our prayers. His parents are Neil & Kayla. May God bless you and your family in all your ways, Brenlyn!

**GROW BY ONE.** This is week two 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

talents for God's glory. Join us as we "Grow by One" as a family of Christ! See 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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The readings for next Sunday will be Jer. 1:4-10 (17-19); 1 Cor. 12:31b—13:13; and Luke 4:31-44. 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.

### 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 and to our calendar 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.

### REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

(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 educ. building. Load them up with your paper recycling products!

**NEED ICE?** 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!

Want to view our worship services or need more info? Visit us at [www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org).

## Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
Saturday	66	59
7:45am	52	56
10:15am	<u>92</u>	<u>128</u>
	210	243

2016 weekend average attendance: 227

### Sunday School:

PreK-8th	24	\$5.85
HS & College	6	
Adults	<u>23</u>	
	53	

## 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 "Accounts of Christian Teaching & Service" 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, *A Work in Progress: A Scriptural Course toward Self-Improvement*, in the overflow room at 7:00pm.

## Men's Prayer Group

All are welcome!

2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:00pm  
Wayne Collmeyer's house  
209 Crosswinds Ct., Waterloo  
Need directions or have questions?  
Give Wayne a call (618-719-7235).

**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 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!

**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](http://www.nami.org) for more details.

**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.

**JOIN US FOR LADIES' BIBLE STUDY!** *A Work in Progress: A Scriptural Course toward Self-Improvement* will be the topic of the next Ladies' Bible study beginning on Jan. 28. Join us each Thursday at 7:00pm in the overflow room as we discuss seven pertinent topics—responsibility, respect, compassion, peace, service, cooperation, and perseverance—using God's Word to help us strive for personal betterment and start pouring more of God's Word into our everyday routine! Books are on the desk in the church office; feel free to pick one up anytime!

**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." See the insert for more details!

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER.** The Fellowship Committee is planning Immanuel's Progressive Dinner for adults on Saturday, February 27, 2016. We will begin the evening with appetizers at 5:00pm and travel to other homes for dinner and dessert. There is no cost for the evening, but you will be asked to bring a food item. We are looking for people to host, too! Come and enjoy and evening of socializing and making new friends. Sign up in the narthex by Sunday, February 21st.

**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.

**LIVING LAST SUPPER.** Immanuel is planning to again present the Living Last Supper drama during Lent. This year the drama will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20, at 4:00pm. This new time will give people of different congregations an opportunity to see the drama and worship in their own churches on Maundy Thursday. We're looking for 13 men to play the parts of Jesus (a non-speaking role) and his 12 disciples. If you're interested in being one of the actors, please contact the church office at 939-6480. Don Birrittier will be the director, and practices will be held on Sunday nights beginning on Feb. 21 at 6:30pm.