

Immanuel Monthly

April 2016



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Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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From Our Administrative Pastor...

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. Romans 13:11-12

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

One of the least noticed things I do as a pastor is to create a greeting for Immanuel's voicemail. If you've ever called church when no one was in the office or when a staff member was already talking on the phone, you've probably heard this greeting. I identify the church, give the times of our worship services, and invite people to leave a message if they wish to talk to our secretary, Lisa, or to the pastor. Simple!

The only problem is this. The phone company only gives us a minute to record the greeting. If there are special services taking place at Immanuel, it's a mouthful to spit out the regular service times and the special service times in one minute! Sometimes I have to leave out a part of the regular greeting. What's more, sometimes it's a real balancing act trying to say what I have to say and speaking the greeting slowly and distinctly. Because I only have a minute to say it, I need to use the time wisely. I need to make the seconds count!

The same can be said of our lives in Christ. We only have a limited time on this earth. Jesus could call us home through death or return to earth in glory at any time! And so we need to use our time wisely. Make every second count. And that means carefully balancing our lives. Spending time at work and making a living, but also spending time with the Lord in daily prayer and devotions. Spending time at worship and Bible study with fellow believers. Spending time with loved ones and friends. Spending time at rest, exercise and refreshing activities. Leaving out any of these commitments of time can be harmful—harmful to one's body and soul!

And so let's be intentional about how we live our lives. Let's remember the Christian's priorities of God first, others second, and ourselves third. Remembering these priorities won't diminish us, but will make our lives rich, full, and a blessing to all those around us. Making the most of our time is the only way to go!

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A "Note" from our Music Director

The "ALLELUIAS" are back! And, practices continue...

Did you miss saying and singing the "alleluias" during the Lenten Season?

It is always wonderful to hear the congregation join in singing the **Hymn of Praise** from LSB's Divine Service I on Easter morning.

"This is the feast of victory for our God....alleluia, alleluia..."

As voices are raised in sharing the joy of the resurrection news, not just in the singing of the Hymn of Praise, but also in many of the Easter hymn verses, the **volume** of those alleluias vibrate throughout the sanctuary; hopefully, even into the streets around the church! The somberness of Lent has passed, and the **joyfulness** of Easter is here!

Now comes the challenge? is it possible for us to continue the loud volume of those **alleluias** throughout the rest of spring, and into summer? Hopefully, so!

Since Easter was early this year, the *Festivals of Pentecost* and *Holy Trinity* will be celebrated before the month of June (before summer vacations begin). So, it is *not too late* in the music season to join the Adult Choir in the balcony for Wednesday evening practices for these and more services to sing at!

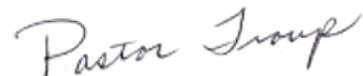
As always, if you have any questions, or about joining Immanuel's Music Ministry, please feel free to contact me.

Serving Him,



As always, I invite you to witness the profession of faith that these young Christians will make on Confirmation Sunday. They've been making the most of their time—and so should we. Let's make the most of our time by supporting and praying for these special young Christian men and women. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Love in Christ,



Openings are still available in the M/W/F class at Immanuel's Preschool for the 2016-2017 school year!

M/W/F Class for 4 yr. olds

8:30—11:30am

Children must be 4 by 9/1/16.

\$50 registration fee (non-refundable)

\$110/month tuition (Sept—May)

Visit our website

(www.immanuelwaterloo.org) or contact the office (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com or 939-6480) for more information or to get a registration packet.

Confirmation

David Broske, Drake Downing, Grace Herschbach, Kylee LaRue, Aaron Lloyd, Griffin Nichols, Kaden Nichols, Rachel Patterson, Audra Scheibe, Matthew Stratman, Jacob Williams

Eleven 8th graders will be confirmed on Sunday, April 24, 2016, during the 10:15am service!

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to...

