

Immanuel Monthly

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From Our Administrative Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

As Lutheran congregations in the United States celebrate Reformation Sunday on Oct. 30 this year (Reformation Day is Oct. 31), some will lionize Martin Luther. In fairness to Martin Luther and these churches, Martin Luther was definitely a hero of the faith. He chose to stand with the clear Word of God and the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ even when threatened with prison and death. Yet Reformation Sunday isn't about remembering the heroism of our Reformation fathers and mothers. It's about focusing on Jesus Christ and what's he done for the world. It's about celebrating and relying on the biblical teaching of "justification by grace through faith." (Rom. 3:24, 28)

Many people today have no idea what justification by grace through faith means. In the Bible to justify means to "make right," or to "declare not guilty." Grace means getting what we don't deserve and not getting what we deserve. And so justification by grace through faith means that God declares us not guilty of our sins and right with him because Jesus took the punishment for our sins that we deserve and gives us pardon and life—something we don't deserve. See the picture? All this happens "through faith," that is, when we trust in Jesus for our rightness with God, pardon and eternal life.

This means that we're right with God and are going to heaven not as a result of anything that we've done, but because of Jesus' death and resurrection. It's all Jesus' doing. The blessings of peace with God, pardon and spending eternity with the Lord are free gifts!

This meant a lot to Martin Luther and the people of his day. So many people in those days feared that they were going to hell for not being good enough or doing enough good works. For them, justification by grace through faith was like a life preserver thrown to a drowning man. Before understanding justification, they tried to keep God's commandments in a vain and frustrating attempt to win heaven. After understanding and believing justification, people kept the law out of joy and thankfulness for Jesus' free gift of heaven.

Justification by grace through faith in Jesus is a personal joy and comfort to me and all Christians. We're certain of our salvation because Christ is our Savior and he gave his all to redeem us. We're not saved by works—by keeping God's commandments. We strive to keep the commandments because Jesus wants us to. Because it's good for us, our neighbors and it reflects who we are as God's people. To put it simply—justification by grace through faith frees us and fills us with Jesus' love. A love that spills out to others. Justification is awesome!

So let's celebrate Reformation Sunday with joy and a deep appreciation of all the blessings of justification. We can still recognize heroes of the faith like Martin Luther. God used him in a wonderful way. But thanks and praise are due primarily and most importantly to our Savior Jesus, the author and giver of all good gifts. God bless you now and always.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Inoup

Reformation

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

From Our Associate Pastor...

October is here. Fall has begun. For Christians who follow the historic church calendar, we know that October 31st is the day before All Saints Day. For the rest of culture, however, the day before All Saints day (All Saints Day Eve, [Hallows (holy ones) Eve, Halloween] makes people think of demons and ghost stories, and to don costumes of ninjas, superheroes, or plays on words in order to go ask for candy. A popular Halloween activity involves the telling of scary ghost stories. As Christians, what do we think about ghosts? At some point or another, we've all heard someone tell us a ghost story, and other than Casper, most people don't think happy thoughts when they talk about ghosts. **Let's look to Scripture for an answer on the old question, "What about Ghosts?"**

The first question is, do we have ANY ghost stories in the Bible? 1 Samuel 28 we hear about necromancers and mediums being put out of the land (3). Those are people who consult the dead. In 1 Samuel 28 Saul consults a medium so he can talk to Samuel who has died. Theologians who look at this story alongside the rest of Scripture usually come to the conclusion that this is a demon posing as Samuel rather than being Samuel himself (though there is debate...deeper than we have time for here). Since most theologians come to this conclusion, the next question would be, "Well, why would theologians think this is a demon posing as Samuel rather than just Samuel's ghost?"

To answer that we have to ask, "What happens to us after we die?" While Job is despairing in chapter 14 he talks about man being born, but then withering and "continuing not." In Philippians 1 Paul talks about being torn between living and dying because in the tragedy of death he would be at rest with Christ. And in Hebrews 9:27-28 we hear that man dies once and that's the end. Even in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, there is an idea of finality in death.

