

# Immanuel Monthly

**March  
2016**



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## *From Our Administrative Pastor...*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

As I look at my calendar this morning, I notice that we're smack dab in the middle of Lent. For the past 3 ½ weeks we've been preparing ourselves for Easter by examining our hearts and reflecting on the price Jesus paid to redeem us. We've also been enjoying a sermon series during our midweek Lenten services called *The Scandal of Lent*. Based on a number of Jesus' sayings and teachings found in the Gospel of John, we've been talking about how these sayings and teachings are difficult for the world to accept. Yet they're very much a part of our lives and faith. Jesus' words aren't scandalous to us at all. No, they're life and salvation.

As I peruse my calendar a bit more, I notice that some special events and services will be celebrated this month. On March 19-20, we'll celebrate Palm Sunday during all our services that weekend. What's more, Immanuel will be presenting the Living Last Supper drama on March 20, at 4 p.m. The drama's a bit different from last year, and our actors have been working hard to make it a memorable and uplifting experience (I'm playing Matthew, the tax-collector). Later that week, Immanuel will have a Maundy Thursday service during which we'll strip the altar as a reminder of the solemnity of the night Jesus was betrayed. The stripping will also prepare us for our observation of Good Friday when we remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our salvation. Then, on Easter Sunday, we'll celebrate our Lord's resurrection with a sunrise service at Camp Wartburg at 6:00 a.m. During our Easter celebrations at Immanuel at 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. our joy in the Lord will be highlighted by the return of the articles that had been stripped from the chancel on Maundy Thursday.

All in all, a busy month for Immanuel. But it's a good business. It's a business that brings us close to our Savior and affirms our faith in him. As we celebrate Lent and Easter, the wonders of Jesus' love will touch our hearts. More than that, Jesus and his love will transform our lives into lives lived for God and God's people. Have a blessed Lent and a joyous Easter!

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Inoup*

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

## A "Note" from our Music Director

**There's a *theme* going on...and it points us to the cross!**

Beginning on Ash Wednesday in February, and throughout the month of March, worshippers at Immanuel will have heard various groups sing/ring a familiar Lenten hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." However, as one listens to the various arrangements of this hymn, the **title** remains the same, but the **tune** changes!

Looking at LSB 425 and LSB 426, one can find the same title on both pages, but the tunes are different: **Hamburg and Rockingham Old**. When singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" which of the tunes is more favored than the other? I am not sure about the answer to that!

Three of Immanuel's music groups are singing/ringing this particular hymn: the Adult Choir, the Agape Ringers, and the Preschool-Second Grade Sunday School Choir.

I pray that when the hymn arrangement is sung/rung (no matter which tune)...the music/words will enlighten and refresh your journey to the cross. Both journeys in fact:

*the **one to the cross** with our Lord and Savior hanging on it...*

verse 3: See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown!

*and, the **one to the empty cross** where our Lord and Savior has conquered sin and death.*

verse 4: Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Easter Blessings!

Serving Him,



Rebirth—Witness—Belief—Sensuality—Heaven on Earth  
**The Scandal of Lent**  
Self-Hatred—Servanthood—Crucifixion

### Our 2016 Lenten Sermon Series *continues...*

Lenten Service, Mar. 2—7:30pm  
The Scandal of Sensuality (John 6:53-58)

Lenten Service, Mar. 9—7:30pm  
The Scandal of Belief (John 2:12-22)

Lenten Service, Mar. 16—7:30pm  
The Scandal of Self-Hatred (John 12:25)

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 24—7:30pm  
The Scandal of Servanthood (John 13:1-17)

Good Friday, Mar. 25—12:00pm & 7:30pm  
The Scandal of Crucifixion (John 3:13-15)

### Immanuel's Preschool is now registering 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)

T/Th Class for 3 yr. olds  
*8:30—11:30am*

*Children must be 3 by 9/1/16.*  
\$50 registration fee (*non-refundable*)  
\$90/month tuition (Sept—May)

Visit our website  
([www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org)) or contact the  
office ([immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) or  
939-6480) for more information or to get a  
registration packet.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to...

