



Weekly Calendar Dec. 18-26, 2016

Sunday, 12/18
3:00p Children's Christmas
Service & Birthday
Party for Jesus

Monday, 12/19
Pastor Troup's Day Off
8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 12/20
6:30a Men's Bible Study
6-7:30p Zumba

Wednesday, 12/21
9:30a Adult Bible Study
No Midweek Classes
5:45-7p Immanubells
Practice, Dinner &
Games
6:30p Choir Practice
7:10p Agape Ringers
Practice
8:00p AA Meeting

Thursday, 12/22
Pastor Demski's day off

Friday, 12/23
Church Office Closed

Saturday, 12/24
4:00p Holy Communion
7:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 12/25
9:00a Holy Communion

Monday, 12/26
Church Office Closed

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 are given to the glory of God by Mary Ann Wolf in memory of Nelson Wolf at 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 Colton Glessner and his parents, Andrew & Andrea. May God bless you in all your ways, Colton!

NEXT SUNDAY is the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day). The readings for next Sunday will be Is. 52:7-10; Heb. 1:1-6 (7-12); and John 1:1-14 (15-18). This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Christ Concert and Living Nativity service on Wednesday. It was a wonderful evening filled with beautiful music and the live nativity to praise and honor our Savior, Jesus.

Ongoing Announcements

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March 2017 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 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 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.

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

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
CC & LN	126	143
5:30pm	43	56
7:45am	50	47
10:15am	116	101
	209	204

2016 weekend average attendance: 225

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	26	\$13.85
HS & College	12	
Adults	28	
	66	

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."

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 will resume as they begin studying *A Woman of Contentment: Ecclesiastes* on January 5th at 7:00 pm in the overflow room.

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 pg. 18 in your bulletin for more info on spreading Christ's love to our shut-ins and homebound members this year.

THE 2017 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Be sure to sign up for your weekend(s) early. Our flower coordinator, Sandy Thompson, will contact you prior to your weekend with all of the details.

Upcoming Events

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! A Birthday Party for Jesus hosted by the Board of Christian Education will follow the service. All are welcome to stick around for cake, ice cream, and punch!

MIDWEEK CLASSES for the next couple weeks will be taking a break. Classes will resume on Jan. 4 from 6:30-8 pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. Join us on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 pm or 7:30 pm for our Christmas Eve services. We'll also have one service at 9:00 am on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, which is a completely different service than Christmas Eve. All are welcome to attend! Please note: There will not be any regular weekend services on Dec. 24-25, and there will not be any Sunday School or Bible study classes on Sunday.

BRING IN 2017 AT IMMANUEL! Since New Year's Eve & Day are on a Saturday & Sunday this year, our regular service times for the weekend of Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 will be a bit different. Our Saturday evening service will be held at

5:30 pm on Dec. 31, but we will only have one service at 9:00 am on Sunday, Jan. 1st. There will not be any Sunday School or Bible study classes on Sunday.

ELDERS' BIBLE STUDIES

will resume with chapter 3 of "What Jesus Demands from the World" in their homes in January. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served each evening. See pg. 19 in your bulletin for all of the details!

BLOOD DRIVE. The next Valmeyer Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, from 2-7 pm at the Parish Center (101 S. Meyer) in Valmeyer. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: ValmeyerComm to schedule an appointment. A delicious meal and wonderful attendance prizes will be available to all who donate.

BOOK CLUB. Join them on January 2nd at 7:00 pm to discuss *The Girl in the Spider's Web* by David Lagercrantz.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will begin a new 9-week study on Jan. 5th in the overflow room. All women are welcome to join us each Thursday at 7:00 pm as we study Dee Brestin's book, *A Woman of Contentment: Ecclesiastes*.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN IN A FAST CHANGING, BIOTECH

WORLD? Join us on Sunday, January 22, 2017, 4-7 pm, in the sanctuary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 Beltline Rd, Collinsville, IL, to hear Dr. Robert Weise give a brief overview of some of the more recent advances in Human Genetics, Assisted Reproductive Biology, Human Sex Selections, and Transgender Identity as all of these relate to the Biblical teaching of Creation and Stewardship of the body and soul. A light supper will be served. There will be a program for children and childcare for 4 yrs. and under. If bringing children please make reservations with Jeanette (618-344-3141) by January 15.

LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-

based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners or call 1-888-653-6441.

MEN'S RETREAT. Camp Wartburg is sponsoring their annual Men's Retreat on Jan. 27-28, 2017. Pastor Bobby Walston will be the guest speaker for the weekend. Want more info? Contact Lisa in the church office.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

- 17 Vickie Wynn
- 18 Derek Heise
- Jim Stueve
- Sam Stumpf
- 19 Linda Bommarito
- Sharon Rehmer
- 20 Scott Kirkley
- Tom Wheatley
- 21 Greyson Kruse
- Ava Rehmer
- 23 Wayne Hargrave
- 24 Lillian Eggmeyer
- J. T. Englert
- John Reisner

Anniversaries:

- 17 Bob & Gayle Mesnarich (39)
- Jerry & Jane Moeser (17)
- 19 Tony & Cindy Troup (33)
- 21 Morris & Nina Binder (53)
- 22 Bob & Linda Polansky (32)
- 23 George & Myra Lesinger (49)
- 24 Larry & Georgia Wynn (63)
- 25 Bobby & Mandy Rehmer (13)