



Weekly Calendar Feb. 26–Mar. 5, 2017

Sunday, 2/26

- 3-5p Financial Peace University (FPU)
6:30p Handbell Concert at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Louis

Monday, 2/27

- Pastor Troup's day off*
7:00p "Lifetime Plan for Giving" Seminar
8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 2/28

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

Wednesday, 3/1

- Ash Wednesday*
9:00a Holy Communion
10:00a Adult Bible Study
5-7p Lenten Dinner
5:45-6:15p Immanubells
6:15-7:15p Midweek Classes
6:15-7:15p Choir Practice
7:30p Holy Communion
8:00p AA Meeting
8:30p Agape Ringers Practice

Thursday, 3/2

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

Saturday, 3/4

- 9a-11p Scrapbook Day
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 3/5

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

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 Mitchell & Dawn Rubemeyer in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Mitchell & Dawn, and may God continue to bless you!

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 Zoe Rich and her mom, Elizabeth. May God keep you and bless you and your family in all of your ways, Zoe!

NEXT SUNDAY is the First Sunday in Lent. The readings for next Sunday will be Gen. 3:1-21; Rom. 5:12-19; and Matt. 4:1-11. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

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 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.* Our collection for March & April is for **Camp Wartburg**. Items needed at

Camp include craft supplies for children of all ages, all kinds of cleaning supplies, and plants & bulbs. 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 as soon as possible. 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 pg. 11 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 or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" to more info.

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/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

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2017	2016
5:30 pm	50	80
7:45 am	45	62
10:15 am	<u>121</u>	<u>132</u>
	216	274

2017 weekend average attendance: 238

Sunday School:

PK-8th	30	\$11.61
HS & College	7	
Adults	<u>15</u>	
	52	

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study on *James: Epistle of Straw or Practical Guide for Christian Living* 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, focusing on topics from a Teen Parenting Summit, led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe at 9:00 am in the church basement kitchen. This is great for parents, grandparents, and anyone struggling to understand this crazy new world. 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*

name with a face and to get to know fellow members better!

QUILTERS—Thanks to all the ladies who have shown interest in restarting the quilting group at Immanuel. What a great turnout! We are quilting in the Ed. Building twice a week: Tuesdays 1-4 pm and Fridays 5:30-8:30 pm. Both new and experienced quilters are welcome. If you would like information call Taryn Niemeyer at 618-719-7520.

DO YOU HAVE QUILTING EQUIPMENT GATHERING DUST? Immanuel's quilters can help you out. The quilters are looking for wooden quilting frames and frame stands (bucks). Additionally, we will be sewing relief quilts and are happy to accept spare fabric. If you are interested in donating any of these items, please contact the church office.

Upcoming Events

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Troup will begin a new Bible study on the book of James this Sunday. 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 Barrackview Road, in St. Louis, MO. All are welcome to attend!

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 the bulletin insert for all of the info on service times, our theme, and our Lenten midweek dinners!

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT...Remember, the bells & choir practices and the midweek classes will be meeting at different times during Lent. Immanubells will practice from 5:45-6:15 pm, midweek classes and choir practice will be held from 6:15-7:15 pm, and the Agape Ringers will practice following the Lenten services.

SCRAPBOOK DAY! Have projects to work on but can't find the time or space? Join us on Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm in the multipurpose room at Immanuel. Come & go as you need. \$7.00 per person. Contact Lisa Clamors (618-719-4954) or Sandy Mueller (618-420-1373) with questions or to RSVP.

JOIN US! During March 4-5, the 10-person band from Lutheran High School in Indianapolis, IN, 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.

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.

VERY IMPORTANT SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD! Immanuel's Church Council has authorized a special congregational meeting to be held on **Sunday, March 19, at 11:30 am.** During the meeting, bids for an expanded narthex and recommendations from the Council will be presented. Immanuel members will make a decision about whether or not to begin construction of an expanded narthex **AT THIS MEETING!** Look for more specific information in next week's bulletin.

MOVIES ON FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH! Ladies, join us at **6:30 pm at Janet Crawford's house** (16 Mary Court, Waterloo) for a fun evening of fellowship and yummy snacks! We'll be choosing our movie that evening—Footloose, You've Got Mail, or The Help! Men, you are invited to **at Pastor Demski's house at 6:00 pm** to watch and discuss *The Judge*. All are welcome to attend!

LIFE NETWORK'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER will be held on Thursday, March 30, and Friday, March 31. The dinners will be held at The Falls in Columbia, IL, and Immanuel is hosting a table or two each evening. Would you like to attend? Contact the church office (939-6480), and we'll put you on the list and send you a special invitation. There's no cost for the dinner, but this is a fundraising event and a wonderful way to support our local pro-life organization!

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. If you have been "on the fence" about participating, please contact Don and talk with him. We NEED to have 13 men and 2 women to have a full cast, and your help is appreciated!

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

- 26 Heather Griffin
Jason Valerius
Nick Valerius
Andrew Wiese
- 27 Paul Hoeffken
Susan Vogt
- 1 Cliff Bense
Jennifer Prather
Jennifer Valerius
- 2 Diane Marshall
Terry Ward
- 3 Jensen Bouquet
Morgan Hoeffken
Jim Smothers
Elizabeth Troup
- 4 Colby Crook
Pat Jones
Jack Metzger
- 5 Vicki Clark
Steven Jarvis
Ollney Mueller Jr.

Anniversaries:

- 25 Clay & Debbie Metzger (22)
- 29 Mitchell & Dawn Rubemeyer (25)
- 4 Verlyn & Irene Proctor (45)

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