

Immanuel Monthly

May 2017



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From Our Administrative Pastor...

Psalm 19:1. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

The Bible verse above reminds us that the beauty of God's creation shows us what a wonderful God we have. He is a truly wise and powerful creator to have designed and made the heavens and the earth! And while these created things can't communicate the good news of Christ, they remind us that Jesus has control of all earthly elements and that he'll renew the heavens and the earth at his return in glory on the last day. Being close to God's "green" creation helps us feel close to our Creator God.

And that's why Immanuel will again have our annual outdoor service on Sunday, June 4 (the Day of Pentecost), starting at 10:30 a.m. Due to the construction of the new narthex, the service will be held at Camp Wartburg at the camp's outdoor auditorium instead of the church lawn this year. This auditorium is awesome! It has a sheltered stage, concrete steps, wooden benches and is surrounded by beautiful scenery. Those who have used the auditorium during our Easter Sunrise Service at Camp Wartburg can attest to its relative comfort and beauty. Our plan is to have Sunday School at the church at our regularly time of 9:00 a.m. on June 4. After Sunday School is over, we'll all head to Camp Wartburg for the service (that's why we're starting the service 15 minutes later than usual –it gives people time to travel). Our outdoor service will enrich us by getting us "up front and personal" with God's creation and filling us with God's spoken and proclaimed Word. What a winning combination!

Since I touched on the construction of the narthex, I do want to invite you to take a look at what's taking place on the east side of the church. Work began on Monday, April 17, and the builders have been progressing steadily ever since. The flooring in the old narthex is being replaced and new drains installed as I write this. From the way things are going, I think a Thanksgiving finishing date is very likely. We'll certainly be enjoying our new narthex by Christmas!

So, brothers and sisters, join us as we celebrate the good news of Christ and the work of God's hands at our outdoor service on June 4. I think you'll enjoy the setting –and I know you'll be uplifted by God's eternal and unchangeable Word. Jesus bless you richly!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Troup

Pastor Troup

From Our Associate Pastor...

Matthew 24:14 says this: And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

So, does that mean that Jesus can't return until everyone who is alive, all around the world, has heard the Gospel message? Not exactly. In the Lutheran Study Bible we read the following entry for that verse: "The world will have the chance to hear the Gospel before Jesus returns in glory. This is not only a testimony to God's all-encompassing grace but also to Jesus' universal lordship and role as judge." And then about this section of Scripture as a whole we read, "Jesus prophesies about things leading up to the end of the world. Today, stories of military conflicts, political intrigues, and natural disasters continue to fill the news. All this should remind us of the nearness of the end of this age. In that we may rejoice! Though the world is indeed increasingly evil and hostile to God, Christians are ever nearer the great day of Christ's return."

So, the first things that come to mind when we hear this verse are God's grace and patience. We don't start with a calculator and technicalities, but with the fact that God desires all to be saved and he won't return until all have heard the good news that Jesus has died and risen again for the forgiveness of sins!

When it comes to "the whole world/earth" and "all nations" side of this verse there are two ways that statements like that are interpreted in Scripture. Let's start by taking a look at the Greek word used for "world" or "earth" in this passage. We find this: *oikouménē*—the land that is being inhabited, the land in a state of habitation, the inhabited world, that is, the Roman world." Then if we look at the word for "nations" we find this: *éthnos*—properly, people joined by practicing similar customs or common culture; nation(s), usually referring to unbelieving Gentiles (non-Jews).

So, the first way that this can be understood is, how we would think of it, "The entire world. All of the people on the earth would have to hear about Jesus." Does that mean that if a woman is pregnant Jesus cannot return because not EVERYONE in the inhabited world has heard the Gospel yet? No. We wouldn't take this passage in such a way, nor are we supposed to. We do, however, live in a world of mass communications and the Gospel has made it to just about everywhere at some point in history.

The second way people understand this passage is to look at that word that is used and to take this as Jesus saying, "All people in the known Roman world" or "all of the non-Jewish people in the known world". When we look at some of the other events that Jesus predicts in this

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passage and how they are fulfilled, it seems likely that the interpretation, "the Gospel being spread throughout the Roman empire will be a sign that Christ is ready to return" is a good interpretation.