- 1 Jennifer Prather  
Jennifer Valerius-Johnson
- 2 Diane Marshall
- 3 Jensen Bouquet  
Morgan Hoeffken  
Jim Smothers  
Elizabeth Troup
- 4 Colby Crook  
Pat Jones  
Jack Metzger
- 5 Vicki Clark  
Steven Jarvis  
Ollney Mueller Jr.
- 6 Todd Beelman  
Gerald Woodcock
- 7 Melissa Bommarito
- 8 Barb Heimbürger  
Jennifer Horn  
Andrew Naber  
Linda Wittbracht
- 9 Tessie Cadman
- 10 Michael Mitchell
- 11 Josh Campbell  
Irene Proctor  
Thomas Wiese
- 15 Clark Deptula
- 16 Stephanie  
Blakeslee  
Bernice Fuller  
Grant Melliere
- 17 Randy Bise  
Avery Collmeyer  
Sue Rahn  
Ashley Ramsey
- 18 Brielle Fink  
Michael Haare  
Tim Scheibe
- 19 Nathan Bise  
Nadine Rowold
- 21 Grace Herschbach  
Jessica Wetzler
- 22 Lee Doty  
Ian Schrader
- 22 Susan Starbuck
- 23 Yvonne Brandt
- 25 Erica Crawford  
Brian Horn  
Gary Layton
- 26 Jim Crawford  
Paige Gruber  
Wyatt Hoeffken
- 27 Justin Kinzinger  
Dinah Pflasterer

- 28 Ryan Beelman  
Lucas Smothers  
Gerald Straub
- 29 Roger Prescher  
Andy Wynn
- 31 Erika Lloyd

### Happy Anniversary to...

- 4 Verlyn & Irene Proctor, 44 yr.
- 12 Butch & Laurie Sparwasser, 22 yr.
- 18 Mark & Denise Gruber, 27 yr.
- 20 Gregory & Jean Hoeffken, 17 yr.
- 25 Alan & Norine Stumpf, 33 yr.
- 28 Scott & Mandy Soma, 1 yr.

*May God bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during March!*

## Living Last Supper

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this special service on **Sunday, March 20th at 4:00pm!** Come and experience a real life depiction of the Last Supper with Jesus & His disciples. Those participating are Joey Birrittier, Paul Broske, Rodney Clamors, Wyatt Drewes, Nathan Grant, Greg Hoeffken, Allen Jacobs, Ollney Mueller, Jr., Elden Niemeyer, Bob Polansky, Tim Scheibe, and Pastor Troup. Merritt Demski will be the narrator, and Don Birrittier is this year's director. Invite your family & friends!

## 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:

March & 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:

March: Camp Wartburg

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!

## 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 *"Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation"* 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 DVD Bible study on *"Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation"* 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 *A Work in Progress: A Scriptural Course toward Self-Improvement* on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the overflow room. Join us each week through March 10th! 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, Lorine Horn, Doris Horn, Roland Muench, Ed Horn, Linda Allscheid, Dennis Brandt, Virginia Horn, Audrey Campbell, Susan Vogt, Norma Wheatley, Lana Mueller, Marvin Henry

**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, Martin Demski, John Stout, 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)

## January Church Attendance

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| January 2016 (5) | 1251 |
| January 2015 (4) | 1020 |
| January 1986 (4) | 861  |

2016 Weekly Average (as of 1/31): 250  
As of 1/31/16, there were 869 baptized members.

## 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](mailto: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.

## January 2016 Official Acts

### Transfers In:

1/10/16—*Christy Gardner*, and her children, *Tripp & Case*

### Received through Adult Information Class:

1/30/16—*Dianne Holle*

### Baptisms:

1/9/16—*Dexter Dennis Rodenberg*, son of Clint and Deanna nee Rusteberg Rodenberg

1/23/16—*Edward Curt Arras*, son of Edward & Annie nee Wood Arras

### Funeral:

1/16/16—*Edward Nobbe*

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

## Our Finances

### December 2015:

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Total Deposits | \$ 45,496.35 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 42,510.63 |
| Over/(Short)   | \$ 2,985.72  |