There's nothing in Scripture that suggests human spirits roam free "released from our shell of a body." All we hear in Scripture is that death is a horrible thing, and yet as Christians we can have peace in the midst of that horrible thing because we know it's not the end since we will rise as Christ did when he returns. What we do hear in Scripture is that there are demons, and that our battle is against spirits (Ephesians 6). We know that demons are spirit and are deceptive. What does the devil want to do? Scare, deceive, and distract people from Christ. How better to do that than for demons to imitate family and friends, create dread, and pull our focus from Christ and our hope in his resurrection? Think of the implications of the idea that ghosts are people who are trying to "finish something" before passing on. What is there to finish? What will that "finishing" accomplish? What is the source of that so-called "ghosts" salvation? These are just a few implications, but you can see that the implications abound when we start talking about ghosts being disembodied people. In reality what we call "ghosts" are really demons. Praise be to God that we can call upon Jesus in our times of fear or when we have demonic experiences! "Be gone in the name of Jesus" is a powerful weapon when in the midst of a spiritual battle.

"Ask the Pastor"

That's not to say "Use Jesus' name as a weapon that YOU wield." Instead, that is to say that in baptism Christ has covered you in his love, and just as we see in Scripture, Jesus' name is why we have life and hope, not because WE have some power that we control, but because we are redeemed and can call out to and trust in Jesus who has the power and dominion over all things.

Obviously, this could be a lot longer discussion, so if you ever want to chat about it or dig into this, feel free to call or stop by!

Blessings in Christ and enjoy the freedom we have in Christ alone.

Pastor Demski

Do you have a question you would like Pastor Demski to answer in his "Ask the Pastor" section of an upcoming monthly newsletter or on the website? If so, contact him directly (pastor.demski@gmail.com or 847-254-9666).

A "Note" from our Music Director

"I will praise the Name of God with a song..." (Psalm 69:30)

The various music groups at Immanuel have begun a new music season! Many hours of planning, preparation, and practice are put into the musical arrangements for worship services. The music groups include: the Adult Choir, Agape Ringers, Immanubells, Sunday School Choirs, soloists, small vocal ensembles, directors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists. Thank God for these dedicated individuals included in these groups. New members are always welcomed in each area of music.

Thanks also goes to congregation members who joyfully sing His songs of praise. Voices lifting up praises in the singing of hymns and liturgy glorify His Name.

It is the prayer of those involved in Immanuel's Music Ministry that God continue to bless them as they share many worshipful music selections during the 2016-17 Season.

To Him be the Glory!

