

# Immanuel Monthly

**July/August  
2016**



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

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## ***From Our Administrative Pastor...***

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

One of my favorite activities during the summer is fishing. I don't go very often and I'm not a very good fisherman, but I do find fishing both relaxing and exciting. It's calming to sit there and reel in your line—and it's exciting when you hook a fish! And for those who enjoy a good fish dinner, fishing can provide some tasty meals. It's no wonder fishing is so popular!

It's interesting to think about how prominent and important fishing was to the people of Jesus' day. In Jesus' day, fishing was so much more than a hobby. It was a respected and essential profession which provided much needed food for everyone, rich and poor alike. Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen, and fishing served as a backdrop for some important events in Jesus' ministry. Jesus even used fishing as a metaphor for saving souls. Fish aren't the only things Jesus' disciples fish for!

With that in mind, Pastor Demski and I are going to explore some of the biblical narratives about fishing in a special 4-week sermon series this summer. Called *Gone Fishin'*, these sermons will focus on God's mighty acts and his saving message delivered to God's people *while they were fishing*. The texts that we'll explore are:

July 16-17 — Luke 5:4-11  
July 23-24 — John 21:1-14  
July 30-31 — Jonah 1:1-17  
August 6-7 — Matt. 17:24-27

I've never known any pastors or churches to do a series like this, so I'm looking forward to sharing a new and different format with you this summer. Rest assured, though, that these sermons will be true to God's Word and Christ-centered. The aim of *Gone Fishin'* is to present God's Word in a creative way and in a way that demonstrates the power and joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The series will stretch us a bit as preachers, but we pastors need that. Anything that helps us dig into God's Word and gets the creative juices going is a good thing!

So enjoy your summer! Go fishing, traveling and picnicking knowing that you are God's very own and that he's chosen you to be "fishers of men." God bless you richly!

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Trump*

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## **Summer 2016 Sermon Series**



Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Waterloo, Illinois

## From Our Associate Pastor...

Grace and peace to all of you in Christ Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, I can't believe that Immanuel and Waterloo are finally a place we can call home. No more, "soon," or "maybe." Instead, we can take joy in saying, "We live in Waterloo." The warm welcome and generosity you all have shown to Veronica and to me has been overwhelming. Despite all of the thank you notes I've been writing at home, and my expression of thanks here, there aren't enough pieces of paper (nor is there enough time) to adequately express how thankful we truly are for all of you.

Paul's words to the church in Philippi rattle around in my mind as I express my thanks to you. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:3-6) Despite all he experienced with persecution and imprisonment, Paul wrote a lot about joy and thankfulness because Paul knew the bigger story rather than the tough time facing him at the moment. The book of Philippians is full of statements about the joy we have in Christ (not to mention that that joy comes from Christ alone...the theme for National Youth Gathering this year). Paul also brings up joy in other books. This past weekend (6/26) the Epistle lesson was from Galatians 5 where Paul says that the fruits of the Spirit are "love, JOY, peace, patience, etc...." Joy and thankfulness are a big deal for us who are in Christ. Even when there is sorrow, sickness, and pain, we are not completely crushed because our joy is not rooted in things of this life alone. Instead we are part of a larger story that has a beautiful ending and for that we give thanks with great joy.

The Psalmist writes:

<sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but **joy** comes with the morning.  
will come with the morning (Psalm 30).

Our joy doesn't come magically and without any rational. Instead, our joy comes from our sure hope that comes from Christ alone and God's love. God is perfect and just, and His anger at injustice and imperfection is more than we can handle. Yet, the Psalmist tells us God's anger is for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. In Christ we saw the extent of

God's love for us. Upon Christ God poured out all of His wrath for the sins that we (yep, YOU and ME) committed and ever will commit. When we go before God thanking Him for giving His own Son for us, and trusting that His words are true—that we're made right before God because of Jesus—we have joy and live a life full of thanksgiving. Sorrow may come in (and stick around through the night) clouding our thoughts, causing us to forget the reason we have such joy, but when Christ returns and we are raised, just as he is raised, joy will never leave.

Thank you so much again! We look forward to working together with all of you as the Holy Spirit advances the kingdom of God in Waterloo and beyond. May the peace of Christ and the joy of eternal salvation be with you all.

