



## Weekly Calendar Nov. 27–Dec. 4, 2016

Sunday, 11/27

1:30-2:45p Children's  
Christmas Service  
Practice  
6:30p Hometown Harmony  
Concert at Hope  
Christian Church

Monday, 11/28

Pastor Troup's Day Off  
8:00p AA Meeting  
8:00p Men's Prayer Group

Tuesday, 11/29

6:30a Men's Bible Study  
4:15p CFNA Service  
Project  
6-7:30p Zumba

Wednesday, 11/30

9:30a Adult Bible Study  
5-7p Advent Dinner  
5:45-6:15p Immanubells  
6:15-7:15p Midweek Classes  
6:15-7:15p Choir Practice  
7:30p Worship Service  
8:00p AA Meeting  
8:15p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 12/1

Pastor Demski's day off

Friday, 12/2

6:00p Set up for Cookie  
Walk & Craft Fair

Saturday, 12/3

9a-12p Cookie Walk &  
Craft Fair  
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 12/4

7:45a Worship Service  
9:00a Sunday School &  
Bible Study Classes  
10:15a Holy Communion  
1:30-2:45p Children's  
Christmas Service  
Practice

## Our Weekly Announcements

**RESTROOMS** are located in the hallway next to the overflow room and multipurpose room and in the church basement in the hallway to the side of the kitchen.

### PARENTS OF LITTLE

**CHILDREN:** There are activity bags available in the narthex for your little ones. Please feel free and take a bag with you as you enter.

### LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.

There are several large print bulletins available in the narthex for anyone needing one.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend are given to the glory of God by the Mitchell Rubemeyer family in loving memory of Mitchell's parents, Ron & Delores Rubemeyer, and Dawn's mother, Nancie Farago.

### PRESCHOOL FAMILY OF THE WEEK.

During the 2016-17 school year, we will remember one of our preschool children and his/her parents & family in our prayers each week. This week we pray for Grace Goddard and her parents, Jeff & Sarah. May God bless you in all your ways, Grace!

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the Second Sunday in Advent. The readings for next Sunday will be Is. 11:1-10; Rom. 15:4-13; and Matt. 3:1-12. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

### Ongoing Announcements

**PROFIT AND LOSS** reports for October 2016 are available in the narthex for anyone wishing a copy of the report.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for October-December 2016 are now available. Pick up your copy today! The booklets can be found on the windowsill in the narthex.

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!** The Bi-County Backpack Program provides meals for children in Waterloo, Valmeyer & Red Bud, who would struggle without this

support. The items needed include (no glass jars, please) pasta (spaghetti, elbow, etc.), pasta sauce, pasta mixes, Roman noodles, peanut butter, pancake mix, pancake syrup, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, tuna, soups, stews, canned ravioli, fruit (cans or cups), canned vegetables. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

### A COFFEE & DOUGHNUT

**FELLOWSHIP** is held each Sunday after the early service (until 9am). Coffee and doughnuts are located in the hallway by the overflow room. The youth appreciate free will donations. **Would you like to sponsor a Sunday?** If so, please sign up on the sheet on the coffee & doughnuts table or by the ice machine! Your help is appreciated!

### BULLETIN BOARD IN THE

**NARTHEX.** Remember to take a look at all the flyers on the bulletin board in the narthex. Many events and activities in and around our community (upcoming Lay Bible Institutes, concerts, dinners, 5K walks, Thrivent events, blood drives, job openings, etc.) are posted there!

**NEED ICE?** The ice machine is available and ice can be purchased for a freewill donation during office hours, and on weekends before and after the services. Simply bag your own ice with the large ice scoop and place your money in the donation bucket. All proceeds benefit Immanuel's youth group and their events throughout the year. Thanks for your continued support!

**LWML MITE BOXES.** There is a purple & white "Mites for Missions" box on the table in the narthex for any loose donations you would like to give to support LWML local & national mission work. Thank you!

