



Weekly Calendar Feb. 12-19, 2017

Sunday, 2/12
3:5p Financial Peace University (FPU)

Monday, 2/13
Pastor Troup's day off
8:00p AA Meeting
6:30-8:30p Quilting Group
8:00p Men's Prayer Group

Tuesday, 2/14
6:30a Men's Bible Study
6:7:30p Zumba
7:15p Board of Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday, 2/15
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, 2/16
Pastor Demski's day off
7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, 2/18
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 2/19
7:45a Worship Service
9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion
11:30a "Meet & Greet" Potluck
12:2p Youth Group
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

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.

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 Emma Newsome and her parents, Josh & Courtney. May God keep you and bless you and your family in all of your ways, Emma!

NEXT SUNDAY is Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. The readings for next Sunday will be Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18; 1 Cor. 3:10-23; and Matt. 5:38-48. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

THANK YOU! I would like to thank Pastor Troup and Pastor Demski for their visits, and also thank you to all who said prayers or sent cards during my recent illness and surgery. God bless you all! —Dorothy Byers

Ongoing Announcements

PROFIT AND LOSS reports for January 2017 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.

OUR ONGOING COLLECTIONS:

The Bi-County Backpack Program is in need of 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. *No glass jars or bottles, please.* **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. You can drop off your donations in the marked basket or barrel in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

STILL HAVE A BABY BOTTLE AT HOME?

If you took a bottle home in January, please bring your filled bottles back by Feb. 15th. You can drop it off in the church office or in the narthex. Thanks for your support!

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH?

There is a **Coffee & Doughnut Fellowship** held almost every Sunday after the early service (until 9am) in the hallway by the overflow room. *Would you like to sponsor a Sunday?* If so, please sign up on the sheet by the flower chart in the narthex! **Recycle your aluminum cans!** There is a large trash can in the kitchen for your 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR WEEKLY OR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM YOUR 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. **Join in via conference call.** Need directions or 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 (847-254-9666 or pastor.demski@gmail.com).

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.

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.

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!*

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® 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 Preschool or a number of other Christian organizations. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

NARTHEX EXPANSION PROJECT.

Look for more information very soon regarding this project. In the meantime, anyone wishing to donate to the narthex expansion project 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.

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

Last Weekend's Attendance

| | 2017 | 2016 |
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| 5:30 pm | 104 | 49 |
| 7:45 am | 41 | 75 |
| 10:15 am | 134 | 126 |
| | 279 | 250 |
| 2017 weekend average attendance: | 246 | |
| Sunday School: | | |
| PK-8th | 26 | \$12.00 |
| HS & College | 7 | |
| Adults | 13 | |
| | 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.

(upcoming Lay Bible Institutes, concerts, dinners, 5K walks/runs, women's events, Thrivent events, trivia nights, blood drives, job openings, etc.) are posted there!

WOULD YOU LIKE ONE OF OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES?

Copies of our newest church directory are available in the narthex. There's a limited supply, so pick up a copy today! *One per family, please.* It's a great way to put a name with a face and to get to know fellow members better!

Upcoming Events

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 how 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).

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!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS! Our next monthly get together is next Sunday, Feb. 19, the same day as the "Meet and Greet" potluck. So we're going to get some food together over in the multipurpose room to meet some new members of the Immanuel family and then split off about 12:30 pm to the Ed Building for games, conversation, and fellowship.

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!*

NEW BIBLE STUDY:

Starting on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 9:00 am, Pastor Troup will begin a new Bible study on the book of James. Called "James: Epistle of Straw or Practical Guide for Christian Living," the study will focus on passages that were a source of concern for Reformers like Martin Luther and how the book should be applied in our daily lives. See Pastor Troup for more details.

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. The LCMS Foundation provides comprehensive charitable expertise and services to help you plan and direct your passion for giving to your family and the LCMS ministries for the Lord's work today, tomorrow and forever.

Scott can help you understand the Lifetime Plan for Giving process to achieve your stewardship goals. He will speak on such topics as: Christian Estate Gift Planning, sharing your plan to your family and how to avoid disputes, updating your existing estate documents as your family situation changes, supporting your congregation and other favorite ministries, and using a Charitable Trust to "Give it twice." No matter what your age or what your financial circumstance is, Scott can customize a Lifetime Plan for Giving that best achieves your generosity objectives.

LENT BEGINS ON MARCH

1ST! See your bulletin insert for all of the info on service times, our theme, and

our upcoming Lenten midweek dinners!

JOIN US! 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 hope you can join us at one of our services that weekend as these high school students share God's love through music with us. *Thank you to all who have offered to be a host family; we have all of the students accounted for!*

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.

BOOK CLUB. Join them on Monday, March 6th at 7:00 pm in the library to discuss *Sexual Morality in a Christless World* by Matthew Rueger. They'll be discussing *Amazing Grace* by Eric Metaxas on April 3rd.

STILL LOOKING FOR 4 MEN AND 1 WOMAN (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.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

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| 11 | Mia Nichols |
| | Lilly Prather |
| 12 | Eric White |
| 13 | Jeremy Kettler |
| 14 | McKenna Menke |
| | Teri Metter |
| | Autumn Whelan |
| 15 | Ray Champion |
| | Dean Harbison |
| | Perry Koch |
| 16 | Damian Becker |
| 17 | Kelly Black |
| | Iva Mesnarich |
| | Pam Nagel |
| 18 | Derek Carr |
| | Michelle Kettler |
| 19 | Nancy Alu |
| | Jennifer Dieterle |
| | Delaney Halt |
| | Brent Naumann |

Anniversaries:

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| 14 | Wade & Diane Marshall (47) |
| 19 | Bob & Cynthia Stueve (40) |