*Pastor Denski*

**Openings are still available in the  
M/W/F class at Immanuel's  
Preschool for the 2016-2017  
school year!**

M/W/F Class for 4 yr. olds

8:30—11:30am

*Children must be 4 by 9/1/16.*

**\$50 registration fee (non-refundable)**

**\$110/month tuition (Sept—May)**

Visit our website ([www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org)) or contact the office ([immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) or 939-6480) for more information or to get a registration packet.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

During the Spring (March-May) quarter, Kelsey Crook did not miss any Sundays and received a perfect attendance prize and certificate! Way to go, Kelsey! The following students only missed 1-3 classes and received honorable mention certificates: Jenna Hoeffken, Nicholas Hoeffken, Addie Janssen, TJ Joellenbeck, Lauren Patterson, Kyle Rusteberg, Addison Solrud, Avery Troup, and Grace Troup. Keep up the good work!

## July & August Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to...

#### July:

1 Matt Collmeyer  
Avery Griffin  
Joan Koch  
Kierstin Lipe  
Pam Lloyd  
Nicole Perjak

2 Trista  
Hergenroeder  
Deborah Metzger

3 Stephanie  
Bommarito

4 Jill Eggemeyer  
Samantha Ellis  
Cindy O'Brien

6 Paul Broske II  
David Naumann

7 Eric Kinzinger  
Roger Schanz  
Michael Trout

8 Lauren Heise  
Skyler Milton

9 Daniel Kettler  
Bob Stueve  
Linda Tubbesing

10 Jennifer Conway

11 Ellen Brandt  
Emelia Brandt

Casey Ellis  
13 Margaret Nobbe

14 Ava Hemmer  
Robin Wetzler

15 Sandy Nichols  
Lynn Taake

Julie Valerius  
16 Paul DeBourge

Nina Grant  
Larry Horn

Betty Schimpf  
17 Gwen Grant

18 Henry Huck  
Jonathan Naber

19 Julie Deptula  
Phyllis Lloyd

Sharon Songer  
20 Nina Binder

Wendy Gassner  
Sandy Mueller

Anna Rehmer  
Caroline Stratman

21 Eric Eggemeyer  
Diane Hoffmann

22 Patrick Kelly III  
Adam Garner

Steven Heise  
24 Darlene Bicklein

Amanda Norris  
Kim Polacek

25 Merdie Haberl

Lena Woodcock  
26 Donald Moore

Connie Naber  
28 Ben Rausch

29 Kelsey Bergman  
Karen Hodapp

30 Erik Brandt  
31 Jerry Grant

Nichole Kruse  
Roy Wehl

#### August:

1 Dennis Clamors  
Nicholas Hoeffken

Dawn Rubemeyer  
2 Judy Hitzemann

Andrea Kuergeleis  
3 Jean Hoeffken

Kelley Keller  
Donna Kirkley

Jim Pflasterer  
Tucker Wilson

5 Kelli Monroe  
Ryan Starbuck

6 Audrey Braun  
Kelsey Crook

Randy Wetzler  
7 Kim Holtgrieve

Grace Urspruch  
Adrianna Whelan

8 Denise Clamors  
Ben Janssen

Carol Woodcock  
10 TJ Joellenbeck

Tim Williams  
11 Warren Frank

Donna Rusteberg  
12 Grace Thompson

13 Edward Arras  
14 Kenton May

Vivian Reiss  
Barry Trout

15 Virgil Horn  
Jen Janssen

Robby Mesnarich  
16 Helen Clamors

Joe Grant  
April Kirkley

Shelly Wetzler  
18 Stephen Jones

19 Lacey Hicks  
20 Larry Wynn

21 Robert Clark  
22 Christina Benesh

23 Reece Collmeyer  
David Powell

24 Sue Bradshaw  
Brittany Buettner

Wilbert Kohlmeier  
25 Marian Obst

26 Pamela Kettler

26 Rachel  
Patterson

27 Jim Neusel  
28 Gayle

Mesnarich  
29 Leron Pryor

Cindy Rehmer  
30 Shirley

Moeckel  
Amanda Soma

31 Pam Beelman  
Masson Fink

Ruby Muench  
Rebecca

Richards  
Dean Urspruch

Reagan  
Wilhelm

Tyler Wilson

*God's  
blessings to  
each of  
you!*

## Parish Leaders

### Pastors:

Rev. Dr. Tony Troup, 618-340-8375

Administrative

Rev. Merritt Demski, 847-254-9666

Associate

### Church & School Staff:

Lisa Clamors, 618-719-4954

Office Secretary

Ann Frank, 282-6597

Music Director

Sandy Mueller

Housekeeping

Ken Schanz

Groundskeeper/Maintenance

Cindy Troup, 618-340-0757

Preschool Director

