



Weekly Calendar May 8-15, 2016

Monday, 5/9

Pastor Troup's day off

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

Tuesday, 5/10

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

Wednesday, 5/11

- 9:30a Adult Bible Study
- 11:00a M/W/F Preschool Closing Program
- 7-8p Choir Practice
- 8-9p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 5/12

- 11:00a T/Th Preschool Closing Program
- 5:00p Weight Watchers' Meeting
- 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study at Barb White's House (all are invited)

Saturday, 5/14

- 9:30a Board of Evangelism Meeting
- 5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 5/15

- 7:45a Worship Service
- 9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
- 10:15a Holy Communion
- 5:30p Board of Youth Ministry Meeting
- 6-8p Youth Group Night

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 Day of Pentecost. The readings for next Sunday will be Gen. 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; and John 14:23-31. 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.

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS! Inspired by Immanuel youth group mission trips, Max Schrader and John Maag are currently serving in Cusco, Peru on a construction mission trip through International Volunteer HQ. They are working 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, and 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, 5K walks, 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 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 for more details.

Want to view our worship services or need more info? Visit us at www.immanuelwaterloo.org.

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
5:30pm	65	57
7:45am	50	65
10:15am	111	103
	226	225

2016 weekend average attendance: 245

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	28	\$10.00
HS & College	6	
Adults	25	
	59	

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!

NARTHEX EXPANSION EXPLORATION COMMITTEE.

This committee (Pam Schrader, Jane Schaefer, Roger Kinzinger, Larry Goessling, Melissa Ziegler, Karen Hodapp, and Allen Jacobs) 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. *Feel free to contact one of the committee members 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.

WALK FOR FUN & WALK TO HELP! Concordia Seminary (801 Seminary Place) in St. Louis is hosting the 2nd Annual CFNA Benefit Walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 14, 2016, on the Seminary campus to benefit Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA). Registration is \$10/person or \$25/family. The walk begins at 9:00am. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for all of the registration details! By the way, Jen, Addie, and Ben Janssen volunteer at CFNA on a weekly basis, so feel free to chat with them for more info.

YOUTH NIGHT! All junior high & senior high youth are invited to the next Youth Night on Sunday, May 15, from 6-8pm in the youth room. We'll be studying more to prepare for the NYG as well as enjoying fun & fellowship, too!

WHO AM I? Starting on Tuesday, May 17, the Men's Bible Study will go through a video series called, "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?" led by Dr. Joel Biermann from Concordia Seminary. The men meet at Burger King every Tuesday at 6:30am.

OPEN HOUSE! The Monroe County Ambulance Service invites everyone to an Open House at the Ambulance Base on Route 3 on

Wednesday, May 18 from 5-8pm. Come and see the facility and meet the workers!

BIKING FOR BABIES! Join Life Network for their 4th Annual "Biking for Babies" event on Saturday, May 21, 2016. The ride begins at their office (722 N. Market St.) in Waterloo at 9:00am. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for all of the details and how to register. Contact Life Network's office with any questions (618-939-4224 or dgeist@htc.net).

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, 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!

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!

VBS VOLUNTEERS' MEETING! If you plan to be a volunteer during our VBS week in June, please plan to attend a meeting on **Wed., June 1 at 7:00pm in the overflow room.** Pastor Troup will be discussing the week's theme verse and other Bible verses, so we can all better prepare for a fun & Christ-centered week teaching children about Jesus!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Following the ordination service for Pastor-elect Merritt Demski at his home congregation in Northern Illinois on Saturday, June 4, Immanuel will host his installation service at 3:00pm on Sunday, June 12. A potluck dinner will also be held that day. 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 pg. 11 of 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.

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 recreation and snacks. See the poster in the narthex for a volunteer form. Contact the church office (939-6480 or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) with any questions.

SAY CHEESE! We are going to be updating our church pictorial directory this year, and we want you and your family to be a part of it! Please plan to participate in our upcoming pictorial directory so your fellow members can put a name with a face. It's a great way to have a glimpse of our members and all of their contact information in a *fancy* little book. We will be offering 3 dates in early August and 3 dates in mid-September. Mark your calendars for the picture dates: August 9-11 and Sept. 15-17. More details will follow in the coming months. *By the way, would you like to help with registration on the picture days or help put this directory together? If so, contact the church office and let Lisa know. Volunteers are appreciated!*

BOOK CLUB. The book club is on hiatus until September, when we will meet on the 12th to discuss *God: The Evidence* by Patrick Glyn. All are welcome to join us. We will resume our regular meeting date on October 3rd when we will discuss Katie Schuermann's *The Choir Immortal*. That's the second book in a series so you may want to read her first novel, *House of Living Stones*, first.