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| December 31, 2015 Balances: |              |
| Checking                    | \$ 87,199.77 |
| Scholarship Fund            | \$ 9,082.02  |
| Mission Trip Fund           | \$ 0.00      |
| Music Dept. Fund            | \$ 876.00    |
| Nobbe Mem. Fund             | \$ 7,986.00  |
| Loan                        | \$ 52,028.55 |

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 2015 Year to Date: |              |
| Deposits           | \$459,823.84 |
| Expenses           | \$452,842.10 |
| Over/(Short)       | \$ 6,981.74  |
| Unpaid Obligations | \$ 0.00      |

### January 2016:

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Total Deposits | \$ 30,757.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 28,779.16 |
| Over/(Short)   | \$ 1,977.84  |

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| January 31, 2016 Balances: |              |
| Checking                   | \$ 89,177.61 |
| Scholarship Fund           | \$ 9,082.02  |
| Mission Trip Fund          | \$ 0.00      |
| Music Dept. Fund           | \$ 876.00    |
| Nobbe Mem. Fund            | \$ 7,986.00  |
| Loan                       | \$ 49,790.96 |

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|--------------------|--------------|
| 2016 Year to Date: |              |
| Deposits           | \$ 30,757.00 |
| Expenses           | \$ 28,779.16 |
| Over/(Short)       | \$ 1,977.84  |
| Unpaid Obligations | \$ 0.00      |

## March 2016 Worship Helpers

| Dates       | Times   | Ushers   | Servers         | Lectors         | Acolytes                                      | Greeters                 | Media Team             |
|-------------|---------|--|-----------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Wed, Mar 02 | 7:30pm  | 1  |                 |                 | Lilly Prather & Drake Downing                 | Ushers                   | Lisa Clamors ®         |
| Sat, Mar 05 | 5:30pm  |  | Greg Wiegand    | Keda Bachelier  | Evan Fink                                     | Marilyn Collette         | Haley/Hannah Vernier   |
| Sun, Mar 06 | 7:45am  | 2  |                 | Joey Birrittier | Evan Breidecker & Falon Breidecker            | Ushers                   | Dave Powell ®          |
|             | 10:15am | 3  | Bob Vernier     | Rodney Clamors  | Grace Herschbach & Ian Schrader               | Ushers                   | Mitchell/Tim Scheibe   |
| Wed, Mar 09 | 7:30pm  | 4  |                 |                 | Aaron Lloyd & Alex Whelan                     | Charles & Phyllis Lloyd  | Lisa Clamors ®         |
| Sat, Mar 12 | 5:30pm  |  | Wayne Collmeyer | Wayne Collmeyer | Jack Metzger                                  | Marilyn Collette         | Wyatt/Kyra Drewes      |
| Sun, Mar 13 | 7:45am  | 5  | Chuck Keller    | Veronica Demski | Giffin Nichols & Kaden Nichols                | Ushers                   | Pam Nagel              |
|             | 10:15am | 6  |                 | Marian Obst     | Jacob Williams & Jenna Hoeffken               | Ushers                   | Greg/Paul Hoeffken ®   |
| Wed, Mar 16 | 7:30pm  | 7  |                 |                 | Kyra Drewes & Kaylee Tucker                   | Ushers                   | Lisa Clamors ®         |
| Sat, Mar 19 | 5:30pm  |  | Rodney Clamors  | Rodney Clamors  | Jordyn Koch                                   | Marilyn Collette         | Dave Powell            |
| Sun, Mar 20 | 7:45am  | 9  |                 | Wayne Collmeyer | Kylee LaRue & Madalyn Valerius                | Ushers                   | Haley/Hannah Vernier   |
|             | 10:15am | 8  | Howard Shive    | Warren Frank    | Matthew Stratman & Paul Hoeffken              | Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer | Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ® |
| Thu, Mar 24 | 7:30pm  | 3  | Gary Altes      | Rodney Clamors  | Rachel Patterson & Sami Wheat                 | Ushers                   | Lisa Clamors ®         |
| Fri, Mar 25 | 12:00pm | 11   |                 |                 | Sophia Alu & Tyler Cooley                     | Ushers                   | Lisa Clamors           |
|             | 7:30pm  | 2  |                 |                 | Alex Magnuson & Audra Scheibe                 | Ushers                   | Greg/Paul Hoeffken ®   |
| Sat, Mar 26 | 5:30pm  | NO SERVICE -- NO SERVICE -- NO SERVICE -- NO SERVICE -- NO SERVICE |                 |                 |   |                          |                        |
| Sun, Mar 27 | 7:45am  | 4  | Warren Frank    | Joey Birrittier | Aaron Lloyd, Alex Whelan, Evan Fink           | Charles & Phyllis Lloyd  | Pam Nagel              |
|             | 10:15am | 10   | Rodney Clamors  | Rodney Clamors  | David Broske, Drake Downing, Grace Herschbach | Ushers                   | 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:

