



Weekly Calendar **Apr. 24—May 1, 2016**

Today, 4/24
 10:15a Holy Communion & Confirmation
 11a-2p Camp Wartburg's Chicken Dinner

Monday, 4/25
Pastor Troup's day off
 8:00p Men's Prayer Group
 8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 4/26
 6:30a Men's Bible Study
 6:7:30p Zumba
 7:8:30p Call Day 2016
 Watch Party in the sanctuary

Wednesday, 4/27
 9:30a Adult Bible Study
No Choir Practice
 7:30-9p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 4/28
 5:00p Weight Watchers' Meeting
 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, 4/30
 10a-4p First Robotics Field Trip
 4:00p Set up for Plant Sale
 5:30p Holy Communion
 6:30p Plant Sale in gym

Sunday, 5/1
Plant Sale in gym following each service and meeting.
 7:45a Worship Service
 9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
 10:15a Holy Communion
 11:15a Semi-Annual Congregational 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God by Howard & Norma Shive in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Howard & Norma, and may God continue to bless you always!

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS. Eleven eighth graders will be confirmed at Immanuel during the 10:15am service this Sunday. Congratulations to David Broske, Drake Downing, Grace Herschbach, Kylee LaRue, Aaron Lloyd, Griffin Nichols, Kaden Nichols, Rachel Patterson, Audra Scheibe, Matthew Stratman, and Jacob Williams. See pg. 15-16 for more information about the confirmants. Please keep each of these young people in your prayers and show them support as they continue their faith walk with Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The readings for next Sunday will be Acts 16:9-15; Rev. 21:9-14, 21-27; and John 16:23-33. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

THANK YOU to all who have directed Thrivent Choice dollars to Immanuel's Preschool! It is very much appreciated! —Cindy Troup, Preschool Director

THANK YOU to those who helped with the Martha's Kitchen dinner on April 18 at St. Paul UCC. Those helping were the members of the Board of Social Ministry along with Earl Downs, Julie Downs, Ollney Mueller, Dorothy Byers, Marilyn Collette, Kim Holtgrieve, and Lisa Clamors. Also, thanks to Barbara Altes, Valerie Zeisset, and Rebecca Richards for volunteering as alternates for serving. The dinner went well and stomachs were filled.

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 March 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!

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 NARTEX. 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.

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!

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!

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!

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

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
5:30pm	76	72
7:45am	55	109
10:15am	128	76
	259	257

2016 weekend average attendance: 242

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	31	\$11.68
HS & College	4	
Adults	19	54

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!

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. 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 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.

CHICKEN DINNER! Camp Wartburg is hosting their 47th annual Chicken Dinner this 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 to 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.

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 the insert for an agenda.

CHICKEN DINNER. Holy Cross Lutheran Church (5765 Maeystown Road) in Wartburg invites you to their annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 1, 2016, from 11:30am—2:30pm. Dine in or carry out. The menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, cole slaw, beverage, and dessert. A Country Store and Bake Sale will also be held as well.

THE 7TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN HARMONY SPRING CONCERT IS SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 1ST.

This talented group of local singers will take the Hope Christian Church stage at 6:30pm. This year's theme is "Old Time Religion" and will include live music with a variety of instruments. The concert will feature the Singers Spotlight children's performance group as guests. Come and sing along to your gospel favorites, including "The Old Rugged Cross", "Amazing Grace", "Little Brown Church in the Vale", "Daddy Sang Bass", and lots more! Doors open at 5:45pm. Purchase advance tickets for \$5 or pay \$6 at the door. You can purchase advance tickets at First National Bank of Waterloo (all locations) or State Bank of Waterloo

(all locations). Kids 10 & under are free. No advance seat reservations.

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.

JOIN US AT "BARNYARD ROUNDUP" 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)? See pg. 17 of your bulletin and the poster in the narthex for a registration form. You can also register and find more info online at www.immanuelwaterloo.org/home/vbs-2016.

FARM SUPPLIES NEEDED! We are looking for several items to help with decorating and crafts during VBS this summer. Items needed include round oatmeal containers, large cardboard tubes, large pieces of cardboard, bandanas, white milk jugs, plastic beads (aka pony beads), fabric markers (all colors), and Sharpie markers (all colors). Please drop off your donations in the church office anytime before May 23rd. Thanks!

FARMHANDS ARE NEEDED!

Would you like to help "around the farm"? Volunteers can be 7th grade and older. We are still looking for many volunteers to help as teachers and teachers' aides, and also with crafts, recreation, and snacks. See pg. 18 of your bulletin and the poster in the narthex for a volunteer form. Contact the church office (939-6480 or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) with any questions.

WANT TO HELP CREATE SOME REAL-LIFE DECORATIONS FOR VBS?

If so, join us for a prep meeting on Monday, May 23rd at 7:00pm in the multipurpose room. We'll be preparing the decorations and other fun things!