



## Weekly Calendar May 22-30, 2016

Monday, 5/23  
Pastor Troup's day off  
7:00p VBS Decorations  
Prep Night  
8:00p Men's Prayer Group  
8:00p AA Meeting

5/24–5/26  
Lisa on vacation

5/24–5/27  
Pastor-elect Merritt on vacation

Tuesday, 5/24  
6:30a Men's Bible Study  
6:7:30p Zumba

Wednesday, 5/25  
9:30a NO Adult Bible  
Study  
7:00p Agape Ringers'  
Practice

Thursday, 5/26  
5:00p Weight Watchers'  
Meeting  
7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, 5/28  
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 5/29  
7:45a Holy Communion  
9:00a Sunday School &  
Bible Study Classes  
10:15a Worship Service

Monday, 5/30  
Memorial Day—Church office  
closed  
Pastor Troup's day off  
8:00p AA 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.

**WE WELCOME** Ava Elizabeth Helms into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism during the Saturday evening service this weekend. Ava's parents are Jerry (Jr.) and Lynn nee Prange Helms, and her sponsors are George Marquardt and Amy Schmeding. May God bless you and keep you in all your ways, Ava!

**WE WELCOME** Jagger Floyd Gregory into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism during the 10:15am service this weekend. Jagger's parents are Joshua and Jessica nee Senf Gregory, and his sponsors are Robert Willmore, Pam Hoock, Katie Moll, and Floyd Senf. May God bless you and keep you in all your ways, Jagger!

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the Second Sunday after Pentecost. The readings for next Sunday will be 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43; Gal. 1:1-12; and Luke 7:1-10. 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 updates. If

you have any suggestions, feel free to let us know.

**PROFIT AND LOSS** reports for April 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, 5K walks, Thrivent events, blood drives, etc.) are posted there!

**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!

**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!

**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.

## Last Weekend's Attendance

|         | 2016      | 2015      |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 5:30pm  | 53        | 40        |
| 7:45am  | 66        | 63        |
| 10:15am | <u>87</u> | <u>79</u> |

2016 weekend average attendance: 244

### Sunday School:

|              |           |        |
|--------------|-----------|--------|
| PreK–8th     | 22        | \$7.00 |
| HS & College | 5         |        |
| Adults       | <u>19</u> | 46     |

## 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 DVD Bible study "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?" 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!

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

**ATTENTION SATURDAY NIGHT CHURCH GOERS...** I am looking for a couple of Saturday night church goers to pick up the offerings after church and put it away. All you will need to do is separate the attendance cards from the offerings and put the offerings away. Total time for this task is about five minutes. You would be assigned to this task about one Saturday night per month. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please call me at 282-6597. Thank you, Warren Frank, Financial Secretary

**DO YOU LIKE TO DO WOOD WORKING?** The Board of Social Ministry is looking for handmade 4" wooden crosses for part of the gifts for our shut-ins. If you would like to help, please contact Sandy Mueller (618-420-1373) for more details.

**FARM SUPPLIES NEEDED—NEW ONES ADDED!** We are looking for several items to help with decorating, crafts, and games during VBS this summer. **Items needed include Sharpie markers (all colors), red/green/black paints, and pink/brown/black cardstock or construction paper. These particular items would be great to have on or before May 23rd!** Other items needed for the crafts and games during VBS are plastic empty toilet paper rolls, beads (aka pony beads), dried corn (used for animal food), toy tractors (will be given back after VBS), small toy farm animals (will be given back after VBS), seeds (any kind), small plastic cups, potting soil, pink & white balloons (1 bag of each), 3 fly swatters, 6 empty ice cream buckets or sand pails, 4-6 swimming noodles, 1 roll of yellow caution tape, and 2 pkg. streamers (any color). These items are needed on or before June 12th. All donations can be dropped off in the church office. 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!

**BLOOD DRIVE.** The next Valmeyer Community Blood Drive will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, from 11:00am to 7:00pm at St. Mary's Parish Center in Valmeyer. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

### 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!

### YOUNG ADULT SERVANT

**EVENT.** Are you 18-30 years old? Ready for fun and challenges? Can you break up cement, spread mulch, cook an ethnic meal, get into a water balloon fight, tell a child the story of Jesus' love? If your answer is YES, it's time to meet refugees and immigrants from around the world! Join us June 2-5, 2016, in St. Louis to work with Extreme Faith/St. Trinity and the Christian Friends of New Americans. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes food, a T-shirt and housing at St. Trinity. For more information and to register online, please visit <https://goo.gl/PXzzwh>.

### SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 4TH!

This summer, we have the opportunity "to do good and show mercy," by engaging in mission work right in our own district. There will be a Neighborhood Cleanup held on Saturday, June 4th from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the neighborhood around Unity Lutheran Church and Unity School in East St. Louis, IL (specifically 8-10 low income families in close proximity). Lansdowne Community Initiative in partnership with Lutheran Housing Support, Laborers for Christ and Lutheran Churches across the Southern Illinois District (SID) are sponsoring this project. 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!

**SUMMER READING.** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Fred Kimbrough (800-248-1930 ext. 1647).

### 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).

### FARMHANDS ARE NEEDED!

Would you like to help "around the farm"? Volunteers can be 7th grade and older. We are still looking for several volunteers to help as recreation helpers and teachers' aides. See the insert in your bulletin and 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.

**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!