



## Weekly Calendar May 1-8, 2016

Today, 5/1

Plant Sale in gym following each service and meeting.

11:15a Semi-Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting  
6:30p Hometown Harmony  
Concert

Monday, 5/2

Pastor Troup's day off

7:00p Book Club  
8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 5/3

6:30a Men's Bible Study  
6-7:30p Zumba  
7:00p Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, 5/4

9:30a Adult Bible Study  
7-8p Choir Practice  
8-9p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 5/5

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

Saturday, 5/7

9a-11p Scrapbook Day  
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 5/8

Mothers' Day

7:45a Holy Communion  
9:00a Sunday School &  
Bible Study Classes  
10:15a Worship Service

## 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 Lois Ruff in loving memory of Jim Ruff.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The readings for next Sunday will be Acts 1:12-26; Rev. 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20; and John 17:20-26. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

**WONDERFUL NEWS!** During the Call Day service at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, (Vicar) Merritt Demski received his call to serve as Associate Pastor here at Immanuel! Praise be to God! What a joy and blessing that he and Veronica are to Immanuel! We are all very excited! Please keep them in your prayers as he finishes his Seminary work, and they prepare for ordination and installation.

**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.

**PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS!** Inspired by Immanuel youth group mission trips, Max Schrader and John Maag will travel to Cusco, Peru in May on a construction mission trip through International Volunteer HQ. They will work with local construction workers on schools, orphanages, community centers, or clinics through renovation, painting, or building new institutions. Please

pray for their safe travel and return, that their work may be a blessing unto others. Both boys are finishing their first year of college studying engineering; Max at the University of Alabama, and John at the University of Tulsa.

### 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

**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.

### 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

**MAY & JUNE!** The Board of Social Ministry is collecting items for the House of Neighborly Service during May & June. This is a community food pantry in Waterloo that helps all those in Monroe

Want to view our worship services or need more info? Visit us at [www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org).

## Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
5:30pm	43	60
7:45am	57	64
10:15am	<u>212</u>	<u>268</u>
	312	392

2016 weekend average attendance: 246

### Sunday School:

PreK-8th	30	\$10.01
HS & College	3	
Adults	<u>14</u>	
	47	

## 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 on Titus 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!

County. Several of our members volunteer there on an as needed basis. Items needed include all non-perishable food items, paper goods (i.e. paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, etc.), and all kinds of cleaning supplies. 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](http://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](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org/preschool) for more information or to get a registration packet.

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE IS THIS WEEKEND!** The youth group will be having their annual Plant Sale (thanks again to Myra & George Lesinger) after all of the services this weekend. 275+ Perennials (25+ varieties), tomato plants (2 varieties), and summer bulbs will be available. Plan to stop by and pick up a few plants for yourself!

**OUR SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS THIS SUNDAY!** 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 Maestown 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.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST.** There will be a prayer breakfast on the National Day of Prayer, May 5th, at Hope Christian Church, starting at 8:00am. \$6.00 per person. Please call Hope's church office at 618-939-9089 to RSVP. Let's remember to keep our nation in our prayers, especially during the election year!

### "ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS."

The members of St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, joyfully invite you to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord and the dedication of their new pipe organ this Thursday, May 5 (Ascension Day), at 7:00pm. A half hour dedicatory recital will begin at 6:30pm. Guest organist is Dr. Arthur Eichhorn, Pastor at St. Salvator Lutheran Church, Venedy, and St. Peter's, New Memphis, and long-time church musician. Guest speaker is Rev. Jon D. Vieker, PhD, senior assistant to LCMS President Matthew C. Harrison. Pastors from Circuits #7 and #8 will also take

part. Much Congregational singing will be included. Master Organ Builder Martin Ott will be on hand after the service to answer any questions about the 19-rank, tracker-action pipe organ. St. John's is located at the intersection of State Route 127 and State Route 177 in the village of New Minden.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The ordination service for Pastor-elect Merritt Demski will be held at his home congregation in Northern Illinois on Sunday, June 5, and his installation service will be held at Immanuel in the afternoon on Sunday, June 12th. More details will follow, but mark your calendars now for this exciting service!

**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 the insert in your bulletin or 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](http://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 the insert in your bulletin or the poster in the narthex for a volunteer form. Contact the church office (939-6480 or [immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto: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!