

Immanuel Monthly

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From Our Administrative Pastor...

Matthew 28:18-20, ESV. Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

The Bible verse printed above may seem very familiar to you because Immanuel’s mission statement, “Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,” is based on this passage of Scripture. Our goal as a congregation is to make new disciples of Jesus Christ and strengthen people who are already disciples by baptizing them and teaching them Jesus’ words and commands. We’re to share the faith with unbelievers and help fellow Christians grow in faith by letting people know what Jesus has done for us and for every human being on earth. Following Jesus and growing in our love and devotion to Jesus is why we exist as a congregation.

Although Matthew 28:18-20 seems pretty straightforward, some controversy surrounds these verses. Some claim that this commission to make disciples is a commission given only to pastors. Only pastors are to baptize and share God’s Word. Only pastors are to teach and disciple people in their faith. Others say that this commission is for all Christians and that pastors are unimportant. Church members can teach and lead. Church members can disciple people in their faith. Pastors can serve as a resource for a better understanding of the Bible, but they play a minor part in fulfilling this great commission.

The truth is, these verses apply to both pastors and church members. The church on earth, with pastors and church members working together, is to make disciples by baptizing and teaching. To be sure, pastors are the ones who baptize and publicly preach and teach God’s Word. Pastors administer the Lord’s Supper to God’s people. But under the pastor’s leadership and with the empowerment provided by God’s Word and Spirit, all Christians are to encourage each other and share Christ with the world. All Christians are to bear witness to Christ and help others learn God’s Word. In the words of Paul in Phil. 1:5, pastors and church members are “partners” in sharing the gospel. We’re in this together!

Speaking personally, I’m so thankful that Immanuel members take seriously the words of our Lord in Matthew 28:18-20. Not only are you open to your pastors’ leadership, but you’re ready and willing to roll up your sleeves and work with your pastors. You’re ready to learn Biblical teachings from your pastors—and you’re willing to share those teachings with family, friends, and neighbors. You view your pastors as God’s servants who serve God’s people—and you view yourselves as fellow servants who work side by side with your pastors. All this causes me to declare with St. Paul in Phil. 1:3-5, “I thank my God in all my remembrances 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.” Happy Thanksgiving, Immanuel! And God bless our partnership!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Trump

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

From Our Associate Pastor...

"Ask the Pastor"

In Matthew chapter 3 we find this statement from John the Baptist: 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." For more context, be sure to check out all of Matthew 3. **So what is that thing about "baptism with Holy Spirit and fire?"**

As with the study of any passage in Scripture, we must keep clearly in mind the context of the surrounding text. Based on the context of this passage, it appears that John is talking about the eschaton (if you like phonetics... 'eskə'tän), the final judgment on the Last Day when Jesus returns in glory. Jesus brought the kingdom of God when he came, died, and rose again, but we live in a time of "now and not yet." The kingdom is here, but not in its fullness. When Christ returns, the kingdom will come in the fullness that the prophets and Jesus describe throughout the Old and New Testament.

While some might argue that this is pointing to the Holy Spirit descending like tongues of fire at Pentecost in Acts 2 (which Jesus promised in John 14:15-31 and Acts 1:5), the context surrounding all of this seems to point to the Holy Spirit and fire being a contrast rather than a combined blessing. We especially notice the contrasts surrounding this phrase: the separation of good and bad trees, with the bad trees having a fiery judgment (3:10); and the separation of wheat and chaff with chaff having a fiery judgment (3:12). Dr. Jeff Gibbs, in his Matthew Commentary says that this promise "refers directly to the final salvation and judgment that Christ will administer when he returns in glory. ...OT texts and documents of Judaism attest to the expectation that God would pour out his Spirit on the Last Day; other texts also mention the theme of fire as divine judgment." (p. 173) He also says, "We know that Paul reveals that the Holy Spirit, who is already given through post-Pentecost Christian Baptism, is the down payment of our final eschatological inheritance (Eph 1:13; 4:30; 2 Cor 1:22; 5:5)."