Linda Polansky

Preschool Aide

### Church Council:

Lee Eggemeyer, 458-8555

President

Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033

Vice-President

Laura Kinzinger, 939-8175

Secretary

David Powell, 618-974-9222

Treasurer

Warren Frank, 282-6597

Financial Secretary

Taryn Niemeyer, 939-7982

Christian Education

Allen Jacobs, 939-3035

Church Properties

Colby Crook, 618-910-2825

Evangelism

Sandy Mueller, 618-420-1373

Social Ministry

Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033

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Pat Kelly, Sr., 636-373-2967

Stewardship

Sandy Nichols, 618-719-3424

Youth Ministry

### Other Volunteers:

Cindy Troup

Sunday School Superintendent

Louise Nobbe

Head Sacristans

Leron Pryor

Hazel Moeckel

Sandy Thompson

Flower Coordinator

Lisa Clamors

Women's Christian Ministry

Janet Crawford

Fellowship Committee

### Field Education Students:

*During the summer months, we do not have any field education students.*

Have you ever thought about joining one of Immanuel's Boards or committees? If so, please contact the appropriate person listed above.

*See page 11 for the July & August Anniversaries!*

## Elders' Shepherding Program

*(Families whose last name begins with)*

A-B	Rodney Clamors, 618-719-4023
C-D	Jim Crawford, 618-799-8789
E-Ha	Scott Janssen, 214-629-6975
He-Hu	Bob Polansky, 618-979-0918
J-K	Jason Valerius, 458-4890
L-Mel	Wayne Collmeyer, 618-719-7235
Men-My	Cal Neeman, 939-5137
N-P	Elden Niemeyer, 939-7982
R-Sche	Larry Taake, 939-4757
Schi-Sw	Jerry Grant, 939-5032
T-Wel	Bill Holtgrieve, 939-9105
Wem-Z	Larry Goessling, 939-8824

Elders and Pastors:  
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033

## Bible Study Opportunities!

**Sunday Education Hour:** This Bible study hour consists of Sunday School for the youth (3 years old to 8th grade), a young adult Bible study (high school & college age) on "*What Does It Look Like to Be a Christian in Our Culture?*," led by Pastor Demski in the youth room; a DVD study "*Daniel at Immanuel*" led by Pastor Troup in the overflow room; and a DVD-based Bible study on various topics for young adults and families led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe in the church basement kitchen.

**Men's Bible Study:** A DVD Bible study "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?" led by Pastor Troup is held at Burger King every Tuesday at 6:30am.

**Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class:** This Bible study and fellowship time is held every Wednesday at 9:30am. This class is led by Rev. Merritt Demski. They are studying the Book of Romans.

**Ladies' Bible Study:** We are taking a break for the summer. We'll resume on August 11th!

**Adult Information Classes:** None at the present time. Watch the bulletins & newsletters for information on the next class.

**Everyone is invited, and bring a friend!**

## Monthly Collections

### Board of Social Ministry:

July & August: Unity Lutheran Elementary School, East St. Louis

Items needed are colored copier paper (in many colors), 1.5 inch three-ring binders, packs of lined notebook paper, pocket folders (no tabs), colored pencils, 3" x 5" lined index cards, composition notebooks (9.75" x 7.5"), glue sticks, spiral notebooks, student scissors, 24-count Crayola crayons, markers, pencil boxes, white out tape, staplers and staples, colored Sharpie markers, manila folders, 9x12 envelopes, red pens, masking tape, Scotch tape rolls for dispensers, disinfectant spray & wipes, and white copier paper. Thank you for your support! A barrel is in the narthex for your donations.