Either way, no one knows the hour that Christ will return, but we definitely have seen the Gospel spread all around the world to all places that are inhabited and we have seen as all of the signs have happened and are still happening today. We live in a broken world so we continue to pray, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" Jesus can return at any moment, so we continue to pray and await that moment when we will enter into eternal glory with him. We also continue to proclaim the Gospel to all who are around us so they can know the good news of forgiveness and peace.

Have thoughts or questions about this response or if you have a question, please just let me know.

Pastor Denski

A "Note" from our Music Director

Winding down...

The music season for *Sunday School Choirs*, *Immanubells*, *the Adult Choir* and *Agape Ringers* is coming to a close, and the beginning of a summer break begins. The dedication of individuals involved in these music groups is truly appreciated by worshippers.

When asked to put together information about Immanuel's Music Ministry for the website some time ago, I placed Martin Luther's quote, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world," at the beginning of the presentation. What a gift Immanuel is blessed with—music!

As summer begins, please pray for those involved in the various music groups. Pray for a time of renewal and rest from rehearsals! And, pray for renewal and strength to begin a new music season in the fall.

May, the month of "**winding down**" will include:

Fri, May 5th Music Ministry Trivia night 7:00 pm (look for more details in newsletter)

Sun, May 14th PS-6th SS Choir sings on Mother's Day at 10:15 am

Sun, May 21st Adult Choir and Agape Ringers sing/ring last time before summer at 7:45 & 10:15 am

Serving Him,

Jenn

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to...

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Tom Carr | 26 Keda Bachelier |
| Rhonda Carter | Jeff Naumann |
| Jakson Gregory | Reina Thompson |
| 2 Lily Dietz | 27 Bonnie Unterseh |
| Greg Wiegand | 28 Davide Alu |
| 3 Jensyn Collmeyer | Deanna Rodenberg |
| 5 Lindsey Braun | 29 Heidi Matzenbacher |
| Paul Wynn | 30 Shirley Menke |
| 7 Ellie Creek | 31 Wade Marshall |
| Marlene Lieb | Tom McDaniel |
| Andrew Polacek | Carol Neeman |
| Timothy Polacek | |
| Al Scheibe | |

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| 8 Sarah Alu | 2 Doug & Emilie Land (2) |
| Pat Boker | 5 Randy & Candi Bise (38) |
| Chris Monroe | 8 Mike & Laura Richter (7) |
| 9 Les Downing | 9 Clint & Deanna Rodenberg (8) |
| Wyatt Fink | 11 Rob & Jennifer Dieterle (4) |
| Emilie Land | 12 Allen & Pam Jacobs (38) |
| Meagan Melliore | 15 Norman & Lillian Eggemeyer (17) |
| 10 Donna Daugherty | 16 David & Jean Wiese (14) |
| Nathan Hemmer | 18 Mike & Stacy Hemmer (15) |
| Angela LaRue | 21 Ken & Nancy Schanz (40) |
| 11 Owen Black | 23 Jerry & Gwen Grant (25) |
| June Gaitsch | 29 Jim & Janet Crawford (35) |
| 12 Pam Jacobs | 30 Ellery & Pat Byer (48) |
| 13 Stephanie Brandt | Roy & Evelyn Wehl (58) |
| Veronica Demski | |
| Megan Menke | |
| 14 Bernell Bachelier | |
| Megan Crawford | |
| Lee Eggemeyer | |
| Marcia Jones | |
| Kenneth Moore | |
| Mary Ann Wolf | |

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| 15 Sophia Alu |
| Jay Grant |
| 16 Carson Black |
| Georgia Wynn |
| 17 Rich Bachelier |
| Earl Downs |
| Kim Valentine |
| 18 Henrik Bradley |
| 19 Sue Champion |
| Mia Veath |
| 20 Jody Worley |
| 21 Emma Jones |
| Wilma Stellhorn |
| 22 Larry Goessling |
| Aidan Kubelka |
| 23 Kaden Roberts |
| 24 David Broske |
| 24 Elise Eggemeyer |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 2 Doug & Emilie Land (2) |
| 5 Randy & Candi Bise (38) |
| 8 Mike & Laura Richter (7) |
| 9 Clint & Deanna Rodenberg (8) |
| 11 Rob & Jennifer Dieterle (4) |
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| Roy & Evelyn Wehl (58) |

God's blessings to each of you as you celebrate a birthday or anniversary in May!