All of this seems to point to Christ's return in glory with divine judgment rather than Christian baptism as we know it. Surely we receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism, but even that is looking forward to Christ's return. The Holy Spirit, here, is a reference to those who are repentant and the fire is for the judgment of those who have denied Christ. When completely taken out of context,

this passage is often used to make the argument for strange experiences that Christians should expect to have if they're "real" Christians, but when taken in context it appears to be a reference focusing on the Last Day and Christ's Judgment. It's not too far to make it a reference to Pentecost, but textually it doesn't seem to be making that point here. We can take joy because we have been claimed by Christ in baptism. We have received the Holy Spirit and when Christ returns we will have the fullness of the gift of eternal life and peace with our Savior.

Have a question about this or want to submit a question? Send me an email (pastor.demski@gmail.com) call me (847-254-9666) or feel free to stop by and chat.

Pastor Demski

A "Note" from our Music Director

A New Church Season...but...

November is one of my favorite *months* of the calendar year. The reason for this is because of Thanksgiving...which is one of my favorite *holidays* of the year!

As I was searching for "thanksgiving" music this past summer, I found David Cherwein's newly composed "God, Whose Giving Knows no Ending." The following is the first verse of this anthem:

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store;
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

The Adult Choir will be sharing this piece with the congregation on Thanksgiving Eve. However, we will reprise the anthem again at some point and time during our 2016/17 Music Season. There are two more verses which reflect upon how our talents/treasures are used as we daily live our lives on earth. The ending words of the third verse are:

*...open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving HIM by loving all.*

Yes, **Thanksgiving** is not just for November...it is for all twelve months of the year: **Thanksgiving!**

So, back to the title of this message! November will mark the beginning of a new Church Year with Advent: a time of waiting for Christmas! As Christians, we have so many "year-round" blessings throughout the calendar year and the Church Year! May we always *offer ourselves up in praise* each day of our lives.

Keep *raising* your praises to God! To Him be the Glory and Honor!

Serving Him,

Jimm



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to...	22	Gerry Ritzel
	23	Sandy Bequette
1 Christy Gardner		Mitchell Rubemeyer
Jase Gregory	24	Robert Rehmer
Allen Jacobs	25	Ellie Hergenroeder
Bob Vernier		Sharon Osterhage
2 Madison Richards	26	Wayne Menke
Aaron Thompson		Sam Metzger
3 Debbie Bergman		Sidney Metzger
Carson Filipiak		Edward Stanglein
Lois Ruff	27	Robert Prange
4 Elijah Bell		Cindy Troup
Dorothy Byers	28	Jay Carr
Wayne Englert		Timothy Ervin
Debbie Nobbe	29	Eddie Arras
5 Ben Hart		Carolina Bradley
Madalyn Hart		Karen Ruesler
Jackson Luter	30	Benjamin Braun
Louise Nobbe		Tiffany Harbison
Bobby Rehmer		Collin Neeman
7 Norine Stumpf		Kirsten O'Brien
8 Janet Goessling		
Brenda Haare		
Mackenzie		
Wiegand		
9 Loralei Griffin	1	Casey & Becky Ellis (36)
Jimmy Heise	5	Chuck & Kelley Keller (34)
JT Heise	6	Dennis & Dawn Clamors (29)
11 Miranda Schmidt		Kevin & Cindy O'Brien (35)
12 Ed Arras	8	Norman & Lois Rabbermann (52)
13 Matthew Altes	9	Bill & Sandra Stueve (42)
Craig Mehner	14	Nick & Ashley Hoeffken (7)
Valerie Zeisset	17	Marvin & Carolyn Henry (54)
14 Ann Frank	23	Grant & Barbara Melliore (32)
Ethel Kurfman	24	Bob & Sharon Rehmer (53)
Mason Wilhelm	26	Roger & Laura Kinzinger (33)
15 Scott Haare		Mike & Pamela Lloyd (22)
Carolyn Henry		Elden & Taryn Niemeyer (33)
Nancy Huck	28	Robert & Marilyn Collette (52)
Diann Toenjes	29	Harry & Reina Thompson (36)
16 Kendra	30	Gerald & Carol Woodcock (53)
Goldschmidt		
Mark Gruber		
17 Trinity Drewes		
Aaron Lloyd		
18 Barbara Altes		
Ryan Bommarito		
Paul Broske		
Lucas Garner		
Joshua Kruse		
Howard Shive		
19 Sami Wheat		
20 Joey Birrittier		
Jeanette Moeller		
Elden Niemeyer		
Jeffrey Wehl		
22 Adam Gaitsch		
Jay Pryor		

Happy Anniversary to...

