



Weekly Calendar Apr. 10-17, 2016

Monday, 4/11

Pastor Troup's day off

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

Tuesday, 4/12

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

Wednesday, 4/13

- 9:30a Adult Bible Study
6-6:30p Immanubells
6:30-8p Midweek Classes
7-8p Choir Practice
8-9p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 4/14

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

Saturday, 4/16

- 5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 4/17

- 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.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The readings for next Sunday will be Acts 20: 17-35; Rev. 7:9-17; and John 10:22-30. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

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 February 2016 are available in the narthex for anyone wishing a copy of the report.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June 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!

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 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!

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!

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!

BARREL COLLECTION FOR

APRIL! The Board of Social Ministry is collecting items for Camp Wartburg during April. 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 for your support!

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) MEETING.

Does someone you know suffer with mental illness? If so, you are invited to a meeting led by Rev. Royal Boeder on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the overflow room. Visit www.nami.org for more details.

NARTHEX EXPANSION EXPLORATION COMMITTEE.

This committee has been meeting to discuss and explore the possibility of enlarging the area around the main doors of the church. A special fund has also been 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. *Feel free to contact one of them with any suggestions.*

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP.

All men are welcome to attend a Men's 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).

IMMANUEL'S PRESCHOOL STILL HAS SEVERAL OPENINGS

LEFT in the M/W/F class for 4 yr. olds (children must be 4 by 9/1/16). Class times are 8:30-11:30am, and there is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. The M/W/F class's monthly tuition is \$110, and tuition is paid during Sept.-May only. You

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
5:30pm	46	67
7:45am	52	55
10:15am	<u>112</u>	<u>78</u>
	210	210

2016 weekend average attendance: 244

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	31	\$8.75
HS & College	6	
Adults	<u>20</u>	
	57	

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 "My Apostle, He Wrote Me a Letter" 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 about Job 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:

- We're studying *The Rock Speaks* by Cindy Steinbeck at 7:00pm in the overflow room through June 2nd. All ladies are welcome! Books are available in the church office.

can contact the church office (939-6480) or visit www.immanuelwaterloo.org/preschool for more information or to get a registration packet.

THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE. Immanuel has several copies of the book, "The Meaning of Marriage," by Tim Keller, in the conference room/library next to Vicar Merritt's office. Pastor Troup highly recommends this book for all married couples and singles. If you'd like to borrow a copy, feel free to use one of the church's books—just fill out a library card on the inside cover and place it in the box for cards.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES.

We will again be sending care packages to our college students in April. Do you have a son/daughter in college? Please let us know and contact the church office with his/her address. Also, would you like to donate items for these packages? We could use snack size items like granola bars, crackers, chips, cookies, candy, trail mix, microwave popcorn, etc. If you would rather donate money toward shipping costs, that would be appreciated as well. **Please let us know the address and/or drop off these donations in the church office on or before April 10th.** We plan to send the packages during the week of April 11th. Thanks!

MARTHA'S KITCHEN / MARY'S HEART. The Board of Social Ministry is sponsoring the Monday night meal at St. Paul U.C.C. in Waterloo on Monday, April 18, 2016. Dinner is served at St. Paul's at 6:00pm. We are asking members of Immanuel to assist in providing pasta and desserts for the meal and also a few volunteers to help serve the meal. Serving commitment is from approximately 5:30 to 7:00pm. We are serving mostaccioli and fettuccini alfredo. If you can prepare one of these dishes (we have recipes because we will be combining all the donations) or a dessert of your choice, or if you can help serve, please contact Stephanie Brandt at 939-4579.

"FULFILLING GRACE" IS THE THEME for the 5th annual Women's Mini-Retreat which our own Women's Christian Ministry (WCM) is busy planning! This refreshing and renewing morning will be held on Sat., April 23 from 9-11am, and, ladies, we want you there! Our theme verse will be John 1:16, and our guest speaker will be Rosie Adle. See the insert in your bulletin for more details and how to register.

BREAKFAST ITEMS NEEDED.