### Sunday School:

July & August: Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Each month, the Sunday School classes take a monetary offering for a specific charity. Thank you to all of the Pre-K through 8th grade students that contribute to these collections each month!

### Bi-County Backpack Program:

This is an ongoing collection that supports children in Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo throughout the year. See the weekly bulletins for a list of items needed.

## SAY CHEESE!

*We are 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 picture days 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.

### Mark your calendars for the picture dates:

**August 9-11—2-9pm each day**

**Sept. 15-16—2-9pm each day**

**Sept. 17—10am - 4:30pm**

Sign up online to reserve your appointment time now!

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/immanuellutheranchurch6/index.php?page=10>

By the way, we would love help with registration on the picture days and with putting this directory together. Can you help?

If so, contact the church office and let Lisa know.

Volunteers are appreciated!

*Do you have any candid pictures of life at Immanuel? Send them our way! Email them to Lisa at [immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com).*

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

*Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.*

**We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners:** Millie Menke, Erwin Liefer, Doris Horn, Virginia Horn, Cathy Goforth, Phyllis Brown, Shirley Moeckel, Donna Lieb, Lana Mueller, Esther Brandt, Cindy Rehmer, Al Scheibe

**We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Susan Higgins, Al Gruber, Donna Huffman, Gordon Curd, Jane Walter, Kurt Klotzer, Nicole Bachelier, Ginny Sweet, Darren Stein, Lydia Boyer, Mary Ann Shelvy

**We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation:** Dusty Hansen, Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty

**We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions:** Eric & Linda Funke (Tanzania), Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL), Erica Crawford (Eastern Asia through July)

## May Church Attendance

May 2016 (5)	1195
May 2015 (5)	1156
May 1986 (4)	997

2016 Weekly Average (as of 5/31): 244  
As of 5/31/16, there were 870 baptized members.

## Bible Study Changes

During Pastor Troup's vacation, June 30—July 11, Pastor Demski will be leading his Sunday morning Bible study in the overflow room. High school & college age are invited to attend this class as well.

During this same time period, there will not be a Tuesday morning Men's Bible study at Burger King.

## May 2016 Official Acts

### Baptisms:

5/21/16—*Ava Elizabeth Helms*, daughter of Jerry & Lynn nee Prange Helms

5/22/16—*Jagger Floyd Gregory*, son of Josh & Jessica nee Senf Gregory

## Our May Finances

Total Deposits	\$ 26,614.99
Total Expenses	\$ 28,318.91
Over/(Short)	\$ (1,703.92)

### May 31, 2016 Balances:

Checking	\$ 98,155.67
Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,096.36
Narthex Exp. Fund	\$ 9,480.00
Nobbe Mem. Fund	\$ 7,986.00
Loan	\$ 40,801.02

### 2016 Year to Date:

Deposits	\$174,758.89
Expenses	\$163,802.99
Over/(Short)	\$ 10,955.90
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 0.00

## July & August 2016 Altar Flowers

7/2—7/3 open

7/9—7/10 Given to the glory of God by Ollney & Sandy Mueller in honor of their 5th wedding anniversary

7/16—7/17 Given to the glory of God by Roger & Angie Prescher in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary

7/23—7/24 Given to the glory of God by Jenny Jung & Carl Nobbe in memory of Carol Nobbe

7/30—7/31 Given to the glory of God by Wayne Collmeyer & family in memory of Linda Collmeyer

8/6—8/7 open

8/13—8/14 open

8/20—8/21 open

8/27—8/28 open

*The 2016 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sign up early for the weekend you would like! As your weekend gets closer, Sandy Thompson, the flower coordinator, will contact you to give you more details.*