1	Casey & Becky Ellis (36)
5	Chuck & Kelley Keller (34)
6	Dennis & Dawn Clamors (29)
	Kevin & Cindy O'Brien (35)
8	Norman & Lois Rabbermann (52)
9	Bill & Sandra Stueve (42)
14	Nick & Ashley Hoeffken (7)
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28	Robert & Marilyn Collette (52)
29	Harry & Reina Thompson (36)
30	Gerald & Carol Woodcock (53)

***God's blessings to each of
you as you celebrate a
birthday or anniversary in
November!***

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 Co-Director
Linda Polansky, 618-980-3475	Preschool Co-Director

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:

November & December: LCFS Foster Care Children

See the Christmas trees in the back of church for the children's gift tags. Thank you for your support! A barrel is in the narthex for your donations.

Sunday School:

November: Lutheran Hour Ministries

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 *Unveiled Faces* by Donna Pyle 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 November is:

Sunday, Nov. 6 – 7:00pm at Bob Polansky's house (6820 Fountain Oaks, Waterloo) - 618-979-0918

Sunday, Nov. 13 – 7:00pm at Jim Crawford's house (16 Mary Court, Waterloo) - 618-799-8789

Sunday, Nov. 20 – 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, Kim Holtgrieve, Shirley Moeckel, Bernell Bachelier

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Al Gruber, Donna Huffman, Lydia Boyer, Karen Altes, Bob Patterson, Patricia Bolanos, Patrick Bolanos, Rob Pierce, John Stumpf, Marlene Tonkins

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

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 back to Uganda)

Do You Have an Email Address? Did you know that you could be a good steward by receiving our newsletter via e-mail? Call or e-mail the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

Our September Finances

Total Deposits	\$ 28,079.75
Total Expenses	\$ 41,768.13
Over/(Short)	\$ (13,688.38)

September 30, 2016 Balances:

Checking	\$ 69,423.05
Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,385.33
Narthex Exp. Fund	\$ 10,740.00
Nobbe Mem. Fund	\$ 8,236.00
Loan	\$ 31,674.75

2016 Year to Date:

Deposits	\$297,681.95
Expenses	\$315,458.67
Over/(Short)	\$ (17,776.72)
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 0.00

September 2016 Official Acts

There were no official acts at Immanuel in September.

November 2016 Altar Flowers

11/5—11/6 Given to the glory of God by Norman & Lois Rabbermann in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary

11/12—11/13 Given to the glory of God by Gary & Barbara Altes in honor of the wedding of Breanna Altes & Dan Parrott

11/19—11/20 open

11/26—11/27 Given to the glory of God by the Mitchell Rubemeyer family in memory of Ron & Delores Rubemeyer and Nancie Lee Farago

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.

September Church Attendance

September 2016 (4)	825
September 2015 (4)	873
September 1986 (5)	1133

2016 Weekly Average (as of 9/30): 228
As of 9/30/16, there were 874 baptized members.



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.