Serving Him,

Jenn

I Will
Praise The
Lord With
A Song
psalm 69:30

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to...	26 Dexter Rodenberg Clarence Vogt
1 Art Meyer	27 Noah Heinemann
2 Linda Polansky	Jacob Williams
3 Kathy Bujnak	28 John Bicklein
Myra Lesinger	Jeriah Fink
4 Rod Boker	29 Ashlynn Magnuson
Nick Prescher	30 Sydney Kuergeleis
Alex Whelan	31 LeAnne Luhr
6 Michelle Fink	Arlin Obst
Jane Schaefer	Sophie Thorburg
7 Bev Jarvis	
8 Clint Rodenberg	Happy Anniversary to...
10 Alan Horn	2 Mike & Ashley Ramsey (6)
Emily Reece	3 Alvin & Carol Gruber (57)
Kirk Ritzel	4 Jay & Patricia Carr (36)
Donald Roesemeier	Matt & Jenny Prather (13)
11 Bryan Stueve	5 Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer (3)
13 Amelia Deptula	6 David & Julie Powell (37)
14 Lana Mueller	7 Mike & Julie Deptula (10)
16 David Jacobs	9 Josh & Nichole Kruse (6)
Hunter Kettler	Al & Vi Scheibe (62)
17 Michael Henry	Brian & Denise Wiese (34)
18 Don Matzenbacher	10 Ken & Susan Stratman (21)
Charlotte	11 Don & Connie Rusteberg (13)
Rodenberg	12 Davide & Nancy Alu (14)
Sarah Sappenfield	Jeff & Angie Filipiak (9)
Norma Wheatley	16 Rod & Pat Boker (47)
Julie Zeiger	Daniel & Megan Menke (6)
20 Sandra Downing	21 Matt & Pam Schrader (22)
Cody Hergenroeder	Alan & Susan Starbuck (38)
21 Nelda Gilbert	22 Lee & Karen Eggemeyer (39)
Jessica Gregory	Wilbert & Merdie Haberl (67)
22 John Stueve	24 Derek & Jenny Carr (18)
23 Raymond Brandt	26 Brian & Jennifer Downing (20)
Dennis Clamors II	28 Shirley & Hazel Moeckel (66)
Gene Hoffmann	29 Joe & Sandy Benyo (33)
David Neusel	Bill & Kim Holtgrieve (33)
24 Blake Nichols	
25 Taylor Fuegner	
26 Henry Eggemeyer	
Charli Major	

God's blessings to each of you!

Welcome, Nathan & Ben!

We welcome two Field Education Students, Nathan (Mariah) Abel & Ben (Gini) Spaulding, from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Nathan is a fourth year student, and Ben is a first year student. These men will serve Immanuel during this school year. Nathan, Mariah, Ben & Gini, we are blessed to have you serve with us here at Immanuel and pray we are also a blessing to you! These men will be helping during the services from time to time, as well as lead or co-lead various studies during the Sunday School hour.

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 Spiritual Ministry
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
Lerona Pryor
Hazel Moeckel
Sandy Thompson Flower Coordinator
Lisa Clamors Women's Christian Ministry
Janet Crawford Fellowship Committee

Field Education Students:

Nathan (Mariah) Abel, 4th year 832-257-8788
Ben (Gini) Spaulding, 1st year 586-588-1756

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

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 & Pastors: Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	

Have a question or would like to speak to your elder, feel free to call him anytime.

Monthly Collections

Board of Social Ministry:

October: Immanuel's Preschool

Items needed are plain white paper plates (small & large), 9 oz. plastic cups, Kleenex, baby wipes, napkins, plastic spoons, and AA & AAA batteries. Thank you for your support! A barrel is in the narthex for your donations.

Sunday School:

October: Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis

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.

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 *Jeremiah* led by Pastor Demski in the youth room; a DVD study "*Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?*" led by Pastor Troup in the overflow room; and a "*Sticky Faith*" Bible study for young adults and families led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe in the church basement kitchen.

Men's Bible Study: A Bible study on the *book of Matthew* 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 Pastor Demski, and they are studying the *book of Jeremiah*.

Ladies' Bible Study: The ladies are studying *Ladylike: Living Biblically* by Rebekah Curtis and Rose Adle every Thursday at 7:00pm in the overflow room!

Adult Information Classes: None at the present time.

Elders' Bible Study: A number of Immanuel's elders will be leading a Bible study called "What Jesus Demands from the World" in their homes every month. These studies focus on who Jesus is, what He expects of us, and how He provides loving direction and strength for our good and ultimate satisfaction. *They'll be studying one chapter per month, and there will be a few opportunities for each chapter every month.* Please feel free to contact the Bible study leaders if you would like more information. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served each evening. The schedule for October is:

Sunday, Oct. 2 – 7:00pm at Rodney Clamors' house (311 Grand Ave, Waterloo) - 618-719-4023

Sunday, Oct. 9 – 7:00pm at Jim Crawford's house (16 Mary Court, Waterloo) - 618-799-8789

Sunday, Oct. 16 – 7:00pm at Wayne Collmeyer's house (209 Crosswinds Court, Waterloo) - 618-719-7235