## July & August 2016 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Greeters	Media Team
Sat, Jul 02	5:30pm		Greg Wiegand	Keda Bachelier	Jordyn Koch	Marilyn Collette	Haley/Hannah Vernier
Sun, Jul 03	7:45am	9		Gary Altes	Jenna Hoeffken & Kylee LaRue	Ushers	Laurie/Dave ®
	10:15am	7	Rodney Clamors & Wayne Collmeyer	Kim Holtgrieve	Kyra Drewes & Drake Downing	Ushers	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes
Sat, Jul 09	5:30pm		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Sami Wheat	Marilyn Collette	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Jul 10	7:45am	10	Gary Altes & Warren Frank	Joey Birittier	Paul Hoeffken & Rachel Patterson	Barb & Courtney Heimbürger	Pam Nagel
	10:15am	8		Marian Obst	Tyler Cooley & Alex Magnuson	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ®
Sat, Jul 16	5:30pm		Wayne Collmeyer	Keda Bachelier	Sophia Alu	Marilyn Collette	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes
Sun, Jul 17	7:45am	1		Kim Holtgrieve	Lilly Prather & Jenna Hoeffken	Ushers	Haley/Hannah Vernier ®
	10:15am	11	Warren Frank	Warren Frank	Audra Scheibe & Matthew Stratman	Ushers	Greg/Paul Hoeffken
Sat, Jul 23	5:30pm		Greg Wiegand	Nyla Bartels	Grace Herschbach	Marilyn Collette	Pam Nagel
Sun, Jul 24	7:45am	2	Warren Frank	Veronica Demski	Griffin Nichols & Kaden Nichols	Ushers	Lisa Clamors
	10:15am	3		Rodney Clamors	Evan Fink & Ian Schrader	Ushers	Greg/Paul Hoeffken ®
Sat, Jul 30	5:30pm		Chuck Keller		Jack Metzger	Marilyn Collette	Kelley Keller
Sun, Jul 31	7:45am	4		Warren Frank	Aaron Lloyd & Alex Whelan	Charles & Phyllis Lloyd	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes ®
	10:15am	5	Wayne Collmeyer	Wayne Collmeyer	Jacob Williams & Jenna Hoeffken	Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer	Haley/Hannah Vernier
Sat, Aug 06	5:30pm		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Jordyn Koch	Marilyn Collette	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Aug 07	7:45am	6		Wayne Collmeyer	Kyra Drewes & Madalyn Valerius	Ushers	Laurie Sparwasser ®
	10:15am	7	Bob Vernier	Karen Hodapp	Kylee LaRue & Matthew Stratman	Ushers	Pam Nagel
Sat, Aug 13	5:30pm		Greg Wiegand	Keda Bachelier	Sophia Alu	Marilyn Collette	Greg/Paul Hoeffken
Sun, Aug 14	7:45am	9	Wayne Collmeyer	Kim Holtgrieve	Rachel Patterson & Sami Wheat	Barb & Courtney Heimbürger	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes
	10:15am	8		Rodney Clamors	Paul Hoeffken & Tyler Cooley	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ®
Sat, Aug 20	5:30pm		Wayne Collmeyer	Keda Bachelier	Alex Magnuson	Marilyn Collette	Haley/Hannah Vernier
Sun, Aug 21	7:45am	11		Joey Birittier	Audra Scheibe & David Broske	Ushers	Pam Nagel ®
	10:15am	10	Rodney Clamors	Marian Obst	Evan Fink & Grace Herschbach	Ushers	Laurie Sparwasser
Sat, Aug 27	5:30pm		Chuck Keller	Nyla Bartels	Drake Downing	Marilyn Collette	Kelley Keller
Sun, Aug 28	7:45am	1	Gary Altes	Gary Altes	Lilly Prather & Ian Schrader	Ushers	Greg/Paul Hoeffken
	10:15am	3		Rodney Clamors	Griffin Nichols & Kaden Nichols	Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ®

### Usher Teams:

- 1 Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Dennis & Raymond Brandt, Ed Arras
- 2 Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer
- 3 Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Alec & Michael Trout, Ollney Mueller Jr.
- 4 Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan
- 5 Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher
- 6 Jason & Nick Valerius, Wade Marshall, Gerald Woodcock, Tim Troup
- 7 Alan Stumpf, Larry Decker, Max & Ross Schrader
- 8 Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
- 9 Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Joey Birittier
- 10 Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
- 11 Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht, Eric Eggemeyer

### Vestment Colors:

7/1—8/31 black

### Saturday Accompanists:

7/9, 8/13—Joan Ruwald  
7/2, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6,  
8/20, 8/27—Ron Jones

