



## Weekly Calendar Feb. 5-12, 2017

### Sunday, 2/5

- 2:30p Elders' Bible Study at Rodney Clamors' house  
3-5p Financial Peace University (FPU)

### Monday, 2/6

- Pastor Troup's day off*  
7:00p Book Club  
8:00p AA Meeting

### Tuesday, 2/7

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

### Wednesday, 2/8

- 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, 2/9

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

### Friday-Saturday, 2/10-11

- Retreat for 5th-8th grade students at Camp Wartburg*

### Saturday, 2/11

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

### Sunday, 2/12

- 7:45a Holy Communion  
9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes  
10:15a Worship Service  
3-5p Financial Peace University (FPU)

## 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.

**WE WELCOME** Asher James Vadnal into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism during the Saturday evening service this weekend. Asher is the son of Derek Vadnal and Jamie Stueve-Vadnal. His sponsors are Sean Stueve, Gregor Vadnal, and Melanie Vadnal-Stewart. May God bless you always, Asher!

**FAMILY OF THE WEEK.** During the school year, we remember one of our Preschool students and his/her family in our prayers. This week's student is Trent Mifflin and his parents, Nathan & Elizabeth. May God keep you and bless you and your family in all of your ways, Trent!

**NEXT SUNDAY** is Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. The readings for next Sunday will be Deut. 30:15-20; 1 Cor. 3:1-9; and Matt. 5:21-37. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

**NEW PEW BIBLES!** Did you notice the new ESV Bibles and Children's Bibles in your pew? These Bibles were donated in loving memory of Lorine Horn and will be dedicated during the 10:15 am service this weekend. By the way, the wooden holders for these Bibles were donated years ago in loving memory of Rich Horn and were originally used for many years for the Hymnal Supplements which were given in memory of Walter Horn. Thanks to the Horn family for these generous gifts to the glory of God over the many years.

### Ongoing Announcements

**PROFIT AND LOSS** reports for December 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!

### 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 Monday of each month at 8:00pm at Wayne Collmeyer's house (209 Crosswinds Ct.) in Waterloo. Can't get there? No problem. **Now there is an option to join via conference call.** Need

directions or need the conference call number? Give Wayne a call at 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 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.

### 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 throughout February. Thank you for your support!

### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

If you took a bottle home, don't forget to bring your filled bottles back by Feb. 5th. You can drop it off in the church office or in the narthex. Thanks 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 GREETERS

for each of our services. Can you help? All you need to do is be friendly and welcome 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.

## Last Weekend's Attendance

	2017	2016
5:30 pm	77	49
7:45 am	46	63
10:15 am	110	108
	233	220

2017 weekend average attendance: 237

### Sunday School:

PK-8th	22	\$8.00
HS & College	9	
Adults	15	
	46	

## 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.

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

**ELDERS' BIBLE STUDIES** are focusing on "What Jesus Demands from the World" in their homes. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served each evening. See page 19 for more details!

### MISSION OPPORTUNITY

**COMING TO IMMANUEL!** During March 4-5, the 10-person band from Lutheran High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, will be making a stop in Waterloo on their extended trip and will be providing musical accompaniment during all 3 services. We are looking for host families for 3 girls and 7 boys. **Can you host 1 or more of these students? If so, contact the church office and let us know!**

### PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR NOW OPEN.

Immanuel's Preschool offers 2 morning classes during the school year. A M/W/F class for 4-5 year olds preparing to enter kindergarten the following year, and a T/TH class for 3 year olds. Each class meets from 8:30-11:30 am. Feel free to contact Linda Polansky, the 2017-18 Preschool Director, or the church office for all of the details or for a registration packet. Know someone who may be interested? Spread the word!

### DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT

**CHOICE DOLLARS®** Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2017**, to direct any remaining 2016 Choice Dollars. Help support Immanuel Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Preschool. Go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

## Upcoming Events

**BOOK CLUB.** Join them on Monday, Feb. 6th at 7:00 pm in the library to discuss *Sexual Morality in a Christless World* by Matthew Rueger. The book for their March 6th meeting will be *Amazing Grace* by Eric Metaxas.