Our Semi-Annual Congregational meeting is coming up!

Join us on Sunday, May 7th, following the 10:15 am service. We'll be hearing board reports and electing new officers. See you there!

Parish Leaders

Pastors:

Rev. Dr. Tony Troup, 618-340-8375	Administrative
Rev. Merritt Demski, 847-254-9666	Associate

Church & School Staff:

Lisa Clamors, 618-719-4954	Office Secretary
Ann Frank, 282-6597	Music Director
Sandy Mueller	Housekeeping
Ken Schanz	Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Cindy Troup, 618-340-0757	Preschool Co-Director
Linda Polansky, 618-980-3475	Preschool Co-Director

Church Council:

Lee Eggemeyer, 458-8555	President
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	Vice-President
Laura Kinzinger, 939-8175	Secretary
David Powell, 618-974-9222	Treasurer
Warren Frank, 282-6597	Financial Secretary
Taryn Niemeyer, 939-7982	Christian Education
Allen Jacobs, 939-3035	Church Properties
Colby Crook, 618-910-2825	Evangelism
Sandy Mueller, 618-420-1373	Social Ministry
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	Spiritual Ministry
Pat Kelly, Sr., 636-373-2967	Stewardship
Sandy Nichols, 618-340-0520	Youth Ministry

Other Volunteers:

Cindy Troup	Sunday School Superintendent
Louise Nobbe	Head Sacristans
Marilyn Collette and Deb Joellenbeck	
Sandy Thompson	Flower Coordinator
Lisa Clamors	Women's Christian Ministry
Janet Crawford	Fellowship Committee

Field Education Students:

Nathan (Mariah) Abel, 4th year	832-257-8788
Ben (Gini) Spaulding, 1st year	586-588-1756

Have you ever thought about joining one of Immanuel's Boards or committees? If so, please contact the appropriate person listed above.

Elders' Shepherding Program

(Families whose last name begins with)

A-B	Rodney Clamors, 618-719-4023
C-D	Jim Crawford, 618-799-8789
E-Ha	Scott Janssen, 214-629-6975
He-Hu	Bob Polansky, 618-979-0918
J-K	Jason Valerius, 458-4890
L-Mel	Wayne Collmeyer, 618-719-7235
Men-My	Cal Neeman, 939-5137
N-P	Elden Niemeyer, 939-7982
R-Sche	Larry Taake, 939-4757
Schi-Sw	Jerry Grant, 939-5032
T-Wel	Kevin Whelan, 939-1985
Wem-Z	Larry Goessling, 939-8824
Elders & Pastors: Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	

Have a question or would like to speak to your elder, feel free to call him anytime.

Monthly Collections

Board of Social Ministry:

May: Hope Food Pantry

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for Hope Food Pantry which serves families in Monroe County. There is a wooden box in the hallway by the overflow room for your donations. Thank you!

Sunday School:

May: LAMP Ministry, Inc.

Each month, the Sunday School classes take a monetary offering for a specific charity. Thank you to all of the Pre-K through 8th grade students that contribute to these collections each month!

Bi-County Backpack Program:

This is an ongoing collection that supports children in Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo throughout the year. See the weekly bulletins for a list of items needed. There is a wooden box in the hallway by the overflow room for your donations. Thank you!

Do You Have an Email Address?

Did you know that you could be a good steward by receiving our newsletter via e-mail? Call or e-mail the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

Bible Study Opportunities!