### Collators:

July—Veronica Demski  
August—Diana Heins

## Do You Have an Email Address?

Did you know that you could be a good steward by receiving our newsletter via e-mail? Call (939-6480) or e-mail ([immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com)) the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

## Our Website Is Where It's At!

Want to stay up to date? Go to our website ([immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)) and check it out! Be sure to subscribe to the calendar, and you'll have the most up to date info on Immanuel's activities and events. Also, click on Announcements/Blogs from the homepage to get access to all of the weekly announcements, updates, and newsletters.  
*Notice that something is missing? Let us know!*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>July 2016</div>					1	2
					Pastor Troup & Cindy on vacation	
						5:30p Holy Communion
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pastor Troup & Cindy on vacation						
7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion	Church Office Closed	NO Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Elders' Meeting	9:30a Adult Bible Class	7:00p Ladies' Bible Study		9:30a Board of Evangelism Meeting  5:30p Holy Communion
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pastor Troup & Cindy on vacation		NO Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6:30p Board of Social Ministry Meeting 6-7:30p Zumba	9:30a Adult Bible Class	Pastor Demski OFF		National Youth Gathering
7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service & NYG Commissioning	8:00p Men's Prayer Group					5:30p Holy Communion 6:30p Narthex Comm. Open House
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
National Youth Gathering - Keep our 15 youth and 5 chaperones in your prayers!						
7:45a Worship Service 8:45a Narthex Comm. Open House 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 11:15a Narthex Comm. Open House 3-4p Youth Bells Workshop	Pastor Troup OFF	6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Women's Christian Ministry Meeting	NO Adult Bible Class	7:00p Church Council Meeting		5:30p Holy Communion
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service	Pastor Troup OFF  8:00p Men's Prayer Group	6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King	9:30a Adult Bible Class	Pastor Demski OFF		5:30p Holy Communion
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 11:30a Book Signing with Lisa Clark	Pastor Troup OFF 8a-7p Drop off & Price/Organize items for Rummage Sale	6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 8a-7p Drop off & Price/Organize items for Rummage Sale 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Elders' Meeting	9:30a Adult Bible Class 8a-7p Drop off & Price/Organize items for Rummage Sale	Pastor Demski OFF 8a-12p Drop off & Price/Organize items for Rummage Sale 5-8p Preview Sale for Members & Friends	7:30a - 1:00p Rummage Sale	7:30a - 1:00p Rummage Sale  5:30p Holy Communion 6:30p Narthex Comm. Open House
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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## A "Note" from our Music Director

### *Immanuel's 2016-17 Music Season is right around the corner...*

Wow, it seems like just yesterday when I was filing 2015-16 music away...and here I am....preparing for 2016-17! So, I need to be ready to *plunge* into the new music season, and I am also asking you to take the *plunge* and join Immanuel's Music Ministry. Please feel free to contact me at any time for more information on how to become involved, or check out Immanuel's website and click on: *Getting Involved – Serving – Around Church – Music*

**Adult Choir** will begin on Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00pm in the balcony.

**Agape Ringers** will begin Wednesday, August 31st at 8:05pm in the front of church.

**Immanubells** will begin practices on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm in front of church.

God's blessings to you throughout the summer months.

Serving Him,



## Coming.....soon!

Co-directors, Elden & Taryn Niemeyer, will host **2 summer bell workshops for youth** (those students going into 4th grade and up) who are interested in joining Immanubells, or those wanting to "brush up" on bell ringing & technique, etc.

**Sunday, July 17th 3-4pm**  
**Wednesday, August 17th 6:30-7:30pm**  
 (both workshops will be held in the church)

If you are interested, please contact Lisa in the church office (939-6480) prior to these dates so plans/materials can be made/provided accordingly. Youth may choose to attend one or both of the sessions.

## Support Our BASIC Youth Group!

1. Immanuel's BASIC youth group sponsors a coffee & doughnut fellowship each Sunday morning from 8:45-9:00am and 10-10:15am outside the multipurpose room. **If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the list on the table.** All freewill offerings are appreciated!
2. 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.
3. The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products!
4. The ice machine is available and ice can be purchased for a freewill donation during office hours, and on weekends before and after worship. Simply load your container with the large ice scoop and place your money in the donation can.