**A 5TH-8TH GRADE CATECHETICAL RETREAT,** *Splashing in Salvation: Baptism and the Christian Life*, will be held at Camp Wartburg on Feb. 10-11, 2017. This Friday night-Saturday retreat is a chance for junior high aged Christians to rejoice in their baptism! Bible studies led by Pastor Bruce Keseman of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg, prayer services from the hymnal, and camp games & high ropes activities including rock wall climbing and zip lining will fill the 2-day retreat. The cost is \$70 per participant and includes 3 meals and lodging. Pastor Demski passed out the registration forms to all of the midweek students. If you have

questions or want to register, contact him or the church office.

### GET READY TO THREAD THOSE NEEDLES AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

Immanuel is starting up a Quilting Group, and all are invited to attend! Just bring yourself to our first session on Monday, February 13 at 6:30-8:30pm over in the Sunday School room in the Ed Building. We'll spend the first 15 minutes talking about the plans for the quilting group—what we will be working on and when we will be getting together each week. Following that, we'll have some snacks and demonstrate how quilt tops are marked, quilts are placed in frames and hand quilting is done. We welcome both our experienced quilters and any newcomers to give it a try. If you have any questions, please call Taryn Niemeyer (618-719-7520).

**COME AND JOIN US!** Mark your calendars now for the Women's Retreat held at Camp Wartburg on February 17-18, 2017! A few ladies from Immanuel are already planning to attend, and we would love for you to join us! The fee for the overnight retreat is \$45; however, the WCM is willing to pay \$20 of that fee for any and all ladies interested in attending. This year's theme is "Faith Alive: Make Way for Blooming" presented by Jane Wilke, one of our past Mini-Retreat speakers. **Registrations are due by Feb. 6th, so contact Lisa Clamors ASAP for all of the details!**

### JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL "MEET & GREET" POTLUCK!

The board of Social Ministry invites you to our annual "Meet & Greet" Potluck on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 11:30 am. We will be recognizing those members received during 2016 (Cliff & Kay Bense; Pastor & Veronica Demski; Christy Gardner and her sons, Tripp & Case; and Becky Nobbe). We'll provide the pulled pork & chicken, bread, and drinks. All who attend, other than our recognized families, are asked to bring either a side dish/salad or dessert. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a dessert. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a side dish or salad. Hope to see you there!

**ADULTS VS. YOUTH BOWLING FELLOWSHIP EVENT.** All are invited to attend this fellowship event for the whole family on Sat., Feb. 25 from 3-5 pm at West Park Bowl in Columbia. It'll be a battle of the "ages" and sure to be a fun time! \$2.00 per game and \$2.00 per person for shoes. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. *Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex!*

**HANDBELL CONCERT!** The Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis will present a public concert featuring area handbell choirs, including Immanuel's Agape Ringers, on Sunday, Feb. 26th at 6:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road, in St. Louis, MO. All are welcome to attend! Contact the church office if you need directions.

### LIFETIME PLAN FOR GIVING.

Scott Radden, a financial counselor for The LCMS Foundation, will be giving a presentation on estate planning called "Lifetime Plan for Giving" on Monday, Feb. 27, starting at 7:00 pm here at Immanuel. See the insert in your bulletin for more details.

**THE NEW LUTHER MOVIE.** "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World." Good Shepherd and St. John's Lutheran churches in Arnold are hosting a special one-night-only screening of the new Luther movie at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 6, at Ronnies 20 Cine, 5320 South Lindbergh Blvd., in St. Louis. Tickets must be purchased online at: <http://arnold.NewLutherMovie.com>. Other showings have sold out quickly, so don't wait. We are hoping to get a Luther scholar or two to answer questions following the movie.

**LOOKING FOR 13 MEN AND 2 WOMEN** (high school age and up) to participate in the Living Last Supper on Sunday, April 9, at 4:00 pm. Please contact Don Birrittier (314-724-2690) as soon as possible if you would like to participate or have any questions.

## This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

### Birthdays:

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| 5  | Tiffany Bise     |
|    | David Herschbach |
| 6  | Jennifer Downing |
|    | Cam Rubemeyer    |
|    | Susan Stratman   |
| 7  | Cooper Black     |
|    | Pam Schrader     |
|    | Derek Smothers   |
| 8  | Sandra Halt      |
| 9  | Allie Snodgrass  |
| 10 | Travis Ervin     |
|    | Angela Stratman  |
|    | Brian Wiese      |
| 11 | Mia Nichols      |
|    | Lilly Prather    |
| 12 | Eric White       |

### Anniversaries:

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| 6 | Dean & Linda Harbison (24) |
| 7 | Tim & Kristen Troup (8)    |