3/1—3/24    purple  
                   3/25    black only  
 3/26—3/31    red

### Saturday Accompanists:

3/5, 3/19—Ron Jones  
 3/12—Joan Ruwald

### Collator:

Georgia Wynn

## March 2016 Altar Flowers

3/5—3/6    open  
 3/12—3/13    open  
 3/19—3/20    open  
 3/27        open

*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.*

## Easter Lilies

We will again be decorating our altar area with lilies on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Would you like to purchase a lily in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for someone? If so, watch the bulletins for an order form or contact the church office to place your order.

*Lilies are \$10 each, and orders must be placed on or before March 16th.*



| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| <div>March 2016</div>  |   | 1   | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5   |
|  |   | 6:30am - Men's Bible Study<br>7pm - Elders' Meeting                                   | 9:30am - Adult Bible Study<br>5:45pm - Immanubells -<br>6:15pm - Choir Practice<br>6:15pm - Midweek Classes<br>7:30pm - Lenten Service<br>8:20pm - Agape Ringers - | 7pm - Ladies' Bible Study                         |   | 9am - Scrapbook Day<br>5:30pm - Worship                               |
| 6  | 7   | 8   | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| Patterson<br>7:45am - Worship<br>9am - Bible Study<br>10:15am - Worship<br>6:30pm - LLS Practice                             | Pastor Troup's Day Off<br>7pm - Book Club Meeting   | 6:30am - Men's Bible Study<br>6:30pm - Board of Social<br>7:15pm - Board of Christian | 9:30am - Adult Bible Study<br>5:45pm - Immanubells -<br>6:15pm - Choir Practice<br>6:15pm - Midweek Classes<br>7:30pm - Lenten Service<br>8:20pm - Agape Ringers - | 7pm - Ladies' Bible Study                         |   | 9:30am - Evangelism<br>5:30pm - Worship<br>7pm - Youth Trivia Night @ |
| 13   | 14  | 15  | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| Broske<br>7:45am - Worship<br>9am - Bible Study<br>10:15am - Worship<br>6:30pm - LLS Practice                                | Pastor Troup's Day Off<br>7pm - NAMI Meeting @<br>7pm - NAMI Meeting @<br>7pm - VBS Volunteers'<br>8pm - Men's Prayer Group | 6:30am - Men's Bible Study<br>7pm - Women's Christian                                 | 8:30am - Adult Bible Study<br>5:45pm - Immanubells -<br>6:15pm - Choir Practice<br>6:15pm - Midweek Classes<br>7:30pm - Lenten Service<br>8:20pm - Agape Ringers - | 7pm - Church Council<br>7pm - Ladies' Bible Study |   | 10am - Easter Egg Hunt<br>5:30pm - Worship                            |
| 20   | 21  | 22  | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| LaRue<br>7:45am - Worship<br>9am - Bible Study<br>10:15am - Worship<br>4pm - Living Last Supper @<br>6pm - BASIC Youth Group | Pastor Troup's Day Off<br>7pm - Board of Youth  | 6:30am - Men's Bible Study  | 9:30am - Adult Bible Study   | NO PRESCHOOL - Easter<br>7:30pm - Holy Communion  | Church Office Closed<br>NO PRESCHOOL - Easter<br>12pm - Tenabrae Service<br>7:30pm - Tenabrae Service |   |
| 27   | 28  | 29  | 30   | 31  |   |   |
| Collmeyer<br>6am - Easter Sunrise<br>7:45am - Worship<br>9am - Bible Study<br>10:15am - Worship                              | Church Office Closed<br>NO PRESCHOOL - Easter<br>Pastor Troup's Day Off<br>8pm - Men's Prayer Group                         | 6:30am - Men's Bible Study  | 9:30am - Adult Bible Study<br>6:30pm - Midweek Classes   |   |   |   |

## Our Website Is Where It's At!

Want to stay up to date? Go to our website ([immanuelwaterloo.org](http://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!*

## 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](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org)) for all of the events coming up at Immanuel!



