



Weekly Calendar Mar. 19-26, 2017

Sunday, 3/19

- 11:30a Special
Congregational
Meeting
12-2p Youth Group
3-5p FPU
6:00p LLS Practice
7:00p Elders' Bible Study at
Wayne Collmeyer's
house

Monday, 3/20

- Pastor Troup's day off
8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 3/21

- 6:30a Men's Bible Study
1-4p Quilters' Guild
6-7:30p Zumba
7:00p Women's Christian
Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, 3/22

- 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, 3/23

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

Friday, 3/24

- 6:00p Men's Movie Club at
Pastor Demski's
house
6:30p Ladies' Movie Night
at Janet Crawford's
house

Saturday, 3/25

- 5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 3/26

- 7:45a Holy Communion
9:00a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes
10:15a Worship Service
11:30a Mission Team
Informational
Meeting
6:00p LLS Practice

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.

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 Alex Keeney and his parents, David & Kayla. May God keep you and bless you and your family in all of your ways, Alex!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

During the winter quarter two students, Nicholas Hoeffken & Lauren Patterson, had perfect attendance and received a special gift and certificate. Several others only missed 1-3 classes and received honorable mention certificates. Those students were Kelsey Crook, Ayda, Myla & Henry Eggemeyer, Rosie Fink, Jenna Hoeffken, Addie Janssen, TJ Joellenbeck, Sophia & Grace Thompson, and Grace, Avery & Caleb Troup. Keep up the good work!

NEXT SUNDAY is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The readings for next Sunday will be Is. 42:14-21; Eph. 5:8-14; and John 9:1-41. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

Ongoing Announcements

PROFIT AND LOSS reports for February 2017 are available in the narthex for anyone wishing a copy of the report.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June 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!

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.

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 on the table. **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.

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. 17 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

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

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2017	2016
5:30 pm	42	66
7:45 am	52	55
10:15 am	135	95
	229	216
Wed 7:30p	73	0

2017 weekend average attendance: 240

Sunday School:

PK-8th	27	\$9.00
HS & College	8	
Adults	18	
	53	

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. Our study is "Love's Priceless Gift" based on John 3:16.

"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 FABRIC GATHERING DUST?

Immanuel's quilters can help you out. 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.

CANDY! CANDY! CANDY! The Board of Evangelism is looking for candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off your donations in the church office or in the kitchen by March 31st. Thanks so much!

EASTER LILIES. Would you like to order a lily? See the insert for more details and an order form.

Upcoming Events

PRACTICES for the Living Last Supper will be held at 6:00 pm each Sunday in March. Those participating are encouraged to attend every practice.

DINNERS AND SERVICES DURING LENT.

See pg. 18 of your bulletin for all of the details about our Lenten dinners and services.

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. The registration fee is \$5.00. *See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for more info.*

MISSION TEAM 2018? We will be having an informational meeting following the 10:15 am service on Sunday, March 26, for anyone interested in more information about or in joining Immanuel's next mission trip. We will be discussing possible mission work, places of work, and length & time of year of our trip.

VBS CRAFTING DAY!

During the next Scrapbook Day at Immanuel on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm, stop in to work on some Vacation Bible School crafting projects. We'll be making backgrounds, bricks, table décor, and more as well as doing some painting and building. We can use all kinds of helpers. There's no set time, so just stop in when you can. Taryn Niemeyer will be available to show us what projects are needed.

EASTER EGG FILLERS OF OLD OR NEW!

Anyone willing to fill Easter eggs for our egg hunt, please meet in the overflow room on Saturday, April 1st at 9:30 am. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

BOOK CLUB. Join them on Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm

in the library to discuss *Amazing Grace* by Eric Metaxas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Immanuel will be held on Saturday, April 8th, 10-11:30 am. Come enjoy the Easter message, some crafts & games, and, of course, the Egg Hunt! Invite your friends, too!

LIVING LAST SUPPER. Several members of Immanuel are busy preparing for the upcoming Living Last Supper service that will be held on Palm Sunday, April 9th, at 4:00 pm at Immanuel. The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a dinner in our multipurpose room following this service. So, make plans now to attend, and invite your family & friends, too!

TOO BLESSED TO BE STRESSED

is the theme for our 6th annual Women's Mini-Retreat. The Women's Christian Ministry of Immanuel invites you to join them on Saturday, April 23rd from 9-11 am for a morning of delicious food, an inspirational guest speaker, and uplifting music. Our speaker, Heidi Lewis, will focus on the Psalms, specifically Psalm 84, as she uses scripture to show us how we are too blessed to be stressed. Spread the word, and invite your friends & family! While pre-registration is not mandatory, it is helpful. You can contact Lisa in the church office (939-6480) or visit our website (<https://immanuelwaterloo.org/women/>) to preregister.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

- 18 Brielle Fink
- Michael Haare
- Tim Scheibe
- 19 Nathan Bise
- Nadine Rowold
- 21 Grace Herschbach
- Jessy Horrell
- 22 Lee Doty
- Ian Schrader
- Susan Starbuck
- 23 Yvonne Brandt
- 24 Andrew Glessner
- 25 Erica Crawford
- Brian Horn
- Gary Layton
- Tiffany Schultheis
- 26 Jim Crawford
- Paige Gruber
- Wyatt Hoeffken

Anniversaries:

- 18 Mark & Denise Gruber (28)
- 20 Gregory & Jean Hoeffken (18)
- 25 Alan & Norine Stumpf (34)