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, Nancy Huck, Isabel Gibbons, Sandy Moore, Cathy Goforth, Phyllis Brown, Esther Brandt, Cathie Collmeyer

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Al Gruber, Donna Huffman, Gordon Curd, Jane Walter, Kurt Klotzer, Nicole Bachelier, Ginny Sweet, Darren Stein, Lydia Boyer, Mary Ann Shelvy, Denny Stein, Ashley Higgins, Jason Steffenson, Ellen Dietz, Darlene McKinney, Barb Stone, Karen Altes, Bob Patterson

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), Rebecca in Uganda (safe travels to US)

August 2016 Official Acts

Baptisms:

8/14—*Henrik Clay Bradley*, son of Tyson & Mindy Bradley

8/21—*Barrett Drew Thompson*, son of Aaron & Christine Thompson

In last month's newsletter, we inadvertently omitted an official act.

Funeral:

6/16—*Roland Muench* (at Quernheim Funeral Home)

August Church Attendance

August 2016 (5)	1066
August 2015 (4)	831
August 1986 (4)	875

2016 Weekly Average (as of 8/31): 231
As of 8/31/16, there were 874 baptized members.

Our August Finances

Total Deposits	\$ 35,475.82
Total Expenses	\$ 34,721.45
Over/(Short)	\$ 754.37

August 31, 2016 Balances:

Checking	\$ 83,111.42
Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,113.89
Narthex Exp. Fund	\$ 10,740.00
Nobbe Mem. Fund	\$ 7,986.00
Loan	\$ 33,986.04

2016 Year to Date:

Deposits	\$269,602.20
Expenses	\$273,690.54
Over/(Short)	\$ (4,088.34)
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 0.00

October 2016 Altar Flowers

10/1—10/2	open
10/8—10/9	open
10/15—10/16	open
10/22—10/23	open
10/29—10/30	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 will contact you to give you more details.

Congratulations,



Third Graders!

During the 10:15am service on September 18th, we honored 7 third graders. Those receiving his/her own Bible are Ellie Creek, Ava Hemmer, Nicholas Hoeffken, Lukas Jenkins, Kadin LaRue, Charli Major, and Kaden Roberts.

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) the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

October 2016 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Greeters	Media Team
Sat, Oct 01	5:30pm		Greg Wiegand		Jack Metzger	Marilyn Collette	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes
Sun, Oct 02	7:45am	1		Joey Birrittier	Lilly Prather & Ian Schrader	Ushers	Laurie Sparwasser ©
	10:15am	11	Bob Vernier	Marian Obst	Jenna Hoeffken & Jordyn Koch	Ushers	Greg Hoeffken
Sat, Oct 08	5:30pm		Wayne Collmeyer		Lauren Patterson	Marilyn Collette	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Oct 09	7:45am	2	Ben Spaulding	Ben Spaulding	Paul Hoeffken & Sami Wheat	Ushers	Pam Nagel
	10:15am	3		Rodney Clamors	Jay Grant & Kyra Drewes	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ©
Sat, Oct 15	5:30pm		Rodney Clamors		Sophia Alu	Marilyn Collette	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes
Sun, Oct 16	7:45am	4		Gary Altes	Alex Whelan & Autumn Whelan	Charles & Phyllis Lloyd	Laurie Sparwasser ©
	10:15am	5	Warren Frank	Warren Frank	Tyler Cooley & Alex Magnuson	Ushers	Greg Hoeffken
Sat, Oct 22	5:30pm		Chuck Keller		Addie Janssen	Marilyn Collette	Kelley Keller
Sun, Oct 23	7:45am	6	Nathan Abel	Nathan Abel	Blake Kloepfel & Evan Fink	Barb & Courtney Heimburger	Pam Nagel
	10:15am	7		Wayne Collmeyer	Ian Schrader & Jay Grant	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ©
Sat, Oct 29	5:30pm		Greg Wiegand		Jack Metzger	Marilyn Collette	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Oct 30	7:45am	9	Chuck Keller	Veronica Demski	Jenna Hoeffken, Jordyn Koch, Paul Hoeffken	Ushers	Kelley Keller ©
	10:15am	8	Wayne Collmeyer	Ben Spaulding	Kyra Drewes, Lauren Patterson, Sami Wheat	Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes

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, Michael Trout, Olney 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, Ross Schrader, Paul Broske Sr.
- 8 Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
- 9 Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Joey Birrittier
- 10 Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
- 11 Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht

Vestment Colors:

10/1—10/23 black
10/29—10/30 red

Saturday Accompanists:

Ron Jones: 10/1, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29
Joan Ruwald: 10/8

Collator:

Susan Hargrave

Want to Stay Up to Date?

Go to our website (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!*

“Crown of Silver”

Four members were recognized by the Board of Social Ministry during the services on September 10-11 as “Crown of Silver” honorees. Those members who have celebrated their 85th birthday this year are Tom Carr, Alvera Jacobs, Ruby Muench, and Anita Wild.

Congratulations to each of you, and may God bless you always!



Looking for a GriefShare Meeting?

GriefShare is offered to help you in your journey with grief. This video-driven, Bible-based grief support group meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, at the library in Waterloo through Nov. 16. For more information or to register, contact First Baptist Church (618-939-9500). By the way, there are also a couple brochures on the shelf in the narthex.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 11:30a Potluck Dinner in Rebecca's Honor 3:00p Circuit Reformation Service at St. Paul's in Columbia	31 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 6-8p Trunk or Treat	October 2016				1 9:00a Set up for Wurstmarkt & Country Store 10a-2p Meat Sales 5:30p Holy Communion
2 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 10a-2p Meat Sales 11:30a-2:30p Wurstmarkt & Country Store 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Rodney Clamors' house	3 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 7:00p Book Club Meeting	4 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 2-9p Picture Day 7:00p Elders' Meeting	5 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	6 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	7	8 9:30a Board of Evangelism Meeting 9a-11p Scrapbook Day 5:30p Holy Communion <i>Junior High Retreat at Camp Wartburg ----></i>
9 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Jim Crawford's house	10 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 7:00p NAMI Meeting 8:00p Men's Prayer Group	11 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 6:30p Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 7:15p Board of Christian Ed Meeting	12 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	13 <i>Pastor Demski & Veronica out of town</i>	14	15 5:30p Holy Communion
16 <i>Demskis out of town</i> 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Wayne Collmeyer's house	17 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	18 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Ladies' Bunco Event	19 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	20 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Church Council Meeting 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	21	22 5:30p Holy Communion
23 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service 12-2p Youth Group	24 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 8:00p Men's Prayer Group	25 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba	26 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	27 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	28	29 9a-3p Youth Trip to Seminary 5:30p Holy Communion

BASIC Youth Group News!



Youth Group is usually on the third Sunday of the month (but will be on **Oct. 23rd** this month) from **12-2pm** for all **6th through 12th-grade students** so we can have a bit of lunch

together, have fellowship and then dig into questions that our junior high and high school students have about both faith, life, and current events. Parents are welcome to stay and have some fellowship and encouragement together while the junior high and high schoolers meet with Pastor Demski for our lesson time. It's a great time, and we encourage anyone with junior high or high school students to get involved so we can grow together! If you have any questions, just let Pastor Demski know. **Trip to the Seminary—Sat., Oct. 29th—9am-3pm!**

Attention 6th, 7th & 8th graders—The SID Junior High Retreat is on Oct. 8-9 at Camp Wartburg! Want to go? Let Pastor Demski know! He's got all of the forms and info you need!

Donut Duty—Who's on for October?

10/2—Wurstmarkt (no donuts)

10/9—?

10/16—Birritier

10/23—?

10/30—Collmeyer

****If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the list on the table or email Pastor Demski.*

Support Our 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. 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!



