



## **Weekly Calendar** **Dec. 4-11, 2016**

**Sunday, 12/4**

1:30-2:45p Children's  
Christmas Service  
Practice

**Monday, 12/5**

*Pastor Troup's Day Off*  
8:00p AA Meeting

**Tuesday, 12/6**

6:30a Men's Bible Study  
6-7:30p Zumba  
7:00p Elders' Meeting

**Wednesday, 12/7**

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, 12/8**

*Pastor Demski's day off*  
10:30a Oak Hill Service  
11:15a Legacy Place Service

**Saturday, 12/10**

9a-11p Scrapbook Day  
9:30a Board of Evangelism  
Meeting  
5:30p Holy Communion

**Sunday, 12/11**

7:45a Holy Communion  
9:00a Sunday School &  
Bible Study Classes  
10:15a Worship Service  
1:30-2:45p Children's  
Christmas Service  
Practice  
3-5p Christmas Caroling  
(meet in overflow room)

## **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 Louise Nobbe in remembrance of Robert Nobbe on his birthday.

### **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 Greyson Kruse and his parents, Josh & Nichole. May God bless you in all your ways, Greyson!

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the Third Sunday in Advent. The readings for next Sunday will be Is. 35:1-10; James 5:7-11; and Matt. 11:2-15. 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).

**CAN YOU HELP?** Immanuel has a small group of people willing to help transport others to the doctor, store, etc. We

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
Thanks Eve	73	78
Thanks Day	34	41
	107	119
5:30pm	47	64
7:45am	55	75
10:15am	93	94
	195	233

2016 weekend average attendance: 226

### Sunday School:

PreK-8th	34	\$12.85
HS & College	7	
Adults	20	
	61	

## Bible Study Opportunities

### Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study on *Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America* at 9:00 am in the overflow room.
- A high school and college Bible study in the youth room (lower level of the school building) at 9:00 am. 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 9:00 am for all junior high students and their parents.
- An adult & family Bible study "Sticky Faith" led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe at 9:00 am 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 6:30 am. This is a Bible fellowship for men.

### Wednesdays:

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

### Thursdays:

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

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.

**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.

**WE ARE COLLECTING** non-perishable food items and baby items for Concordia Seminary's Food Bank during the month of December and into January. This Food Bank serves all of the Seminarians and their families. A barrel is available in the narthex for your donations. Thank you for your support!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS OF LOVE.** See the insert in your bulletin for more info on spreading Christ's love to our shut-ins and homebound members this year.

## Upcoming Events

**POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS.** See the special insert for an order form and for more information. **The last day to place your order is Dec. 4th.**

**JOY TO THE WORLD.** Our Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3:00 pm. All are

welcome to attend! For those children participating in this service, the practices will be held on Sundays, Dec. 7 & 14, from 1:30-2:45 pm each day, and our final practice will be on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 9:30-10:45 am.

**BOOK CLUB.** *There will not be Book Club in December.* Join them on January 2nd at 7:00 pm to discuss *The Girl in the Spider's Web* by David Lagercrantz.

**ADVENT DINNERS.** Join us for dinner and fellowship on Wednesdays during Advent from 5-7 pm in the multipurpose room. All are welcome! The Fellowship Committee is hosting the dinner on 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 Dec. 7, Immanubells will practice from 5:45-6:15 pm, midweek classes will meet from 6:15-7:15 pm, the adult choir will practice from 6:15-7:15 pm, and the Agape Ringers will practice immediately following the service. On Dec. 14, the adult choir will practice from 6:15-7:15 pm and midweek classes will meet from 6:15-7:15 pm; however, there will not be practices for the Immanubells or the Agape Ringers. On Dec. 21, there will not be Immanubells practice or midweek classes, but the adult choir will practice at 7:40 pm and the Agape Ringers will practice at 7:10 pm.

**AN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held on Wed., Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome, and be sure to

invite your family and friends, too!

**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 2:45 pm, 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. Join us!

**A CHRIST CONCERT PRACTICE** will be held following the 10:15 am 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 7:30 pm on Wed., Dec. 14th. Invite your family & friends and come for an evening of praise & worship as we prepare for our Savior's birth! By the way, stick around after the service and see the animals up close.

## This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

### Birthdays:

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| 5  | Drake Downing    |
|    | Becky Ellis      |
|    | Angie Prescher   |
|    | Barb White       |
| 7  | Jeff Filipiak    |
|    | Reba Menke       |
| 8  | Olivia Rusteberg |
| 9  | Brenda Schreder  |
| 10 | Esther Brandt    |
|    | Merry Conway     |

### Anniversaries:

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| 5 | Sandy & Jackie Nichols (18) |
| 6 | Bob & Barb Vernier (28)     |
| 7 | Ray & Sue Champion (31)     |
| 9 | Adam & Jill Eggemeyer (11)  |