



**Weekly Calendar  
Mar. 5-12, 2017**

**Sunday, 3/5**  
 11:30a Living Last Supper  
 Script Run-Through  
 3-5p FPU  
 6:00p Living Last Supper  
 Script Run-Through  
 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at  
 Rodney Clamors' house

**Monday, 3/6**  
*Pastor Troup's day off*  
 7:00p Book Club  
 8:00p AA Meeting

**Tuesday, 3/7**  
 6:30a Men's Bible Study  
 1-4p Quilters' Guild  
 6-7:30p Zumba  
 7:00p Elders' Meeting

**Wednesday, 3/8**  
 9:30a 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 Lenten Service  
 8:00p AA Meeting  
 8:30p Agape Ringers  
 Practice

**Thursday, 3/9**  
*Pastor Demski's day off*  
 10:30a Oak Hill Service  
 11:15a Legacy Place Service  
 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

**Friday, 3/10**  
 5:30-8:30p Quilters' Guild

**Saturday, 3/11**  
 9:30a Board of Evangelism  
 Meeting  
 1-4:30p Youth Group Trip to  
 Sem. Food Bank  
 5:30p Holy Communion

**Sunday, 3/12**  
 7:45a Holy Communion  
 9:00a Sunday School &  
 Bible Study Classes  
 10:15a Worship Service  
 3-5p FPU  
 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at  
 Jim Crawford's 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.

**WE WELCOME** Jennifer Tetzlaff and the 10-person band from Lutheran High School in Indianapolis, IN, to our services this weekend. Thank you to these students for sharing God's love through music with us! Also, thank you to the Crawford, Grant, Janssen, and White families for housing these students.

**BIBLESTICK CHALLENGE.** Immanuel will be participating in a Biblestick Challenge this weekend. Faith Comes by Hearing (FCBH) provides Biblesticks to our military men & women so they have a Bible with them at all times. These Biblesticks are \$25 each. If you can provide 1 or more, please write a check, put "Biblesticks" in the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Thank you for your support! By the way, FCBH has provided over 700,000 Biblesticks through the years.

**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 Cason Wolf and his parents, Blake & Bethany. May God keep you and bless you and your family in all of your ways, Cason!

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the Second Sunday in Lent. The readings for next Sunday will be Gen. 12:1-9; Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17; and

John 3:1-17. 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 ([pastor.demski@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.demski@gmail.com) or 847-254-9666).

**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. 10 for more details!

Want to view our worship services or need more info?  
 Visit us at [www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org).

## Last Weekend's Attendance

	2017	2016
5:30 pm	75	55
7:45 am	61	47
10:15 am	<u>115</u>	<u>115</u>
	251	217
Wed 9:00a	36	34
Wed 7:30p	<u>93</u>	<u>78</u>
	129	112

2017 weekend average attendance: 240

### Sunday School:

PK-8th	32	\$16.00
HS & College	8	
Adults	<u>21</u>	
	61	

## 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 on *Christian prayer*.
- 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 meets at 7:00 pm in the overflow room. We're doing a 4-week study on

## 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](http://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 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

**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.

**DINNERS AND SERVICES DURING LENT.** See the insert in your bulletin for all of the details about our Lenten dinners and services.

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH:** Join us for a Seminary trip on Saturday, March 11, as we deliver the items collected to the Food Bank and help them organize and fill shelves. We'll meet at Immanuel at 1:00 pm and plan to return around 4:30 pm. Hope you can make it!

**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD** your clocks 1 hour next Sunday, March 12 (or before you go to bed Saturday evening).

**SPRING RALLY & PRAYER SERVICE.** Ladies, the Metro South Zone LWML ladies invite you to the annual Spring Rally & Prayer Service on Saturday, March 18 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Fairview Heights. Registration begins at 9:00 am, and the registration fee is \$6.00. The speaker will be Rev. Micah Glenn from the Lutheran Hope Center in Ferguson, MO. An ingathering will be taken to benefit his ministry. *See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for more info.*

**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!**

**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 **Pastor Demski's house at 6:00 pm** to watch and discuss *The Judge*. All are welcome to attend!

**WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL.** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville will be hosting the 2017 Women's Day of Renewal, "Laughter, Gratitude & True Joy in Christ," on Saturday, March 25 with doors opening for breakfast at 7:45 am and ending at 11:45 am. Christian Humorist, Jan Struck, a favorite of LWML conventions, will be the keynote speaker. Her two-part keynote *What Did I Do With My "To-Do-List"?* is based on 1 Thess. 5:16-18. The registration fee is \$5.00. *See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for more info.*

## This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

### Birthdays:

- 4 Colby Crook  
Pat Jones  
Jack Metzger
- 5 Vicki Clark  
Steven Jarvis  
Ollney Mueller Jr.
- 6 Todd Beelman  
Christa Veath  
Gerald Woodcock
- 7 Melissa Bommarito
- 8 Barb Heimburger  
Andrew Naber  
Linda Wittbracht
- 9 Tessie Cadman
- 10 Kayleigh Luter  
Michael Mitchell
- 11 Josh Campbell  
Irene Proctor  
Thomas Wiese

### Anniversaries:

- 12 Butch & Laurie Sparwasser (23)