Didn't get yours taken but would like to?

Mark your calendars for the last picture date: Tuesday, October 4th — 2-9pm

You can call the church office (939-6480) or sign up online to reserve your appointment time now!

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/immanuelchurch6/index.php?page=10>

Thank you to all who have participated in our picture days in August & September! 147 families have been photographed, will be photographed, or have submitted pictures. While this is wonderful, we know that there are over 380 families in our total membership.



Rebecca from Uganda to Visit Immanuel!

Rebecca from Uganda will be traveling to the United States soon and will be visiting Immanuel during our services on October 29-30. She'll share briefly during each service and will lead Pastor Troup's class during the Sunday School hour. Our Mission Team participants will be visiting some of our upcoming services to share a few activities being planned during her visit including a door collection during Oct. 29-30 (which will be matched) and a potluck dinner.

We will also be collecting medical supplies in the upcoming weeks prior to her visit, so be on the lookout for that list of needed items in the weekly bulletins.



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

Visit us at the Country Store! You will find homemade baked goods, various crafts, and other exciting items! Our baked goods will not be priced but will be sold by your free-will donations! If you would like to help by donating bakery and craft items to sell at our tables and/or by purchasing something that day, we thank you in advance!

Ladies' Bunco Event is coming up this month! The date is Tuesday, October 18th, and all women of Immanuel (high school age and older), and their girlfriends, are invited! We have invited ladies from our area churches as well. Don't know (or remember) how to play? No problem! We'll give you some brief instructions. But, if it involves ladies and talking, it can't be that difficult, right? **Do you have little ones at home but would like to attend?** Let me know, and we'll be sure to have a few girls available to babysit while you enjoy the evening. See the flyer below for more details!

Looking to participate in a Service Event? If so, we need your help! The WCM have committed to helping the Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) children at the Peace Center in St. Louis during the month on November. We'll be taking snacks to share, helping with tutoring, socializing with the children, and serving these children as God's hands and feet. We will be going over to the Peace Center on Tuesdays in November (1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th). We'll meet at Immanuel at 4:15 and head over together. Feel free to join us! Contact me if you have any questions.

It's Back by Popular Demand! Several years ago our group hosted an Ornament Making party, and we voted to bring something very similar back this year! Veronica Demski and Taryn Niemeyer have already begun planning and preparing for this fun afternoon of Christmas Crafting—ornaments, gift tags, blocks, and more! Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 13th, and plan to bring your family & friends for some crafting and fellowship! Look for more details in the weekly bulletins and my November letter.

Don't forget...we want your ideas for activities to host in 2017! You are invited to send your ideas to me, even if you are not a member of the WCM! Ideas should be either *Educational, Service/Outreach* or *Fun/Fellowship*, in nature. These ideas will then be voted on by those in attendance at our regular November WCM meeting with the "winners" being held in 2017! *Send them to me by November 10th!*

We would love for more ladies to get involved and to play an active part in the events and activities at Immanuel! The WCM welcomes YOU! Feel free to contact me anytime at lclamors@gmail.com or 618-719-4954.

In Christ,
Lisa Clamors

Join us for Bible study every Thursday at 7:00pm in the overflow room!

Our next Women's Christian Ministry meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00pm in the Overflow Room. All are welcome!

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

Ladies'
Bunco
Night for fun & friendship!

**Tuesday, October 18
7:00pm**

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Multipurpose Room
522 S. Church St.
Waterloo, IL 62298

- ◆ Doors open at 6:30pm with fellowship & refreshments.
- ◆ Entrance fee: \$2.00/person —OR— 2 non-perishable food items (supporting the Bi-County Backpack Program serving Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo)
- ◆ Attendance prizes throughout the evening!
- ◆ No RSVP is necessary.
- ◆ Additional info: call church office 939.6480

An Update from Our Missionary Partners...

Funke News: Still Waiting...