1 Darian Becker
 2 Russell Lieb
 Harry Thompson
 3 Tiffany Mitchell
 Brett Wiegand
 Gwen Wiegand
 4 Matthew Stratman
 5 Karen Bouquet
 Brian White
 6 Nathan Grant
 Nathan Prescher
 Michael Rusteberg
 7 Megan Brandt
 Linda Harbison
 Scott Vogt
 8 Greg Hoeffken
 9 Chris Melliere
 10 Audrey Campbell
 Austin Campbell
 Roland Muench
 11 John Grant
 Ethan Perjak
 12 Amanda Bergheger
 Evan Fink
 Doris Horn
 Wendy Maag
 Sandy Thompson
 13 Alvera Jacobs
 Reagan Nichols
 14 Alicia Kirkley
 Bill Bradshaw
 Harold Verseman
 16 Kennedy Filipiak
 Andrea Glessner
 Alex Magnuson
 17 Rodney Clamors
 Wayne Collmeyer
 Bill Holtgrieve
 18 Chuck Cadman
 19 Claude Heimburger
 Erwin Liefer
 20 Tom Naber
 22 Jessica Bender
 Gina Eybel
 24 Tyler Koch
 25 Hunter Huck
 28 Alexis Keller
 Denise Wiese
 29 Kristin Crawford
 Robert Kettler
 Bob Osterhage
 Max Schrader
 30 Tom Bequette
 Julius Cottner
 Madalyn Valerius

Happy Anniversary to...

6 Joe & Audrey Campbell, 25 yr.
 7 Don & Jeanette Moeller, 55 yr.
 8 Rodney & Lisa Clamors, 16 yr.
 9 Edward & Marcine Horn, 28 yr.
 11 Gene & Diane Hoffmann, 46 yr.
 12 Don & Carol Matzenbacher, 47 yr.
 16 Jim & Karen Bouquet, 39 yr.
 Darrell & Jane Gaitsch, 38 yr.
 21 Brian & Dina Nobbe, 37 yr.
 Bill & Betty Schimpf, 10 yr.
 22 Robert & Mildred Menke, 44 yr.
 23 Russ & Bonita Lieb, 34 yr.
 24 John & Barb Grant, 6 yr.
 25 Vernon & Esther Brandt, 23 yr.
 Eric & Brittany Buettner, 1 yr.
 Roy & Bonnie Unterseh, 46 yr.
 26 Gary & Barbara Altes, 47 yr.
 Scott & April Kirkley, 8 yr.
 28 Jim & Lori Smothers, 26 yr.
 29 Howard & Norma Shive, 44 yr.
 30 Robert & Willa Mae Prange, 56 yr.
 John & Kim Valentine, 5 yr.

May God bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during April!

Youth Group News!

Robotics Field Trip Saturday, April 30th

Be sure to watch your youth group emails for all the details!

Plant Sale April 30th & May 1st

The youth will be sponsoring their 4th annual Plant Sale after each of the services. Watch the bulletins for more details!

Remember, youth nights and other youth events are typically held on the third Sunday of each month from 6-8pm and are open to all in 7th—12th grades. Feel free to bring a friend!

Parish Leaders

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Tony Troup, 618-340-8375

Church & School Staff:

Merritt Demski, 847-254-9666	Field Education Student
Lisa Clamors, 618-719-4954	Office Secretary
Ann Frank, 282-6597	Music Director
Sandy Mueller	Housekeeping
Ken Schanz	Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Cindy Troup, 618-340-0757	Preschool Director
Veronica Demski	Preschool Teacher's Aide

Church Council:

Lee Eggemeyer, 458-8555	President
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	Vice-President
Laura Kinzinger, 939-8175	Secretary
David Powell, 618-974-9222	Treasurer
Warren Frank, 282-6597	Financial Secretary
Taryn Niemeyer, 939-7982	Christian Education
Allen Jacobs, 939-3035	Church Properties
Colby Crook, 618-910-2825	Evangelism
Sandy Mueller, 618-420-1373	Social Ministry
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	Spiritual Ministry
Dawn Rubemeyer, 939-4314	Stewardship
Sandy Nichols, 618-719-3424	Youth Ministry

Other Volunteers:

Cindy Troup	Sunday School Superintendent
Louise Nobbe	Head Sacristans
Lerona Pryor	
Hazel Moeckel	
Sandy Thompson	Flower Coordinator
Lisa Clamors	Women's Christian Ministry
Janet Crawford	Fellowship Committee

Field Education Students:

Merritt Demski is technically our 4th year field education student, but is also a part-time employee as well.