November 2016 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Greeters	Media Team
Sat, Nov 05	5:30pm		Wayne Collmeyer		Sophia Alu	Marilyn Collette	Greg Hoeffken
Sun, Nov 06	7:45am	11		Ben Spaulding	Alex Whelan & Autumn Whelan	Ushers	Laurie Sparwasser ©
	10:15am	10	Rodney Clamors	Nathan Abel	Tyler Cooley & Alex Magnuson	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe
Sat, Nov 12	5:30pm		Chuck Keller		Blake Kloeppel	Marilyn Collette	Kelley Keller
Sun, Nov 13	7:45am	1	Warren Frank	Nathan Abel	Ian Schrader & Lilly Prather	Ushers	Pam Nagel
	10:15am	3		Karen Hodapp	Evan Fink & Jenna Hoeffken	Ushers	Lisa Clamors ©
Sat, Nov 19	5:30pm		Rodney Clamors		Jack Metzger	Marilyn Collette	Wyatt/Kyra Drewes
Sun, Nov 20	7:45am	2		Gary Altes	Jay Grant & Lauren Patterson	Barb & Courtney Heimbarger	Laurie Sparwasser ©
	10:15am	5	Ben Spaulding	Marian Obst	Paul Hoeffken & Sami Wheat	Ushers	Greg Hoeffken
Wed, Nov 23	7:30pm	8		Gary Altes	Kyra Drewes, Blake Kloeppel, Evan Fink	Barb & Courtney Heimbarger	Kelley Keller ©
Thu, Nov 24	9:00am	9	Warren Frank	Warren Frank	Tyler Cooley, Alex Magnuson, Jenna Hoeffken	Ushers	Greg Hoeffken
Sat, Nov 26	5:30pm		Greg Wiegand		Sophia Alu	Marilyn Collette	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Nov 27	7:45am	4	Gary Altes	Veronica Demski	Alex Whelan & Autumn Whelan	Charles & Phyllis Lloyd	Pam Nagel
	10:15am	6		Rodney Clamors	Jay Grant & Ian Schrader	Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ©
Wed, Nov 30	7:30pm	7			Jack Metzger & Jordyn Koch	Ushers	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, 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, 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:

11/5—11/6	red
11/12—11/20	black
11/23—11/24	red
11/26—11/30	purple

Saturday Accompanists:

Ron Jones: 11/5, 11/19, 11/26
Joan Ruwald: 11/12

Collator:

Sandy Thompson

LUTHERAN WITNESS

Would you like to receive the Lutheran Witness during 2017? If so, please contact Lisa (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com or 939-6480) by Nov. 13th. Those who already receive need to also let Lisa know to continue your subscription. The cost of the subscription will be \$17.00, and payment is needed when you sign up.

THE ADVENT CHRIST CONCERT!

Immanuel is planning for the Christ Concert service again this year. The Advent service on Dec. 14th will include the Christ Concert (and possibly the Living Nativity, too). Are you interested in sharing your musical talents (vocal or instrumental) in the Christ Concert? If so, let us know! Contact the church office (939-6480) or Ann Frank (282-6597) by Nov. 27th.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2016		1 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 4:15p Help at CFNA 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Elders' Meeting	2 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	3 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	4	5 9a-11p Scrapbook Day 5:30p Holy Communion
6 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 11:30a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Bob Polansky's house	7 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 7:00p Book Club Meeting	8 <i>Election Day - VOTE!</i> 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 6:30p Board of Social Ministry Meeting 7:15p Board of Christian Ed Meeting	9 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	10 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	11	12 9:30a Board of Evangelism Meeting 1:00p Wedding: Breanna Altes & Dan Parrott 5:30p Holy Communion
13 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service 1-4p Ladies' Christmas Crafting Event 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Jim Crawford's house	14 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 7:00p NAMI Meeting 8:00p Men's Prayer Group	15 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 4:15p Help at CFNA 6-7:30p Zumba	16 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	17 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study 7:00p Church Council Meeting	18	19 5:30p Holy Communion
20 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 12-2p Youth Group 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Wayne Collmeyer's house	21 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	22 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 4:15p Help at CFNA 7:00p Ladies' Bunco Event	23 9:30a Adult Bible Class <i>No Midweek Classes or Music Practices</i> 7:30p Holy Communion	24 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 9:00a Holy Communion	25 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26 5:30p Holy Communion
27 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service 1-3:30p Children's Christmas Service Practice	28 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 8:00p Men's Prayer Group	29 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 4:15p Help at CFNA 6-7:30p Zumba	30 9:30a Adult Bible Class 5:45p Immanubells 6:15-7:15p Midweek 6:15-7:15p Choir 7:30p Advent Service 8:05p Agape Ringers	November		

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 *Church News* from the homepage to get access to all of the weekly announcements & updates and monthly newsletters. *Notice that something is missing? Let us know!*

BASIC Youth Group News!