Sunday Education Hour (9-10 am): This Bible study hour consists of Sunday School for the youth (3 years old to 8th grade), a young adult Bible study (high school & college age) on *Christian Prayer* led by Pastor Demski in the youth room; a study on the book of James entitled "*James: Epistle of Straw or Practical Guide for Christian Living*" led by Pastor Troup in the overflow room; and a family Bible study for young adults and families led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe in the church basement kitchen.

Men's Bible Study: A Bible study on the *book of Matthew* led by Pastor Troup is held at Burger King every Tuesday at 6:30 am.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class: This Bible study and fellowship time is held every Wednesday at 9:30am. This class is led by Pastor Demski, and they are studying the *book of Jeremiah*.

Ladies' Bible Study: Beginning on May 4th, join us on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the overflow room for a 4-week study.

Adult Information Classes: If you are interested in this class, please let Pastor Troup know.

Elders' Bible Study: A number of Immanuel's elders will be leading a Bible study called "What Jesus Demands from the World" in their homes every month. These studies focus on who Jesus is, what He expects of us, and how He provides loving direction and strength for our good and ultimate satisfaction. Please feel free to contact the Bible study leaders if you would like more information. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served each evening.

Sunday, May 7 - 7:00 pm at Wayne Collmeyer's house (209 Crosswinds Ct, Waterloo) - 618-719-7235 - They'll be covering chapters 5 & 6 led by Wayne Collmeyer & Scott Janssen.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Erwin Liefer, Doris Horn, Nancy Huck, Isabel Gibbons, Sandy Moore, Esther Brandt, Joan Rehmer, Vic Brueggemann, Kolton May, Lana Mueller

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Al Gruber, Karen Altes, Kurt Klotzer, Nicole Bachelier, Marlene Tonkins, Scott Nobbe, Lydia Boyer, Robert Helfrich, Rita Helfrich, Melvin Juelfs, Tom Jaggie, Hailey Ward, John Stumpf

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty, Jonathan Fuller, Amanda Milburn

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Eric & Linda Funke (Tanzania), Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

March Church Attendance

March 2017 (4)	918
March 2016 (4)	1045 <i>(includes Easter)</i>
March 1987 (5)	1137 <i>(includes Easter)</i>

2017 Weekly Average (as of 3/31): 236
As of 3/31/17, there were 877 baptized members.

Can You Help?

Immanuel has a small group of people willing to help transport others to the doctor, store, etc. We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with this service. If you would like to be put on this list, please contact Lisa in the church office.



Thank you to Laurie & Butch Sparwasser for donating a new flag for our flagpole in front of the education building! The last one was

torn and in rough shape, and we had been without one for several months. Your generosity is appreciated!

March 2017 Official Acts

Baptisms:

3/12/17—Wyatt Edmund Stumpf, son of Sam & Stephanie nee Pflum Stumpf

Funerals:

3/17/17—Don Moeller

May 2017 Altar Flowers

5/6—5/7 open

5/13—5/14 Given to the glory of God in honor of Allen & Pam Jacobs' 38th wedding anniversary

5/20—5/21 open

5/27—5/28 open

The 2017 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the overflow room. Sign up early for the weekend you would like! As your weekend gets closer, Sandy Thompson will contact you to give you more details.

Our March Finances

Total Deposits	\$ 39,327.65
Total Expenses	\$ 44,702.42
Over/(Short)	\$ (5,374.77)

March 31, 2017 Balances:

Checking	\$ 52,044.92
Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,439.41
Narthex Exp. Fund	\$ 23,686.68
Nobbe Mem. Fund	\$ 8,236.00
Mission Team Fund	\$ 877.88
Horn Mem. Fund	\$ 357.16
Mem. Fund <i>(Undesignated)</i>	\$ 830.00
Loan	\$ 17,761.40

2017 Year to Date:

Deposits	\$110,216.79
Expenses	\$115,349.23
Over/(Short)	\$ (5,132.44)
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 0.00