Have you ever thought about joining one of Immanuel's Boards or committees? If so, please contact the appropriate person listed above.

Elders' Shepherding Program

(Families whose last name begins with)

A-B	Rodney Clamors, 618-719-4023
C-D	Jim Crawford, 618-799-8789
E-Ha	Scott Janssen, 214-629-6975
He-Hu	Bob Polansky, 618-979-0918
J-K	Jason Valerius, 458-4890
L-Mel	Wayne Collmeyer, 618-719-7235
Men-My	Cal Neeman, 939-5137
N-P	Elden Niemeyer, 939-7982
R-Sche	Larry Taake, 939-4757
Schi-Sw	Jerry Grant, 939-5032
T-Wel	Bill Holtgrieve, 939-9105
Wem-Z	Larry Goessling, 939-8824

Elders and Pastors:
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033

Monthly Collections

Board of Social Ministry:

April: Camp Wartburg

We are collecting items for Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL. Items needed include craft supplies for children of all ages, all kinds of cleaning supplies, and plants & bulbs. There is a barrel in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

Sunday School:

April: Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

Each month, the Sunday School classes take a monetary offering for a specific charity. Thank you to all of the Pre-K through 8th grade students that contribute to these collections each month!

Bi-County Backpack Program:

This is an ongoing collection that supports children in Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo throughout the year. See the weekly bulletins for a list of items needed.

Bible Study Opportunities!

Sunday Education Hour: This Bible study hour consists of Sunday School for the youth (3 years old to 8th grade), a young adult Bible study (high school & college age) on *“What Does It Look Like to Be a Christian in Our Culture?”*, led by Vicar Merritt in the youth room; a DVD study *“Daniel at Immanuel”* led by Pastor Troup in the overflow room; and a DVD-based Bible study on various topics for young adults and families led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe in the church basement kitchen.

Men’s Bible Study: A Bible study about Job led by Pastor Troup is held at Burger King every Tuesday at 6:30am.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class: This Bible study and fellowship time is held every Wednesday at 9:30am. This class is led by Vicar Merritt Demski. They are studying the Book of Romans.

Ladies’ Bible Study: Join us for our study of *The Rock Speaks* by Cindy Steinbeck on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the overflow room. Join us each Thursday over the next 6-8 weeks! All ladies are welcome!

Adult Information Classes: None at the present time. Watch the bulletins & newsletters for information on the next class.

Everyone is invited to attend one or more of these Bible studies!
Bring a friend!

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Erwin Liefer, Doris Horn, Roland Muench, Ed Horn, Isabel Gibbons, Linda Allscheid, Virginia Horn, Marvin Henry, Bernell Bachelier, Wilbert Kohlmeier, Sandy Moore, Donald Moore

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Susan Higgins, Al Gruber, Donna Huffman, Blayne Woodcock, Gordon Curd, Jane Walter, Kurt Klotzer

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Dusty Hansen, Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Eric & Linda Funke (Tanzania), Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

February 2016 Official Acts

Baptisms:

2/20/16—*Lucas David Garner*, son of Adam and Stephanie nee Gass Garner

2/21/16—*Benjamin Clark Braun*, son of Justin and Lindsey nee Wynn Braun

Funeral Service (at funeral home):

2/13/16—*Judith nee Mentel Nottmeier* (non-member)

Do You Have an Email Address?