### REDUCE! REUSE!

**RECYCLE!** (1) Recycle your aluminum cans! There is a

large trash can in the kitchen for those cans. If you have a large amount and put them in trash bags, you can put the bags over by the white shed at the corner of the parking lot. (2) The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products!

### AUTO CONTRIBUTIONS.

Would you like to have your weekly or monthly contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account? If so, please fill out a Direct Contribution Form found on the shelf in the narthex and drop it in the wooden box in the narthex or in the "Notes 4 Lisa" basket in the church office.

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP.** All men are welcome to attend a Men's Prayer Group on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 8:00pm at Wayne Collmeyer's house (209 Crosswinds Ct.) in Waterloo. Need directions or have questions? Give Wayne a call (618-719-7235).

**ASK THE PASTOR.** 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](mailto:pastor.demski@gmail.com) or 847-254-9666).

### SATURDAY COMMUNION

**HELPERS NEEDED.** Do you typically attend the Saturday evening service and would you be willing to help with setting up communion before and after the service every 3-4 weeks? We are looking for a couple more ladies to help with this. If this may interest you, please contact the church office and let Lisa or one of the pastors know.

**CAN YOU HELP?** Immanuel has a small group of people willing to help transport others to the doctor, store, etc. We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with this service. If you would like to be put on this list, please contact Lisa in the church office.

Want to view our worship services or need more info? Visit us at [www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org).

## **Last Weekend's Attendance**

	2016	2015
5:30pm	45	51
7:45am	56	52
10:15am	<u>122</u>	<u>126</u>
	223	229

2016 weekend average attendance: 226

### Sunday School:

PreK-8th	32	\$15.74
HS & College	13	
Adults	<u>29</u>	
	74	

## **Bible Study Opportunities**

### Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study on *Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America* at 9:00am in the overflow room.
- A high school and college Bible study in the youth room (lower level of the school building) at 9:00am. Pastor Demski leads "Creation vs Evolution: The Facts, Myths, and Social Impact."
- A Bible study "The Synoptic Gospels" led by Alan Stumpf in the multipurpose room at 9:00am for all junior high students and their parents.
- An adult & family Bible study "Sticky Faith" led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe at 9:00am in the church basement kitchen. Feel free to bring your little ones, too!
- Elders' Bible studies will be held several times a month at various elders' homes. The topic of discussion is "What Jesus Demands from the World." *There will not be any studies in December.*

### Tuesdays:

- A study of Matthew led by Pastor Troup at Burger King at 6:30am. This is a Bible fellowship for men.

### Wednesdays:

- A study of Jeremiah led by Pastor Demski in the overflow room at 9:30am. This is a Bible fellowship for adults.

### Thursdays:

- The Ladies' Bible study is taking a break until January.

**THANK YOU** to all who took a child's wish list or two from the trees. Remember, do NOT wrap them and drop them off in the barrel in the narthex or in the church office on or before Dec. 4th. Thanks so much for helping these foster children!

**ELDERS' IN-HOME BIBLE STUDIES.** There will not be any studies in December and will resume with chapter 3 in January.

**NARTHEX EXPANSION PROJECT.** Anyone wishing to donate to the narthex expansion project this year may do so by placing your donation in a regular envelope and labeling it "Narthex Expansion." This will be added to the Narthex Expansion Exploration Fund. This fund will become our building fund once the building project has been completely approved by the congregation.

## **Upcoming Events**

**JOY TO THE WORLD.** Our Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3:00pm. All are welcome to attend! For those children participating in this service, the **first practice will be held on Sunday, Nov. 27 from 1:30-2:45pm.** Other Sunday practices will be held on Dec. 7 & 14 from 1:30-2:45pm each day, and our final practice will be on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 9:30-10:45am.

**LOOKING TO PARTICIPATE IN A SERVICE EVENT?** The WCM will be helping at the children of Christian Friends of New Americans later this month by providing snacks, 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 in St. Louis on **Tuesday, Nov. 29th. We'll meet at Immanuel at 4:15pm and head over together.** Feel free to join us! Contact Lisa Clamors in the church office if you have any questions. By the way, all ages are welcome to volunteer.