Immanuel's Uganda Mission Team will give a brief presentation about their trip and work in Uganda during all the services on March 5-6.

They'll also give a more detailed presentation of their experience in Uganda during the education hour on March 6th. They'll make that presentation in the overflow room starting at 9:00am.

***We look forward to hearing what God did through our mission team on March 5-6!***

## 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.

## 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 for your support!

*This will be an ongoing collection throughout 2016 because the need is ALWAYS there.*



## An Update from Our Missionary Partners...

### ***Funke News: The God of Hope***

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

Much of the worldwide news these days breaks our hearts and could make one lose hope for the world. However, we are a people of hope, because our God is a God of hope. We praise God that He has given us many signs of hope this past month. :-)



Eric, Linda, and Michael Funke

#### Health Ministries

In December we mentioned a 6-year-old boy in Kahama named Majid who cannot walk. We helped the church provide the money for him to get to Dar Es Salaam for an evaluation. He, his grandmother, and his social worker traveled there in January and discovered that his condition should be treatable. Praise the Lord! He will have to stay in Dar Es Salaam for one month to be treated with braces and physical therapy, costing \$1,225. We thank God that we were able to pull the money from our general funds. The money was delivered to the family by one of the local pastors in Kahama. Please pray with us that the treatment goes well and that Majid will one day walk.

#### Baraka and Amani

While in St. Louis last summer, Linda received a crash course from the St. Louis Society for the Blind in teaching Baraka how to use a walking cane. They mentioned that they put together Christmas boxes for kids who are blind. When Amani was also born without eyes, Linda shared the story with them. They were so touched that they sent two Christmas boxes to Tanzania!! As we opened the boxes with the family, we were overwhelmed by their generosity! The boxes were filled with baby toys for Amani, a board so that Baraka can feel what he has written, crayons, markers that he can smell, books with braille and raised pictures, items he can bend and shape, modeling clay and tools, and other manipulatives. We thank God for the wonderful gifts and the hope that this organization brought to a precious family! Baraka is now back at school with his aide and loves all his new educational materials.

#### Our School

This month we began a new school year, and it looks like we will have more students than ever! Eric began the year teaching freshman math, freshman physics and computers to all grade levels. Thankfully, they have since hired another science and math teacher, so he will now just be teaching computers. In addition, he was asked to be the department head for science and math, so he will be supervising and encouraging teachers in those subjects. Linda is also back in the classroom teaching her once-a-week guidance and counseling class to all the students. Meanwhile, Michael is loving his Friday afternoon playtime with Daddy at school. The library is coming along beautifully.

#### Self-Care

With so many opportunities right now, it would be very easy to get run down. However, we are striving to be intentional about making time for self-care. We're thankful for the opportunities to heal, grow, and relax, such as listening to sermon podcasts, researching new methods of healing for Linda's digestive system, attending a friend's "Make Your Own Stir Fry" birthday party, and hosting our friends Michael and Ashley Leen from Mwanza for the weekend.

#### Michael

Our family of three has now been together four months! This next month our social workers will come to our house to write a report on Michael's progress. We are not terribly worried though, because he is an absolute joy! This month he figured out how to get around on his bicycle by himself and started using some full sentences including articles. He is also loving the homeschool curriculum Linda has started with him. Each week is a new theme, so Linda has also enjoyed planning activities for Apple Week, Bear Week, Ball Week, and Building Week. We highly recommend the video of him acting out the song Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear. Since we are getting near the end of the mandatory 6 month foster period, this month we will also meet with our lawyer in Mwanza to set our first court date for the end of March or early April (we hope!). Michael is already ours in our hearts, but we are looking forward to it being official :-)

*Written by Eric & Linda Funke on February 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](mailto:Linda.Funke@globallutheranoutreach.com) and ask to be on their email update list.*



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

Well, this month's letter is full of event fellowship events taking place around our district in the next couple of months. Get your calendars out, and start reading!