Did you know that you could be a good steward by receiving our newsletter via e-mail? Call (939-6480) or e-mail (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

February Church Attendance

February 2016 (4)	913
February 2015 (4)	957
February 1986 (5)	964

2016 Weekly Average (as of 2/29): 240
As of 2/29/16, there were 871 baptized members.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Meetings

Does someone you know suffer with mental illness? If so, a meeting for family & friends of those with mental illness is held at Immanuel at 7:00pm on the 2nd Monday of each month in the overflow room. Rev. Royal Boeder leads this meeting. Visit www.nami.org for more details.

Our February Finances

Total Deposits	\$ 40,530.86
Total Expenses	\$ 32,081.85
Over/(Short)	\$ 8,449.01

February 29, 2016 Balances:

Checking	\$ 97,626.62
Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,082.02
Narthex Exp. Fund	\$ 2,480.00
Music Dept. Fund	\$ 0.00
Nobbe Mem. Fund	\$ 7,986.00
Loan	\$ 47,608.43

2016 Year to Date:

Deposits	\$ 71,287.86
Expenses	\$ 60,861.01
Over/(Short)	\$ 10,426.85
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 0.00

April 2016 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Greeters	Media Team
Sat, Apr 02	5:30pm		Chuck Keller	Keda Bachelier	Ian Schrader	Marilyn Collette	Haley/Hannah Vernier
Sun, Apr 03	7:45am	1		Veronica Demski	Jack Metzger & Lilly Prather	Ushers	Lisa Clamors ®
	10:15am	5	Bob Vernier	Karen Hodapp		Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe
Sat, Apr 09	5:30pm		Greg Wiegand	Keda Bachelier	Jacob Williams	Marilyn Collette	Dave Powell
Sun, Apr 10	7:45am	6	Wayne Collmeyer	Warren Frank	Kyra Drewes & Matthew Stratman	Ushers	Wyatt Drewes
	10:15am	7		Marian Obst	Griffin & Kaden Nichols	Ushers	Greg/Paul Hoeffken ®
Sat, Apr 16	5:30pm		Wayne Collmeyer	Wayne Collmeyer	Jordyn Koch	Marilyn Collette	Dave Powell
Sun, Apr 17	7:45am	9		Gary Altes	Kylee LaRue & Jenna Hoeffken	Ushers	Pam Nagel ®
	10:15am	8	Howard Shive	Warren Frank	Madalyn Valerius & Kaylee Tucker	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe
Sat, Apr 23	5:30pm		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Sophia Ali	Marilyn Collette	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Apr 24	7:45am	11	Gary Altes	Joey Birrittier	Alex Magnuson & Tyler Cooley	Ushers	Haley/Hannah Vernier
	10:15am	10	Warren Frank	Wayne Collmeyer	S. Wheat, Alex Whelan, P. Hoeffken	The Collmeyers	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes ®

Usher Teams:

- 1 Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Dennis & Raymond Brandt, Ed Arras
- 2 Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer
- 3 Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Alec & Michael Trout, Ollney Mueller Jr.
- 4 Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan
- 5 Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher
- 6 Jason & Nick Valerius, Wade Marshall, Gerald Woodcock, Tim Troup
- 7 Alan Stumpf, Larry Decker, Ross Schrader
- 8 Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
- 9 Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Joey Birrittier
- 10 Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
- 11 Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht, Eric Eggemeyer

Vestment Colors:

4/1—4/30 red

Saturday Accompanists:

4/2—Ann Frank
4/9—Joan Ruwald
4/16, 4/23, 4/30—Ron Jones

Collator:

Susan Hargrave

April 2016 Altar Flowers

4/2—4/3 open

4/9—4/10 open

4/16—4/17 Given to the glory of God by Andrew & Andrea Glessner in honor of Caleb's baptism

4/23—4/24 Given to the glory of God by Howard & Norma Shive in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary

The 2016 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sign up early for the weekend you would like! As your weekend gets closer, Sandy Thompson, the flower coordinator, will contact you to give you more details.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Fink	Pastor Troup's Day Off	6:30am - Men's Bible Study @ 7pm - Book Club Meeting	6:30am - Men's Bible Study @ 7pm - Elders' Meeting	9:30am - Adult Bible Study 6pm - Immanuelbells 6:30pm - Midweek Classes @ 7pm - Choir Practice 8pm - Agape Ringers	7pm - Ladies' Bible Study	
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7:45am - Worship 9am - Bible Study 10:15am - Worship	Pastor Troup's Day Off	6:30am - Men's Bible Study @ 7pm - NAMI Meeting @ Overflow 8pm - Men's Prayer Group	6:15pm - Board of Christian Ed	9:30am - Adult Bible Study 6pm - Immanuelbells 6:30pm - Midweek Classes @ 7pm - Choir Practice 8pm - Agape Ringers	7pm - Ladies' Bible Study	
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7:45am - Worship 9am - Bible Study 10:15am - Worship 5:30pm - Youth Board Meeting 6pm - BASIC Youth Group						18
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Collmayer	Pastor Troup's Day Off	Call Day @ Concordia Seminary	6:30am - Men's Bible Study @ 7pm - Watch Call Day Service!	9:30am - Adult Bible Study 7pm - Choir Practice 8pm - Agape Ringers	7pm - Ladies' Bible Study	
Confirmation						25
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						10am - Robotics Field Trip/Plant 5:30pm - Worship 6:30pm - Plant Sale

Our Website Is Where It's At!

Want to stay up to date? Go to our website (immanuelwaterloo.org) and check it out! Be sure to subscribe to the calendar, and you'll have the most up to date info on Immanuel's activities and events.

Also, click on Announcements/Blogs from the homepage to get access to all of the weekly announcements, updates, and newsletters. *Notice that something is missing? Let us know!*

An Update from Our Missionary Partners...

Funke News: Messes

Having a two-year-old, we definitely see our fair share of messes. Some are fun activities that bring out creativity and joy, like playing with shaving cream or paint. Some are simply gross, such as Michael's diapers while he is being treated for a parasite. As we reflect on the last month, we've noticed that our lives in general can also get pretty messy. Often things don't quite go as planned. Timelines change. Relationships can get complicated. Yet, through the messes, we receive and share God's messages.



Our School

Classes are back in full swing. So far Linda has taught four classes on study skills, one on goal setting, and one on spiritual warfare/growing in your faith. The students also give Linda question cards during class and sometimes through Eric during the week. They cover a wide range of topics, such as how can I find good friends, why does God allow evil, how do I know if someone is a witch, and what can I do about pimples. Answering students' question cards has allowed Linda to continue to support the students even as she spends most of her time at home these days. Eric has been struggling to get all the students signed up for the e-learning program and to keep the internet up and running. Since this is the first year the school has used the Tanzanian national curriculum for computers and national exams are usually given in year 2 and 4, the school administration has decided that Eric will begin that curriculum with Form 1, and those students won't take a national exam until next year. This decision has taken the pressure off of Eric to try to cover two years worth of topics in one year. We've begun movie nights again, and the students have loved The Nativity Story, Akeelah and the Bee, and Gifted Hands. One student even asked for our school to do its own spelling bee, so we'll see if we can work that into the schedule. Meanwhile the library and the two dorm extensions continue to progress. On Saturday, February 26th, Bishop Makala came to bless all three cornerstones. On the library, all the outside plaster is complete, the bars and windows are in, and the floors are close to being finished. Because the roof took longer than expected, the opening of the library/computer lab has been a bit delayed, but we hope to be able to move all the computers in this month!

Majid

We have received word that Majid's treatment is progressing well. The doctors are very hopeful that he will be able to walk. However, we have also received word that he will need special braces for a while, costing \$2000. We pray that the Lord will provide the money so that the healing can continue. We may not be seeing immediate miracles of the lame walking again very often, but these gradual medical miracles still inspire awe in us.