***Thank you for your support!***

## This is the Year!

The 2016 National Youth Gathering is coming up soon! Please keep all 15 youth and 5 chaperones in your prayers.

They'll travel to New Orleans in mid-July to enjoy an awesome week with 30,000+ other young Christians in a fantastic setting.

Thank you for all of your support for our youth group over the past couple years to help us prepare for this event!





## Greetings from the Women's Christian Ministry (WCM)!

I sure hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer —lots of family time, fun in the sun, relaxing, and time with the Lord!

The ladies of Immanuel will be meeting in July, and we invite you all to join us! We will be discussing our upcoming events and enjoying fellowship and laughs. Here are some details on a couple of those upcoming events...

- ♦ Ladies, young and old, are invited to a **special event** sometime soon! Details will be forthcoming, but it's sure to be a fun & relaxing event with our focus on relaxing and enjoying great fellowship with fellow women of Christ.
- ♦ We also plan to have another **Freezer Meal Workshop** in **late August / early September**, just in time for "back to school" planning.
- ♦ If you plan to make crafts for the **Wurstmarkt Country Store**, you may want to get a head start. **October 2** will be here before you know it! The proceeds from the Country Store are used to hold our many activities throughout the year!
- ♦ Our annual **Bunco Night** is also on our schedule for **Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00pm** in the multipurpose room!

Since this newsletter is for both July & August, please watch the newsletters and bulletins for more details on all of these events as they get closer!

**As always, thank you for your continued donations to the Bi-County Backpack Program!** This is an ongoing collection throughout 2016. There is a list of needed items in the bulletins, and there is a basket in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

*Our next Women's Christian Ministry meeting will be Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Overflow Room. Hope to see both familiar faces and some new ones!*

In Christ,

*Lisa Clamors*

*"How good and pleasant it is when sisters live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1*

## We Want Your Stuff and Spread the Word!!!

**Immanuel's Annual Rummage Sale will be held on August 5-6, 2016.**

***Preview Sale—August 4th—5-8pm***

***Drop-off items and help us price and organize items:***

***August 1-3, 8am—7pm***

***August 4, 8am—12pm***

***Help is needed during the sale as well.***

***Please contact Lois Ruff (939-8387) if you are willing to help during the week!!***



**Items not accepted as donations:**

***TVs of any kind, mattresses, car seats, entertainment centers, encyclopedias, or any broken items.***

## An Update from Our Missionary Partners...

### ***Funke News: Many Parts***

*"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ..." "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:12, 26-27*

Early this month, Michael learned about the parts of the body. We've thought a lot about bodies this month for reasons which will soon become apparent. We are amazed at the interconnectedness of the body, but even more so at the interconnectedness of the Body of Christ. As 1 Corinthians 12:26 says, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." We have definitely seen this in the body of Christ here and around the world. Thus, we will continue to share our points of suffering and joy with you and would love to hear from you as well. Thank you to each one of you for being part of the body.



Eric, Linda, and Michael Funke

#### That Which Pains Us

**Death**— Part way through the month, the dogs at our house, our school, and a friend's house received a tainted rabies vaccine. Four out of nine of the dogs passed away including our beloved Maisha. She was our neighbors' dog, but she has been a dear friend of ours since we moved here three years ago. She loved and protected Michael as she would one of her own pups.

**Illness**— Shortly after Maisha's death, Linda began suffering from what we believed at the time to be a normal reaction to some medication she was taking for SIBO. We later discovered that she actually had a nonrelated infection requiring antibiotics. We thank God that after almost two weeks of fevers and pain, she is recovering.

**Disappointment**— Only one of the three people we invited to Career Day this month actually showed up. That being said, if only one person was going to exhibit faithfulness and service, at least it was the pastor. The students asked many great questions about the work of the pastor, and we will try to plan another Career Day in the coming months.

**Delay**— We found out that the judge in our adoption case was called away to Dar Es Salaam to rule on election petitions for the foreseeable future. They gave us a new court date of June 30th, saying that by then either he will be back, or they will have a better idea of when he will be back. Please pray that we can have patience in the wait and that he will return soon.