Youth Group is on **Sunday, Nov. 20th** 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.

Want to serve others? Want to volunteer at Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA)? Our Women's Christian Ministry will be helping at CFNA with snacks and tutoring on **Tuesdays (1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th) in November**. We'll be **leaving from Immanuel at 4:15pm each evening and returning around 7:30pm**. Let Lisa Clamors or Pastor Demski know if you would like to tag along.

Donut Duty—Who's on for November?

11/6— ?

11/13— Birrittier

11/20— ?

11/27— 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!

An Update from Our Missionary Partners...

Funke News: Flexibility

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9

Pretty much anyone who knows us knows that we are planners. We have daily goals, monthly goals, yearly goals, and even multi-year dreams. Therefore, this past month has really been a test of our flexibility as most of our plans came together very last minute. However, God has been faithful, and we are now back in the U.S. until mid-January!

If you would like a sneak peak of our presentation, we have just posted an 8-minute "Year 4 in Review" video to www.youtube.com/EricFunkeGLO. We highly recommend you check it out. There's an exciting announcement at the end. :-)

In the U.S.

We arrived in the U.S. on the anniversary of Michael coming home to us :-). September 25th will always be a special day! We spent our first two days with Eric's sister (Michael's aunt) Andrea in Minneapolis, relaxing and recovering from the flights. Then we flew to St. Louis where Michael met his Grandma and Grandpa Funke, Aunt Alison, Uncle Brian, and cousins Jack, Faith, and Blythe. While a fair amount of our time has been spent unpacking, prepping for presentations, and doctors' appointments, we have treasured every moment with family. We also greatly enjoyed worshipping with and sharing with Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo, IL on Sunday Oct. 2. Our visit just happened to coincide with their annual sausage dinner, and all the proceeds went to our ministry! Most of October will now be spent in Texas with Linda's side of the family. We look forward to making many more memories in the next month!



Written by Eric & Linda Funke on October 6, 2016.



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

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Women's Christian Ministry at our recent Country Store! Whether by donating a bakery or craft item to be sold or by making a purchase, we very much appreciate you! ALL of the proceeds (right under \$500 total) will be donated to support a couple missionaries. Half will benefit the Funkes and the other half will benefit Rebecca from Uganda. Thanks so much for your generosity!

The WCM donated and served breakfast at the recent Seminary Wives' Retreat held at Camp Wartburg. About 40 women who are married to students or professors at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis attended. The wives enjoyed the food we provided and were very appreciative to us for our efforts. Thanks to all who donated food items, and to Veronica Demski, Taryn Niemeyer, and Barb White for helping to serve!

Thirty-two women attended our Ladies' Bunco Night where much talking, laughing and calls of 'Bunco!' were heard! Prizes were awarded to many lucky women and a variety of delicious snacks were enjoyed throughout the night. We also collected canned goods and cash to be donated to the Bi-County Backpack Program which benefits children in Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo. *Over 80 items and \$18 was collected!* So those ladies winning prizes weren't the only lucky ones that night! Thank you to the organizers, and to Jenna Hoeffken, a 6th grade student, for helping out!

The Thursday evening Women's Bible Study is held on Thursday evenings in the overflow room at 7:00pm. We are studying *Unveiled Faces* by Donna Pyle. Who exactly is the Holy Spirit? *Unveiled Faces*, based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, is a 4-lesson Bible study written to help us discover that just as oxygen gives life to our body, so the Spirit gives life to our soul. Take a deep breath and be refreshed by the very breath of God. We'll end this study right before Thanksgiving. Join us anytime!

Saturday, November 5th, is the date for this year's LWML Metro South Zone Christmas Stocking Workshop! For more information, see the stocking-shaped flyer on the narthex bulletin board 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 of 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.