May 2017 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Greeters	Media Team
Sat, May 06	5:30 PM		Greg Wiegand	Ny Bartels	Jordyn Koch		Lisa Clamors
Sun, May 07	7:45 AM	1		Veronica Demski	Lilly Prather & Addie Janssen	Barb & Courtney Heimbarger	Kelley Keller ®
	10:15 AM	11	Bob Vernier	Karen Hodapp	Ian Schrader & Kyra Drewes	Ushers	Greg Hoeffken
Sat, May 13	5:30 PM		Wayne Collmeyer		Alex Magnuson		Sue Champion
Sun, May 14	7:45 AM	4	Gary Altes	Gary Altes	Alex Whelan & Autumn Whelan	Charles & Phyllis Lloyd	Pam Nagel
	10:15 AM	3		Marian Obst	Wyatt Fink & Evan Fink	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ®
Sat, May 20	5:30 PM		Cal Neeman		Sophia Alu		Greg Hoeffken
Sun, May 21	7:45 AM	2		Joey Birrittier	Paul Hoeffken & Sami Wheat	Ushers	Kelley Keller ®
	10:15 AM	5	Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Lauren Patterson & Blake Kloeppel	Ushers	Lisa Clamors
Sat, May 27	5:30 PM		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Tyler Cooley	Jim Pfisterer	Lisa Clamors
Sun, May 28	7:45 AM	6	Wayne Collmeyer	Ollney Mueller, Jr.	Alex Magnuson & Jack Metzger	Ushers	Pam Nagel
	10:15 AM	7		Warren Frank	Jay Grant & Jordyn Koch	Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ®

Usher Teams:

- 1 Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Dennis & Raymond Brandt, Ed Arras
- 2 Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer
- 3 Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Michael Trout, Ollney Mueller Jr.
- 4 Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan
- 5 Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher
- 6 Jason & Nick Valerius, Wade Marshall, Gerald Woodcock, Tim Troup
- 7 Alan Stumpf, Larry Decker, Ross Schrader, Paul Broske Sr.
- 8 Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
- 9 Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Joey Birrittier
- 10 Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
- 11 Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht

Vestment Colors:

5/1—5/31 red

Saturday Accompanists:

5/6, 5/20, 5/27—Ron Jones
5/13—Joan Ruwald

Collator:

Sandy Thompson

BASIC Youth Group News!



No youth group in May! We'll see you around though....busy month!

Donut Duty—Who's on for May?

5/7— open 5/14— Birrittiers
5/21— open 5/28— open

***If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the list on the donut table or email Pastor Demski.

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

Recycle your aluminum cans! There is a large trash can in the kitchen for those 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. The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products!

The youth group thanks you for your support!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>Pastors' Conference</i>		9:30a Adult Bible Class	<i>Pastor Demski OFF</i>		9a-11p Scrapbook Day & VBS Crafting Day
	<i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	1-4p Quilters' Guild 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Elders' Meeting	7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	4-8:30p Quilters' Guild	7:00p Trivia Night & Silent Auction	5:30p Holy Communion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 11:20a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Wayne Collmeyer's House	<i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 7:00p VBS Volunteers' Meeting 7:00p Book Club 8:00p Men's Prayer Group	6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 1-4p Quilters' Guild 6-7:30p Zumba 7:15p Board of Christian Ed Meeting	9:30a Adult Bible Class 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	<i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 4-8:30p Quilters' Guild		9:30a Board of Evangelism Meeting 5:30p Holy Communion
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service	<i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 8:00p Men's Prayer Group	6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 1-4p Quilters' Guild 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Women's Christian Ministry Mtg.	9:30a Adult Bible Class 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	<i>Pastor & Veronica on vacation</i>		
				4-8:30p Quilters' Guild		5:30p Holy Communion
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Want to Stay Up to Date?

Go to our website (immanuelwaterloo.org) and check it out! Be sure to subscribe to the calendar, and you'll have the most up to date info on Immanuel's activities and events. Also, click on *Church News* from the homepage to get access to all of the weekly announcements & updates and monthly newsletters. *Notice that something is missing? Let us know!*



Greetings from the Women's Christian Ministry (WCM)!