**ADVENT DINNERS.** Join us for dinner and fellowship on Wednesdays during Advent from 5-7pm in the multipurpose room. All are welcome! The Fellowship Committee is hosting the dinners on Nov. 30

(soups & bread) & Dec. 14 (chili & cornbread) simply for a time of fellowship with no freewill donation taken. Immanuel's Mission Team will be hosting the dinner on Dec. 7 (soups & sandwiches) and any freewill donations received will support any future mission trips. All dinners will include desserts and drinks, too.

### **ADVENT TIME CHANGES.**

Remember that midweek classes and all music practices will meet at different times on Wednesdays during Advent.. On Nov. 30 & Dec. 7, midweek classes will meet from 6:15-7:15pm, Immanubells will practice from 5:45-6:15pm, the adult choir will practice from 6:15-7:15pm, and the Agape Ringers will practice immediately following the service. On Dec. 14, Immanubells will practice from 5:45-6:15pm and midweek classes will meet from 6:15-7:15pm; however, there will not be practices for the adult choir or the Agape Ringers. On Dec. 21, there will not be Immanubells practice or midweek classes, but the adult choir will practice from 7-8pm and the Agape Ringers will practice from 8-9pm.

**ADVENT SERVICES** will be held on Wed., Nov. 30 at 7:30pm and on Wed., Dec. 7 at 7:30pm. We will also be having our Advent Christ Concert and Living Nativity service on Wed., Dec. 14 at 7:30pm. All are welcome, and be sure to invite your family and friends, too!

**COOKIE WALK & CRAFT FAIR IS COMING UP!** See the inserts for all the details of this annual event coming up on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. By the way, the proceeds from this event will be split between the Narthex Expansion project and our Preschool.

**POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS.** See the special insert for an order form and for more information.

**BOOK CLUB.** Come join us in the library at 7:00pm on Monday, December 5th when we will be discussing *The Girl in the Spider's Web* by David Lagercrantz. Our January 2nd book is *Sexual Morality in a*

*Christless World* by Matthew Rueger.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING.** All are welcome to join in as we spread Christmas cheer to those members & friends in the local assisted living homes and nursing home on Sunday, Dec. 11th. We'll be meeting in the overflow room at 2:45pm, getting our music, and heading out in 2 groups to visit Oak Hill, Whispering Pines, Magnolia Terrace, Legacy Place, Garden Place, Rosedale House, and Bellefontaine Place.

**A CHRIST CONCERT PRACTICE** will be held following the 10:15am service on Sunday, Dec. 11, for all who will be participating in this service. Please plan to attend. If you cannot make it, please let Ann Frank know ahead of time.

**CHRIST CONCERT & LIVING NATIVITY SERVICE.** Immanuel will again be having a Christ Concert & Living Nativity service during Advent. This special service will be held at 7:30pm on Wed., Dec. 14th. *Would you like to participate by singing or playing an instrument in the Christ Concert or by being a shepherd or the angel in the Living Nativity? If so, let us know by Nov. 27th.* All ages are welcome to participate.

## **This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!**

### Birthdays:

- 26 Wayne Menke  
Sam Metzger  
Sidney Metzger  
Edward Stanglein
- 27 Robert Prange  
Cindy Troup
- 28 Jay Carr  
Timothy Ervin  
Dianne Holle
- 29 Eddie Arras  
Carolina Bradley  
Karen Ruesler
- 30 Benjamin Braun  
Tiffany Harbison  
Collin Neeman  
Kirsten O'Brien
- 1 Jeremiah Bell  
Norman Eggemeyer
- 2 Jenny Boker  
Dale Zeisset

### Anniversaries:

- 26 Roger & Laura Kinzinger (33)  
Mike & Pam Lloyd (22)  
Elden & Taryn Niemeyer (33)
- 28 Robert & Marilyn Collette (52)
- 29 Harry & Reina Thompson (36)
- 30 Gerald & Carol Woodcock (53)  
1 Clem & Karen Ruesler (32)