The Five C's of Christmas! Ladies, join us for a fun afternoon of crafting, cookies, coffee, cocoa, and community on **Sunday, Nov. 13th from 1-4pm** in the multipurpose room. You'll enjoy time for creating Christmas keepsakes and plenty of fellowship. All women age 11 and up are invited! ***Pre-registration is required***, and there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Feel free to also call me in the church office to register.

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.

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

In Christ,
Lisa Clamors

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

STUDENTS AT SWIC IN BELLEVILLE:

You're invited to join Lutheran Student Fellowship for Bible Study each Wednesday from 1 to 2pm. We meet in the Fish Bowl (room 2260 across from the theater). And look for LSF reps at Table Talk outside the cafeteria each Wednesday anytime between 11am until 1pm—it's a chance for informal conversation, prayer requests, or answers to your spiritual questions. LSF is a branch of LCMS-U, the new campus ministry arm of our Synod. Questions? Feel free to talk to one of our pastors.

Make plans now to attend this year's Cookie Walk & Craft Fair Saturday, December 3 9:00am-12:00pm

Purchase homemade cookies by the pound (\$7.00/lb) and visit several vendors to purchase those special Christmas gifts!



Cookie Walk Volunteer Form

I will bake _____ dozen of _____ cookies.
(Please identify the type of cookies you are planning to bake.)

I will bake _____ dozen of _____ cookies.
(Please identify the type of cookies you are planning to bake.)

I will help set up on Fri., Dec. 2 at 6:00pm.

I will help during the Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 3 at 8:30am.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please place this form in the box provided in the narthex by Nov. 27th. Any questions or suggestions? Please call Taryn Niemeyer (939-7982). Thank you.

Immanuel Lutheran Church CRAFT FAIR Registration Contract

To reserve a table(s), complete the information below and mail it, along with a check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church, to: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 522 S. Church St., Waterloo, IL 62298.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Helper: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please reserve _____ tables (\$15/table). Electric required (circle) Yes No

General description of crafts for sale: _____

Exhibitors and helpers accept full liability for any injury or loss to themselves or their property while attending the Fair. They expressly release Immanuel Lutheran Church or any member from any liability for any injury or loss.



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!

WURSTMARKT UPDATE! — THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you to all who helped in any way before, during, and after the Wurstmarkt! Special thanks to the Waterloo VFW for the roaster liners, to D & D Distributing for the refrigerated trailer, to Gateway FS for the propane for the fryers, to Nobbe John Deere for the use of their gator, to Randy's RR Bar, Willie's West End, and Outsiders Bar for taking meat orders, and to the Family Kitchen restaurant for their large purchase of fresh sausage. Your generosity was greatly appreciated! The proceeds totaled \$1,236* and were donated to Global Lutheran Outreach for our missionary partners, the Funkes.

**The actual proceeds from the dinner & meat sales totaled \$2,436 but the commercial mixer went out prior to the dinner and a new one had to be purchased. The new one was \$1,200 which came out of the proceeds.*

A Letter to the Parents of Preschool through 8th Grade Children!

Dear Parents,

The Sunday School teachers and staff have chosen the Children's Christmas service "Joy to the World" for this year. The **Children's Christmas Service** will be held on **Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 3:00pm**. Every class from preschool through eighth grade will participate in songs and speaking parts. The **practice times** for all participating students will be as follows: **Sundays, November 27, December 4 and December 11 from 1:30–3:00pm and on Saturday, December 19 from 9:30–11:00am**. Please make every effort to have your child at every practice. Older children who have a speaking part assigned to them should have their part memorized by the first practice session or as soon as possible.

Please remember that our teachers volunteer their time and appreciate your promptness in picking children up from practice on time. Please make arrangements with another parent or teacher if you will not be able to pick your child up on time. Thank you.

In order for the teachers to assign the speaking parts, we **need to know by Sunday, November 13** if your child will or will not be in the Christmas service this year. Please fill out the bottom part of this letter and return it to your child's Sunday School teacher or the church office no later than Sunday, November 13. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will not be able to attend all four practice times.

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YES, my child _____ will be in the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

NO, my child _____ will not participate.

Parent's signature _____

Please include a phone number in case of emergency and for pick up.

Home/Cell phone _____

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!



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