Our 6th annual *Women's Mini Retreat* has come and gone. I *personally* want to thank everyone who had anything to do with this event (praying, planning, setting up, shopping, discussing, serving, greeting, listening, providing breakfast items, cleaning up, attending). It is a big undertaking with many Immanuel members volunteering behind the scenes, working together to make it happen! Praise God for His guidance with this retreat and for bringing the women to it that were in need of His refreshment! Special thanks to Heidi Lewis, our guest speaker! *Look for more details about this retreat in my June newsletter article!*

Quilters' Guild Update: Join them on **Tuesdays from 1-4 pm** and **Thursdays from 4-8:30 pm** in the Sunday School room in the education building. All are welcome—no matter your quilting ability! *Have a quilt that you would like them to help you with? They are accepting quilting projects from church members and people in the community.* Contact Taryn Niemeyer (618-939-7982) for more details or to get your name (quilt) on their to-do list.

Our next Women's Christian Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the overflow room. All are welcome!

In Christ,

Lisa Clamors

"How good and pleasant it is when sisters live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Are You Graduating in 2017?

High School... College... Trade School...

We want to know if you are graduating this year! Please contact the church office (939-6480 or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) by May 20th with all of the details. We will be including graduation information in the June newsletter. Also, send or email us a picture if you would like that included as well.

It's Exciting! Wondering about the Narthex progress? Check out our Facebook group or our website! Pastor Demski will be posting videos throughout to keep you up to date. But, the best way to see what's going on is check it out when you come to worship!

A Few Openings Left for Next Year!



M/W/F Class for 4 yr. olds
8:30—11:30am

Children must be 4 by 9/1/17.

\$50 registration fee (non-refundable)

\$120/month tuition (Sept—May)

T/Th Class for 3 yr. olds
8:30—11:30am

Children must be 3 by 9/1/17.

\$50 registration fee (non-refundable)

\$100/month tuition (Sept—May)

Visit our website (www.immanuelwaterloo.org) or contact the office (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com or 939-6480) for more information or to get a registration packet.

An Update from Our Missionary Partners...

Funke News: Built Up

This month we have seen God strengthen the church in so many different ways—education, baptism, the calling and sending of leaders, people giving of their gifts... We continue to be amazed by all that God is doing in our community, and thank you all for joining with us in prayer and support!

Diakonia World Federation Conference

So much is coming together for this conference! We have already registered three representatives and almost have enough money to send our Tanzanian “dream team” to the Diakonia World Federation Conference this summer. We are planning to send Matrida Sanga (Coordinator for Diaconal Ministries), Grace Mutabuzi (Director of Education), and Bishop Emmanuel Makala. Bishop Makala is a fairly recent addition to our plans, but a significant one as he will be the one to ultimately decide how involved the diocese will be in Diakonia World Federation in the future and which ideas from the conference are feasible in our context. We have full confidence that these three will find the conference an enriching, inspiring, and empowering experience and that they will bring back many new ideas and connections with which to bless our community here.

Registration fees, airfare, and visas will cost about \$3,300 per person. Of the \$9,900 needed to send these three wonderful servants of God, we have already received \$8,350! Thank you to all who have partnered with them! Now we **only need \$1,550. We'll need the remainder of the money as soon as possible in order to buy plane tickets at a decent price.**

If you can help us cross the finish line financially, please go to globallutheranoutreach.com/support-funke.html. Press the “Online Donation” button and then write the amount you wish to give next to the heading “Funke: Deaconess Project.”

Make sure it is “Funke: Deaconess Project,” not “Eric and Linda Funke” or it will go to the wrong account! Alternatively, you can write a check to “Global Lutheran Outreach” with **“Funke: Deaconess Project” in the memo line** and send it to Global Lutheran Outreach, 6709 Ficus Dr., Miramar, FL 33023.

Baraka

After several months of research and calls, we finally found a school for the blind that was willing to see and evaluate Baraka. Finding schools for children with vision impairment is hard enough here, but adding in developmental disabilities is even more challenging. Uhuru School in Dar Es Salaam has agreed to accept Baraka as a boarding student later this year if he can become more self-sufficient in eating, bathing, and dressing before then. Please pray for this family as they help their son prepare for school.