Mwanza

This month we made our second trip to Mwanza as a family. We needed to meet our lawyer who will be handling our adoption court case, Alex Banturaki, on Monday morning. Thus, we decided to make a weekend out of it. We were able to catch up with Mwanza friends we had not seen in many months, and greatly enjoyed staying with the Peck family. This family has meant a lot to us. Rob is a pediatric doctor, Liz is a nurse, and they have five wonderful children, two of which were adopted out of the same baby home as Michael. They have been great about answering our adoption and medical questions, and the kids play with and look after Michael so well! We loved watching Michael play with the other kids, not having to cook, being able to swim with Michael for the first time in their pool (which he loved!), and joining their English Bible study and Sunday School. We all had a wonderfully refreshing weekend.

Adoption News

This month we finally received from the Ministry of Social Welfare our copy of the undertaking, the incredibly important document that says we have custody of Michael. Our regional and district social workers also came for a home study. We had expected them in the morning, but they ended up arriving in the evening. Thankfully, Michael had taken a great nap that day and was in a wonderful mood. He was so charming, and they said they would definitely write a positive report about our family. Yay! However, the meeting with our lawyer in Mwanza didn't go as hoped. We were apparently naively optimistic about our chances of bringing Michael to the U.S. to meet the rest of his family this summer. We've learned that the next steps—2 court dates, adoption petition, adoption order, adoption certificate,

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Support Our BASIC Youth Group!

1. Immanuel's BASIC youth group sponsors a coffee & doughnut fellowship each Sunday morning from 8:45-9:00am and 10-10:15am outside the multipurpose room. **If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the list on the table.** All freewill offerings are appreciated!
2. 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.
3. The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products!
4. The ice machine is available and ice can be purchased for a freewill donation during office hours, and on weekends before and after worship. Simply load your container with the large ice scoop and place your money in the donation can.

Thank you for your support!

Stay Connected!

See the calendar on page 7 and the website (www.immanuelwaterloo.org) for all of the events coming up at Immanuel!

Join our youth bell choir (Immanubells) for a concert at Garden Place in Waterloo on Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00pm!

Funke News...continued from page 8...

Tanzanian passport, and U.S. visitor's visa—will likely take many months. Our case will be brought to the high court in Shinyanga, which is a relatively new court and has never had an adoption case. Our lawyer, who has completed dozens of adoption cases, will be traveling from Mwanza to represent us. We were told that it might be easier to get a court date in Shinyanga than in Mwanza. In Mwanza the courts are so overloaded that it takes 3-6 months to get a court date. We pray that the process moves more quickly in Shinyanga. All the same, it looks like the earliest we would be able to bring Michael to the U.S. is September. Learning about the lengthy process and adjusting our expectations was pretty discouraging, but we trust that God will continue to see us through this adoption rollercoaster.

Michael

Michael has now been with us for five months, and he makes us smile and laugh every day. Michael and Linda took one week off of homeschooling, but they have otherwise enjoyed Butterfly Week, Cloud Week and now Dog Week. He has also become a lot more comfortable with dogs this month, petting our neighbors' dogs and playing with the puppies at school. He loves to spin, play at the playground, throw and kick balls, and complete naps on his mama's legs. If you would like to see more adorable pictures or videos, you can go to www.facebook.com/AFunkeTimeInTanzania or www.youtube.com/EricFunkeGLO.

Written by Eric & Linda Funke on March 5, 2016.

Would you like to receive the updates (complete with pictures) by email straight from Eric & Linda? If so, email Linda at Linda.Funke@globallutheranoutreach.com and ask to be on their email update list.



Greetings from the Women's Christian Ministry (WCM)!

It is time to sign-up to attend our 5th annual FREE women's *REFRESH & RENEW – MINI RETREAT, "Fulfilling Grace."* It will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 9am to 11am, here at Immanuel.

Doors open at 8:30am for check-in. You will enjoy a delicious breakfast, a variety of music which will be sure to please and our excellent speaker, of course! This half-day event will give you a little time to relax and renew yourself and you will still have most of the weekend left!