Ladies, if you plan to attend our upcoming Mini-Retreat and would

like to bring a breakfast item, please let us know. We are in need of breakfast casseroles, danishes, doughnuts, stollens, sweetbreads, and fresh fruit. Contact Sharon Osterhage (939-7180) to let her know what you plan to bring. You can always call the church office (939-6480) too, and we'll pass the message onto her.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY.

Eleven eighth graders will be confirmed at Immanuel on Sunday, April 24, during the 10:15am service. In preparation for this, each of them will be reading essays based on his/her confirmation verse during the services on April 16-17. Please keep each of these young people in your prayers and show them support as they continue their faith walk with Christ.

CHICKEN DINNER! Camp Wartburg is hosting their 47th annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 24, from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the dining hall at Camp Wartburg (5705 LRC Road). \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under 5. All are welcome!

CALL DAY 2016! Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will have their official Call Day service on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00pm, and it will be a live-stream broadcast on their website. As you know, we have called (Vicar) Merritt Demski, a 4th year field education student, to serve as our Associate Pastor. We would like to have a "watch party" that evening, so join us at 7:00pm to watch the service on the screens in the sanctuary. This service will last about 1 1/2 hours. Please keep Vicar Merritt & Veronica, and Immanuel, in your prayers as we all await this important day to see what the future holds for all involved.

SHARE IN THE MIRACLE DINNERS FOR UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN EAST ST. LOUIS.

The students and staff of our Southern Illinois District mission, Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, invite everyone to attend one of our spring "Share In The Miracle" fundraising dinners. There is no cost to attend; however, reservations are required. After dinner, guests will be blessed to hear our students perform, as well as updates from parents and Principal Rev. Aaron Dickerson. At the end of the program, there is an opportunity to make a donation to our Golden Eagle Scholarship Fund. All families attending Unity receive financial aid to some degree. Your attendance and generous support make it possible for children in East St. Louis to be blessed by a Christian education. Dinners in our area will be held: Thursday, April

28, at Royale Orleans in South County at 6:30pm; Sunday, May 1, at the World Shooting Complex in Sparta, IL at 12:30pm; and Thursday, May 5, at the Hilton Garden Inn/Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL at 6:30pm. You are welcome to bring as many guests as you like. This is a great way to introduce someone to this special ministry. **To make reservations, please contact Immanuel's church office (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com or 618.939.6480) or Mr. Paul Miller, Unity Development Director (pmiller@unityesl.org or 618.874.6605) on or before April 15th.**

FIRST ROBOTICS FIELD TRIP!

The youth group will be enjoying lunch and a trip to First Robotics in St. Louis on Sat., April 30. They'll be meeting at church at 10:00am to carpool. If you are interested in attending, please let Vicar Merritt or Sandy Nichols know.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE! The youth group will be having their annual Plant Sale (thanks again to Myra & George Lesinger) on April 30 & May 1 after all of the services. 275+ Perennials (25+ varieties), tomato plants (2 varieties), and summer bulbs will be available. Mark your calendars now, and plan to stop by and pick up a few plants for yourself!

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is coming up soon! Please plan to attend our meeting on Sunday, May 1st, following the 10:15am service (approx. 11:20am). We'll be hearing board reports (including an update from NEEC) and electing several new officers. See future bulletins for an agenda and a list of those members being nominated.

MAY'S BOOK CLUB. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of *Seven Men: And the Secret of their Greatness* by Eric Metaxas on Monday, May 2 at 7:00pm in the library.

BE A PART OF "BARNYARD ROUNDUP" VBS THIS SUMMER! Our VBS week will be held June 13-17, and we're planning a Christ-lovin', heel-tappin' and super fun week down on the farm. Would you like to attend (any children age 3 through 6th grade)? Would you like to help "around the farm"? Volunteers can be 7th grade and older. See the insert in your bulletin for more details. There are registration and volunteer forms available in the narthex. You can also register and find more info on our website (www.immanuelwaterloo.org/home/vbs-2016).