



Weekly Calendar Feb. 7-14, 2016

Monday, 2/8

Pastor Troup's day off

- 7:00p NAMI Meetings
- 8:00p Men's Prayer Group
- 8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 2/9

- 6:30a Men's Bible Study
- 6-7:30p Zumba
- 7:15p Board of Christian Education Meeting

Ash Wednesday, 2/10

- 9:00a Holy Communion
- 10:00a Adult Bible Study
- 5:45-6:15p Immanubells
- 6:15-7:15p Midweek Classes
- 6:15-7:15p Choir Practice
- 7:30p Holy Communion
- 8:30p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 2/11

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

Saturday, 2/13

- 9:30a Board of Evangelism Meeting
- 10a-3p Youth Group Event: Concordia Seminary Food Bank and Tour
- 5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 2/14

- 7:45a Holy Communion
- 9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
- 10:15a Worship Service
- 11:30a National Youth Gathering Meeting

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 Adley Ogden and her mom, Erica, in our prayers. May God bless you and your family in all your ways, Adley!

GROW BY ONE. Last Sunday was Consecration Sunday, the final week of our Stewardship Emphasis, "Grow by One: Growing One Step at a Time." Thank you to all who have already turned in your commitment sheet and talents survey. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so today. We'll unofficially tally these and then give them back to you so you can remember how you plan to "Grow by One" within Immanuel and God's kingdom!

NEXT SUNDAY is First Sunday in Lent. The readings for next Sunday will be Deut. 26:1-11; Rom. 10:8b-13; and Luke 4:1-13. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS can be found in the box on the windowsill in the narthex. Pick up a copy today!

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 education 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!

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!

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP. All men are welcome to attend a Men's

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

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
Saturday	49	55
7:45am	63	37
10:15am	<u>108</u>	<u>132</u>
	220	224

2016 weekend average attendance: 250

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	32	\$12.85
HS & College	6	
Adults	<u>24</u>	
	62	

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study called "Daniel at Immanuel," 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 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.

Prayer Group 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.

WARM CLOTHING AND

BLANKETS are still needed for the Board of Social Ministry's collection 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). There is a barrel in the narthex for these items.

HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICE (HNS) UPDATE!

Western Egyptian has ceased to operate Senior Meals and Meals on Wheels on Fridays as of Feb. 1, so HNS is going to provide financial assistance to them so that they can provide these meals on Fridays as well as the rest of the week. We need your help with funding this for the next few weeks. You can donate online at mcohouseofneighborlyservice.weebly.com or checks can also be mailed to HNS, PO Box #367, Waterloo, IL. They simply need you to indicate "Senior Meals". Thank you for your help!

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.

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING NEWS!

Did you know that 15 young people and 4-5 adults from Immanuel will be attending the 2016 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA this summer? The youth will be busy with fundraisers, Bible studies, and other events within the next 6 months as they prepare for this exciting week in God's Word with 30,000+ fellow high school age young people. Be on the lookout for opportunities to support them!

NEW BIBLE STUDY! Pastor Troup is leading a new Bible study

on Sunday mornings from 9-10am in the overflow room on the book of Daniel. He's calling it "Daniel at Immanuel." All are welcome!

MIDWEEK TIME CHANGES.

During Lent (Feb. 10th – Mar. 16th) our Wednesday evening midweek classes will be held from 6:15pm to 7:15pm. Youth bells practices will be held from 5:45pm to 6:15pm, choir practices will be from 6:15pm to 7:15pm, and adult bells practices will be held following the Lenten services. Please note these changes!

LENTEN SERVICES. Join us beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th throughout Lent for special midweek services. Our Ash Wednesday services will be held at 9:00am and 7:30pm. The remaining midweek services will be held at 7:30pm. All are welcome!

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 pg. 19 of your bulletin for more details!

YOUTH SERVICE EVENT AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY.

Immanuel's youth group will be going to Concordia Seminary to deliver food pantry items, help stock shelves, and tour the campus on Saturday, Feb. 13. The plan is to leave Waterloo around 10:00am, grab food somewhere, and head to the Seminary. Would you like to attend? Contact Vicar Merritt (mdemski@htc.net) to receive all of the details and to RSVP.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING THIS SUMMER?

If so, please attend a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 14th immediately following the 10:15am service (approx. 11:30am) in the overflow room. Youth and their parents are asked to attend this brief (30 minutes or less!) and important meeting. Vicar Merritt wants to update everyone with the plans and fundraising efforts. Contact Vicar directly (mdemski@htc.net) if you cannot attend.

"MEET & GREET" POTLUCK!

The Board of Social Ministry invites you to come and "meet & greet" those members received during 2015 at a luncheon on Sunday, February 21. The luncheon will be held immediately following the 10:15am service (at approx. 11:30am) in the multipurpose room (gym), and it's a potluck! Pulled pork, bread, and drinks will be

provided. If you plan to attend, please bring the following...those with last names beginning with A-M, please bring a side dish or salad and those with last names beginning with N-Z, please bring a dessert. We hope you can join us!

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 on the board in the narthex by Sunday, February 21st.**

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION!

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. \$100 per table with a max of 10 people per table. You can bring your own snacks, but drinks must be purchased at the VFW. Contact the church office (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com OR 939-6480) to reserve your table! Would you like to donate an item to the silent auction? If so, feel free to drop it off in the church office anytime.

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've had several volunteers already, but we're still looking for more men to play the parts of Jesus and a few of his 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.

BOOK CLUB. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee at our next meeting. Join us on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the church library. By the way, our April book will be *The Martian* by Andy Weir.