For questions or to register – call the church office, 939-6480. You will also find information about this event and can register at <http://immanuelwaterloo.org/women/mini-retreat/>. The registration deadline is April 20th! Registering ahead of time helps to make our preparations easier, but keep in mind, walk-ins are also welcome! A freewill offering basket will be made available at the retreat.

You do not have to be a WCM member to attend. Don't forget to invite all of your girlfriends! Women from all over the area and many from other Christian denominations attend this retreat. There were 88 ladies in attendance last year and 100 in 2014—let's do that again this year! **See page 11 for all the details!!**

*****Would you like to help with this Mini Retreat by bringing a delicious breakfast treat such as a breakfast casserole, coffee cake, pastries, sweetbreads, or fresh fruit? If so, please contact Sharon Osterhage, 939-7180, and let her know what you plan to bring.*****

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study – We began our Bible study series on March 31st. We are studying *The Rock Speaks* by Cindy Steinbeck. We'll continue this study through at least the end of May, so come join us at 7:00pm every Thursday in the overflow room! Books are available in the church office.

In Christ,
Lisa Clamors

"How good and pleasant it is when sisters live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Mark your calendars for a Christ-lovin', heel-tappin' week down on the farm this summer at...

**June 13-17
(9:00 – 11:45am each day)**

ALL children (3 years old through 6th grade) from Immanuel, Holy Cross, Wartburg, and the surrounding communities, are invited!



We're looking for "farmhands" in all areas—teachers, teachers' aids, kitchen, crafts, recreation, music, and set-up. Are you handy around the "farm"? Do you enjoy working with children? Are you currently in 7th grade or older? Let us know if you can help!

Visit immanuelwaterloo.org/home/vbs-2016 for more details and to sign up to attend or volunteer!

Refresh & Renew

"Fulfilling Grace"

Women's Mini-Retreat

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John 1:16

Sat., April 23, 2016

9:00—11:00am

Registration begins at 8:30am

What do a little girl, a box of yarn, and the Gospel have to do with one another?

Come and find out as you are strengthened by God's Word through fellowship, food, and music.

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To preregister or for more info:

- **618-939-6480**
- **<http://immanuelwaterloo.org>**
- **immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com**

INGATHERING DONATIONS:

Any donations of non-perishable food items, paper products, or art supplies are appreciated. These items will benefit the children in our local Bi-County Backpack program & Christian Friends of New Americans.

Rosie Adle is a child of God and a blessed wife and mother. Ask her about her wonderful family—she would love to tell you about them! Professionally, Rosie Adle is a deaconess, teacher, writer, and presenter. She has been teaching deaconess courses since 2005. She got her start on the mission field in Caracas, Venezuela, and has since taught women at both of our Synod's seminaries. Currently, she is the assistant director of the distance deaconess program of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Rosie also writes articles for LCMS Communications and devotions for Concordia Publishing House (*Portals of Prayer* and *My Devotions*). She is co-author of *LadyLike: Living Biblically*, a collection of essays for Christian women.



WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY

5:30pm

SUNDAY

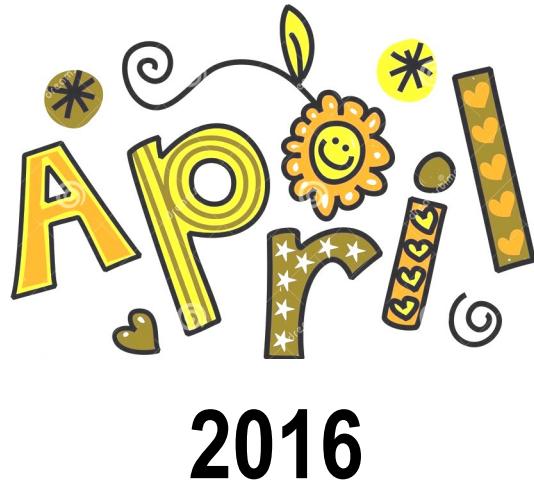
7:45am & 10:15am

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday service, at the 7:45am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and at the 10:15am service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:00am – 4:30pm

Pastor Troup's day off is Monday.



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