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville, presents the 16th annual Women's Day of Renewal.** This year's event "Call to Peace" is inspired by Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus," and takes place on **April 1-2, 2016**. The event will kickoff Friday evening with keynote speakers, Rebekah Curtis and Rosie Adle, and continues Saturday with breakfast, lunch, your choice of two workshops and a presentation by Rebekah and Rosie. Contact me for more details or you can also visit <http://goodshepherdcollinsville.org/index.php/ministries/womens-day-renewal> for details and to register. Registration is \$40 for both days; \$30 for Saturday only, and \$15 for Friday only. Your registration is due by March 25th to avoid an extra \$10 fee.

And now, the event which is looked forward to every year, **our 5th annual "Refresh and Renew" Mini Retreat**, given by your own Women's Christian Ministry (WCM)! It will be held on **Saturday, April 23, 2016**, from **9am to 11am**, here at Immanuel. This is a **FREE** mini-retreat! It appeals to women of faith and women of the community who are looking to be refreshed and renewed! This women's event will consist of a delicious breakfast, music, and a talented speaker. This is a great way to relax and focus on God's Word as you fellowship with other women. Don't forget to invite your girlfriends!

**See the flyer on page 11 for more details and how to register!** You can also visit the WCM page on Immanuel's website (<http://immanuelwaterloo.org/women/mini-retreat>) for all the latest info, the flyer, and to register! The registration deadline is April 20th! **While registering ahead of time helps to make our preparations easier, walk-ins are always welcome!** *New this year...an ingathering will be held to support a couple local organizations that provide for the children in our communities.*

**The next Women's Christian Ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15th, at 7pm in the Overflow Room. We will be discussing our upcoming spring activities! Hope you can join us!**

In Christ,

*Lisa Clamors*

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



### Did You Know?

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!

# 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.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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 Waterloo, IL**

**To preregister or for more info:**

- 618-939-6480
- <http://immanuelwaterloo.org>
- [immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto: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.





## "Meet & Greet" Luncheon

Thank you to all who attended the "Meet & Greet" luncheon in February! Those new members received in 2015 who were in attendance included (l-r) Jackie Prigge, Melissa, Katelyn, & Thomas Prigge, Dianne Holle, Arnold Prigge, Joyce McDaniel, and Ben & Lindsay Konrad. Other new members who were not in attendance were Tom, Drew & Evan McDaniel and Dale Zeisset. All in attendance had a great time and enjoyed some delicious food! Thank you to the Board of Social Ministry for hosting this event!



## Sunday School News!

During the winter quarter (December, January & February), two children received perfect attendance: TJ Joellenback and Lauren Patterson. Several others received honorable mention having missed only 1-3 Sundays. They were Kelsey Crook, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Addie & Ben Janssen, Kyle Rusteberg, Addison Solsrud, and Avery & Grace Troup. Keep up the good work!



**All are welcome to come & join in on 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!**

**April's book—*The Martian* by Andy Weir**



**Saturday, March 12 - 7:00<sup>pm</sup>**  
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*

**939-6480**

**immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com**  
*to reserve your table!*

*Sponsored by* Immanuel Lutheran Church  
of Waterloo Youth Group.  
Benefits the July 2016 National  
Youth Gathering trip.

***Have an item you would like to donate to the Silent Auction?  
Feel free to drop it off in the church office on or before March 9th.***

## **GROW BY ONE—Stewardship Emphasis** ***“Growing One Step at a Time”***

*Celebrating God's gifts and His call to use them.*

Using Our **Time** for God's Glory  
Using Our **Talents** for God's Glory  
Using Our **Treasures** for God's Glory

Thank you to all who completed the “Grow by One” challenge and stewardship surveys in January and February. Approximately 80 surveys were returned, and many have committed to using more of their time, talents, and treasures for Christ and His church!

**Forget to turn yours in? Didn't have time to fill one out? It's not too late.** There are a few extras in the narthex or contact the church office for a copy.



## **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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Don't forget to visit us on the web...

[immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)

You'll find our weekly announcements and updates, our calendar, and other important information!



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