



Weekly Calendar Jan. 8-15, 2017

Sunday, 1/8

7:45a Holy Communion
9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
10:15a Worship Service
7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Jim Crawford's House

Monday, 1/9

8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 1/10

6:30a Men's Bible Study
6-7:30p Zumba
6:30p Board of Social Ministry Meeting
7:15p Board of Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday, 1/11

9:30a Adult Bible Study
6-6:30p Immanubells
6:30-8p Midweek Classes
7-8p Choir Practice
8:00p AA Meeting
8-9p Agape Ringers Practice

Thursday, 1/12

Pastor Demski's day off
7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, 1/14

9:30a Board of Evangelism Meeting
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 1/15

7:45a Worship Service
9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion

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 Ernie & Ny Bartels in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Ernie & Ny, and may God bless you always!

NEXT SUNDAY is Second Sunday after the Epiphany. The readings for next Sunday will be Is. 49:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; and John 1:29-42a. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

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 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 until January 15th. This Food Bank serves all of the Seminarians and their families. A barrel is available in

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
5:30 pm	72	50
9:00 am	92	179*
	164	229

*total for the 2 services last year

2016 weekend average attendance: 164

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 a study of the book of *Matthew*.
- 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 is studying *A Woman of Contentment: Ecclesiastes* at 7:00 pm in the overflow room.

the narthex for your donations. Thank you for your support!

COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS. New Life Evangelistic Center in St. Louis is in need of new or gently used warm clothing (coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, hats, gloves, etc) and blankets for the area's homeless men. Please drop off your donations in the barrel in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

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.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD GREETERS for each of our services. Can you help? All you need to do is be friendly as you greet people coming to worship. Contact Lisa in the church office if you can help.

2016 BAPTISMAL LAMBS. Was your son or daughter baptized at Immanuel in 2016? If so, his/her baptismal lamb is in the church office. Feel free to pick it up anytime.

Upcoming Events

ELDERS' BIBLE STUDIES are focusing on chapter 3 of "What Jesus Demands from the World" in their homes in January. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served each evening. *See the insert in your bulletin for all of the details!*

BISHOP VSEVOLOD LYTKIN OF THE SIBERIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL VISIT ST. PAUL – HAMEL ON SAT., JANUARY 14. The Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church is a partner Church of the LCMS and we are in Altar and Pulpit fellowship with our fellow Lutherans. On Saturday, Jan. 14th, Bishop Lytkin will be discussing the history of Lutheranism in Siberia. In the year 1900 the Lutheran church was the second largest church in the Russian Empire. There were more Lutherans living in the Russian Empire in the early 1900s than Lutherans living in North America. In 2017,

Lutheranism is a very small minority church in Russia. What happened? Bishop Lytkin will deliver a PowerPoint presentation about the history and present condition of Lutheranism in Siberia, starting at 3:30 pm in the church basement. All are welcome to attend and hear of the Reformation Gospel's proclamation in Siberia and find encouragement in the great example of courageous Lutherans in Siberia.

MEN'S MOVIE CLUB. Join them at Pastor Demski's house on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, at 6:00 pm to watch *The Prestige*. This is a time when men can join together to watch a movie and discuss it regarding it's cinematic and theological qualities. If you have any questions. Please contact Pastor Demski.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY. Financial Peace University is coming back to Immanuel! FPU is a 9 week course starting January 22nd. We'll meet each Sunday from 3-5 pm until March 19th. We'll have class and then have some dinner together for fellowship and time to talk if there are any lingering questions from class. Child care will be provided. This class costs \$50 which includes the kit (book, lesson materials, etc), and a subscription to the EveryDollar App from Dave Ramsey. *See the bulletin insert for more detailed info.* If you have any questions, please check with Pastor Demski.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS. Immanuel will start a new Adult Information Class on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 pm. This class is preparation for new membership here at Immanuel and a great refresher course for long time Lutherans. Class participants will meet every week for approximately 10 weeks. Dinner will be served during some of the weeks prior to this class at 5:00 pm. You're welcome to join us. See Pastor Troup for more info.

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. Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? You may want to consider participating in Life Line Screening. *See the pink insert in your bulletin for all of the details.*

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:

- 7 Darrell Gaitsch
Jerry Huck
Floyd Senf
- 8 Candi Bise
Rosie Fink
Scott Janssen
Kadin LaRue
- 9 Mike Obst
Alec Trout
Taylor Vernier
- 10 Josie Koch
Nancy Rodenberg
Gladys Ruff
- 11 Cal Neeman
Daniel Niemeyer
- 12 Charlie Lloyd
Jackie Nichols
Bob Polansky
- 13 Bob Elmore
John Maag
Kelly Mehner
Diana Pulcher
Ross Schrader
- 14 Bob Blattner
Linda Eggemeyer
Samantha Kruse
Mike Lloyd
- 15 Kimber Prescher

Anniversaries:

- 8 Larry & Reba Menke (40)
- 9 Steve & Marcia Jones (46)
- 10 Ernie & Nyla Bartels (30)
- 15 Mike & Michelle Fink (12)