#### Causes for Rejoicing

**Sex and Relationships Seminar**— This month we, along with two other teachers and the school nurse, held our annual sex and relationships seminar, during which we talk about the physical, emotional, and spiritual ramifications of sex. We also cover the topics of abuse and what to look for in a spouse. At the end, we divide the students so that the male teachers can answer any questions the boys have and the female teachers can answer the girls' questions. As usual, the students asked many great questions and expressed gratitude for the seminar. It also opened up the door for counseling with some students individually.

**Michael**— This month was Linda's first Mother's Day as a mother. We continue to be grateful every day for Michael's laughter, sweet observations, cuddles, and love. All of the documents that the court needs for Michael's adoption case have now been filed. Praise the Lord! All that's left is to wait for our hearing. We were also grateful to spend some time with another adoptive couple and our Dar Es Salaam lawyer, Brooke, when they came to meet with their judge who had been transferred to Shinyanga. Brooke is a fountain of knowledge when it comes to Tanzanian adoption and helped us better understand the upcoming steps.

*Written by Eric & Linda Funke on June 2, 2016.*

*Would you like to receive the updates (complete with pictures) by email straight from Eric & Linda? If so, email Linda at [Linda.Funke@global Lutheran outreach.com](mailto:Linda.Funke@global Lutheran outreach.com) and ask to be on their email update list.*



## VBS THANK YOU!

Thank you all 95 children and 50 volunteers for such a fun and Christ-lovin' week down on the farm last week! We learned how Jesus cares, provides, leads, forgives, and is our Savior, now and forever. Thank you to all who helped provide our needed craft, recreation, and snack supplies during the week—your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### Want to see pictures and the closing program video?

Go to Immanuel's Facebook page!

Log in to Facebook and search for @ImmanuelWaterlooIL.

Not on Facebook? Contact the church office!



## July & August Anniversaries

### Happy Anniversary to...

#### July:

- 1 Richard & Keda Bachelier, 39 yr.  
David & Julie Zeiger, 10 yr.
- 5 Drew & Sarah Sappenfield, 2 yr.  
Dale & Valerie Zeisset, 36 yr.
- 7 James & Ashley Bouquet, 9 yr.  
Brad & Patsy Hicks, 26 yr.
- 8 Ed & Debbie Arras, 39 yr.
- 9 Travis & Amanda Ervin, 11 yr.  
Ollney & Sandy Mueller, 5 yr.
- 11 Tom & Melissa Ziegler, 1 yr.
- 12 Chris & Kelly Black, 13 yr.
- 13 Wayne & Jamie Menke, 20 yr.
- 15 Kenton & Kathi May, 18 yr.
- 16 Eric & Rhonda Major, 12 yr.  
Roger & Angie Prescher, 34 yr.
- 17 John & Deb Bergman, 40 yr.
- 21 Jack & Kathy Netzeband, 60 yr.
- 27 Scott & Brenda Haare, 31 yr.
- 29 Max & Gina Eybel, 5 yr.  
Tom & Joyce McDaniel, 21 yr.  
Steven & Dawn Menke, 5 yr.

#### August:

- 1 Harold & Donna Daugherty, 48 yr.
- 3 John & Patricia Doty, 31 yr.
- 4 Steven & Cathy Goforth, 32 yr.
- 5 Julius & Nola Cottner, 55 yr.  
Warren & Ann Frank, 44 yr.
- 12 Gerald & Kim Straub, 38 yr.
- 15 Kevin & Catherine Whelan, 18 yr.
- 18 Jerry & Nancy Huck, 50 yr.  
Arlin & Marian Obst, 65 yr.  
Bob & Sharon Osterhage, 53 yr.
- 22 Wilbert & Merdel Haberl, 67 yr.
- 23 Jason & Karen Valerius, 19 yr.
- 25 Mike & Shawn Wilde, 9 yr.
- 30 Dan & Sandy Mueller, 8 yr.

*May God continue to bless your marriage!*

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SATURDAY

5:30pm

### SUNDAY

7:45am & 10:15am

*Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday service, at the 7:45am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and at the 10:15am service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month.*

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
8:00am – 4:30pm

***Pastor Troup's day off is Monday.  
Pastor Demski's day off is Thursday.***



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[immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)

You'll find our weekly announcements and updates, our calendar, and other important information!



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