Written by Eric & Linda Funke on April 4, 2017. Would you like to be added to their email list? If so, email Eric & Linda at Linda.Funke@GlobalLutheranOutreach.com and let them know.



Congratulations, Confirmands!

On Sunday, April 30, during the 10:15 am service, five 8th grade students were confirmed. During the services on April 22-23, each of them presented their confirmation verse essays as the final requirement before being confirmed. They are:

Sophia Girolima Alu

Sophia's confirmation verse is Psalm 27:1.

Evan Michael Fink

Evan's confirmation verse is 1 Timothy 2:4.

Paul Gregory Hoeffken

Paul's confirmation verse is John 10:27-28.

Alexander James Magnuson

Alex's confirmation verse is Joshua 24:15c.

Samantha Nicole Wheat

Sami's confirmation verse is Matthew 7:7.

*Congratulations!
May God bless each of you always!*

***A class picture will be in next month's newsletter.*



10th annual

Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Friday, May 5, 2017

**The Fiesta begins at 6:30 pm
with trivia starting at 7:00.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
522 S. Church Street
Waterloo, Illinois**

**Chips and salsa (hot and mild) and
non-alcoholic margaritas will be
available for purchase. Feel free to
bring other snacks and non-
alcoholic drinks, too.**

**The team with the best
decorated Mexican Fiesta
mesa (table) will receive
a premio (prize).**

**189 pesos per person
(or \$10.00 American)
8-10 people allowed
per table**

**Contact Lisa (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com or 618-939-6480) in the church office to
reserve a table or if you have any questions.**

Vacation Bible School 2017 "Mighty Fortress" Celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

Join us during
June 19-23, 2017!
9—11:45 am each day!



VBS Safety Policy: To ensure the safety of our children, parents will be asked to come into the church for pick up at the conclusion of VBS daily. You will find your children with their class in their pew. Preschool classes will have a sign in/out sheet. For older classes, we ask that you verbally communicate with their teacher when picking up your child. Children will not be released to older siblings. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Note to parents, guardians and friends of VBS: There is no fee for VBS. Each student receives a t-shirt (which costs us about \$5) and each family will receive a music CD (about \$5). If you would like to underwrite VBS costs, you may make donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church and write VBS in the memo space. There will also be an offering to support a local mission and you may help us with that mission. Also, see the list below for other ways that you can help our 2017 VBS.

VBS 2017
June 19 – 23
9 – 11:45 am

Immanuel Lutheran Church
522 South Church Street
Waterloo, IL 62298
(618) 939-6480



Co-sponsored with Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wartburg.

Classes for children born on or before 6/19/14 and who have not entered 7th grade.
One registration form per student, please.

Student's name _____

Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Grade (2016/2017 School Year) _____ Age _____

T-shirt Size (Circle one) YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Parents' names _____

Phone _____ Alt. phone _____

Address _____

Food allergies Y _____ N _____ (List:) _____

Medical concerns Y _____ N _____ (Explain:) _____

Siblings attending VBS (names and ages) _____

Church affiliation _____

Church membership at _____

Transportation needed (pending availability)? Y _____ N _____

In the event of an emergency, contact the following person first:

Emergency contact person _____

Relationship to student _____

Phone _____ Alt. phone _____

VBS 2017 Volunteer Form June 19-23 9 – 11:45 am

Name _____

Phone Number _____

T-shirt Size (Circle one): AS AM AL
AXL AXXL

I'd like to help in one or more of the following ways:

_____ Teacher: Grade preferred _____
_____ Teacher's helper
_____ Craft helper
_____ Kitchen helper
_____ Recreation helper
_____ Registration helper
_____ Donations:
_____ Snack items
_____ Monetary contributions

Days I can help (Circle): All week M T W
Th F Friday afternoon closing & picnic

WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:45 am & 10:15 am

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday service, at the 7:45 am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and at the 10:15 am service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

***Pastor Troup's day off is Monday.
Pastor Demski's day off is Thursday.***



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Don't forget to visit us on the web...

immanuelwaterloo.org

You'll find our weekly announcements and updates, our calendar, and other important information!



May God continue to bless you:

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