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

So much of life includes waiting. This last month has been especially full of waiting—waiting to receive Michael's corrected papers, waiting at the airport, waiting at the immigration office, waiting for the last remaining parts of the library building, waiting for Michael's passport, waiting for rains to bring new life to the earth, waiting for joyful reunions... Yet, the waiting is not passive. God is teaching us so much about patience, preparation, and relinquishing control.



Linda, Eric, and Michael Funke

Adoption Update

On Wednesday, August 10, we finally received Michael's corrected Order of Adoption and Adoption Ruling. We sent them to Dar Es Salaam and received word that Michael's Certificate of Adoption was complete on August 18. On August 21 we all flew to Dar to apply for Michael's Tanzanian passport. We are still waiting for news. Please pray that we will receive it soon. We don't know exactly when it will come because we have heard that the Immigration office has run out of passport booklets and is waiting for a new shipment.

Coming soon!

We think/hope we will be returning to the U.S. this next month. As such we have started contacting churches and will give you a full outline of our travel schedule as soon as it solidifies. Generally we think we will be arriving in St. Louis. Then we will be in Texas for most of October, St. Louis, MO and Fort Collins, CO areas for November, Chicago for the first weekend of December, Dallas area for the rest of December, and then St. Louis again in January. We haven't yet figured out how we are getting to all these places, so **if you know of anyone who would be willing to loan us a car for all or part of our time in the U.S., please email us at Linda.Funke@GlobalLutheranOutreach.com**. Likewise, there will likely be days when **a stroller that can fold back for naps** would be extremely helpful. Please let us know if you have any leads. We are so looking forward to seeing many of you again in the coming months!

A Loss in Our Lives

Two months ago, we mentioned that Albert, a math and business teacher at our school, had been attacked by thieves seeking his laptop. They drugged him and poured something corrosive down his throat. He was found almost two days later. Our school driver used our car to drive him to the hospital in Mwanza, and the last time we saw him, the doctors were expecting a full recovery. However, he suffered complications and was later transferred to a hospital in Dar Es Salaam. He underwent surgery on his trachea and was waiting for surgery on his stomach. Some of the teachers were planning a trip to visit him when we learned that he had passed away. He was only 30 years old and completely dedicated to his students, often tutoring during evenings and on weekends and holidays. However, according to his sister, he was ready. Before he died, he said that he felt God was calling him, and he wanted to "cheza na Yesu" (dance/play with Jesus). His funeral was held on September 6 in Mwanza, and the next day Eric drove many friends to Nzege (2.5 hours away) for his burial. We are heartbroken to lose our friend and colleague, and yet we are encouraged that one day we will be reunited.

Written by Eric & Linda Funke on September 8, 2016. Would you like to receive the updates (complete with pictures) by email straight from Eric & Linda? If so, email Linda at Linda.Funke@globallutheranoutreach.com and ask to be on their email update list.

A VISIT FROM THE FUNKES!

Eric, Linda and Michael Funke will be joining us for worship during the 10:15am service on Sunday, Oct. 2nd. They'll also be sharing information about their ministry during Pastor Troup's Bible class at 9:00am and staying for our Wurstmarkt (sausage dinner). We feel especially blessed to have the Funkes at the Wurstmarkt because all the proceeds from the meal go to support the Funkes' ministry in Africa!



If you can attend, please plan to dress up, bring enough treats for 700 children, decorate your car trunk or truck bed, and park with the Immanuel group on Main Street across from the courthouse at 5:15pm.

If you cannot attend this event, you can help by donating candy for the event. Please place your donations in the church kitchen.

Thank you for your help as we share the light of Jesus on Halloween night!



Sunday, November 6
following the 10:15am service

This meeting is very important! The 2017 budget will be on the agenda, and we hope to have some more information to share about the narthex expansion project as well.
 Please plan to attend!

October is
Pastor Appreciation
 Month



Thank you, Pastor Troup & Pastor Demski, for all you do for us at Immanuel!

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

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



May God continue to bless you:

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