



Weekly Calendar Mar. 26–Apr. 2, 2017

Sunday, 3/26

11:30a Mission Trip
Informational
Meeting
6:00p LLS Practice

Monday, 3/27

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

Tuesday, 3/28

6:30a Men's Bible Study
14p Quilters' Guild
6-7:30p Zumba

Wednesday, 3/29

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, 3/30

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

Friday, 3/31

5:30-8:30p Quilters' Guild

Saturday, 4/1

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

Sunday, 4/2

7:45a Worship Service
9:00a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion
2-5p LLS Dress Rehearsals

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 Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry in thanksgiving for our two Christ-centered pastors and their families. Thank you, Pastor Troup & Pastor Demski, for the love & care you show to us! God has truly blessed Immanuel!

NEXT SUNDAY is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The readings for next Sunday will be Ezek. 37:1-14; Rom. 8:1-11; and John 11:17-27, 38-53. 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 (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. 13 for more details!

PRESCHOOL—ENROLL TODAY!

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

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

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2017	2016
5:30 pm	40	68
7:45 am	45	66
10:15 am	<u>158</u>	<u>105</u>
	243	239
Wed 7:30p	78	40

2017 weekend average attendance: 240

Sunday School:

PK-8th	21	\$5.00
HS & College	9	
Adults	<u>20</u>	
	50	

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.

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

QUILTERS—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.

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. **Order deadline is April 2nd.**

NARTHEX EXPANSION

FUND. During our special congregational meeting last Sunday, we voted to accept the bid and begin the work. The church council has created a special fund for this project. Want to make a contribution to this fund? Envelopes are available in the

narthex. You can drop these envelopes in the offering plate, in the wooden box, or in the church office. Thanks for your support!

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. There will be several dress rehearsals at local assisted living homes on Sunday, April 2 that ALL participants need to be present for.

DINNERS AND SERVICES DURING LENT.

See the insert in your bulletin for all of the details about our Lenten dinners and services.

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 HELP

NEEDED! 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.

ELDERS' BIBLE STUDIES

in April will be held on Sunday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm at Bob Polansky's house (6820 Fountain Oaks) in Waterloo. The other 2 studies are TBD since they fall on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Watch the bulletins for the days/times of those.

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! By the way, help is needed during this event. If you would like to help, please arrive by 9:00 am.

LIVING LAST SUPPER.

Invite your friends and family to the 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. The offering taken during the service and any donations made during the meal will benefit Lydia Boyer and her family to help with her medical expenses as well as the family's travel expenses. Hope to see you there!

TOO BLESSED TO BE

STRESSED is the theme for our 6th annual Women's Mini-Retreat on Saturday, April 22nd from 9-11 am. *See the insert for all of the details and how to preregister!*

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

- 25 Erica Crawford
Brian Horn
Gary Layton
Tiffany Schultheis
- 26 Jim Crawford
Paige Gruber
Wyatt Hoeffken
- 27 Justin Kinzinger
Dinah Pfisterer
- 28 Ryan Beelman
Lucas Smothers
Gerald Straub
- 29 Roger Prescher
Andy Wynn
- 30 Rev. Merritt Demski
- 31 Erika Lloyd
- 1 Darian Becker
- 2 Russell Lieb
Harry Thompson

Anniversaries:

- 25 Alan & Norine Stumpf (34)
- 28 Scott & Mandy Soma (2)