



Weekly Calendar Apr. 30–May 7, 2017

Sunday, 4/30

10:15a Holy Communion & Confirmation

Monday, 5/1

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

Tuesday, 5/2

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

Wednesday, 5/3

9:30a Adult Bible Study
7-8p Choir Practice
8:00p AA Meeting
8-9p Agape Ringers Practice

Thursday, 5/4

Pastor Demski's day off
4-8:30p Quilters' Guild
7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, 5/6

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

Sunday, 5/7

7:45a Worship Service
9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion
11:20a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Wayne Collmeyer'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 Jeremy, Lori, Kaden & Keaton Roberts into membership at Immanuel during the 10:15 am service this Sunday. They come by transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church (Prairie) in Red Bud. Their address is 23 Station West, Waterloo, and their phone number is 618-939-3371.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is this Sunday during the 10:15 am service. Five eighth graders will be confirmed. See page 14-15 of your bulletin for a list of our 2017 Confirmation Class.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The readings for next Sunday will be Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; and John 10:1-10. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

Ongoing Announcements

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER, LUTHERAN WITNESS, LWML MISSIONS, AND ALL OTHER INFORMATION that you would typically find in the narthex can be found in the

church office over the next several months.

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 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 collection box in the hallway by the overflow room and coffee & doughnuts. 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 church office and drop it 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).

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! **Classes are filling up fast so if you or someone you know is interested, enroll soon!**

BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY BY THE COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS. There will not be a bulletin board in the narthex for several months, so remember to take a look at all the flyers on the bulletin board in the hallway by the overflow room. 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! All of the regular flyers and the flower chart can also be found there.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES NEEDED. We are still missing several pictures in

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

Last Weekend's Attendance

The attendance information will be given next week.

2017 weekend average attendance: 245

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 will resume on May 4th at 7:00 pm in the overflow room for a 4-week study.

our display. Do you know anyone that would have been confirmed at Immanuel in 1950, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, or 1984? If so, contact the church office and let us know. We want to get a copy of a class picture from those years to complete our display!

HELP NEEDED. Dear Saints at Immanuel, Sandy Moore, a long time member of Immanuel, has MS and is looking for a van with a lift for transportation. If you know where she and her husband could get one for a reasonable price (\$20,000 or less), please contact me at the church office. Many thanks! In Christ, Pastor Troup

NARTHEX SPECIAL FUND DONATIONS! *Would you like to make a contribution to the Narthex Expansion Fund?* Envelopes are available in the church. You can drop these envelopes in the offering plate, in the wooden box, or in the church office. Thanks for your support!

Upcoming Events

CHICKEN DINNER. Camp Wartburg is hosting their 48th annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 30, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children ages 5-12; Children under five eat free. Their address is 5705 LRC Road, Waterloo.

SHARE IN THE MIRACLE DINNERS. Would you like to support Unity Elementary School in East St. Louis? There are now holding dinners throughout the metro area. A couple are in our area—May 4 that the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL, and May 11 at Royale Orleans in the South County area. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway by the overflow room for all of the details. For more information, contact Development Director Paul Miller at (618) 874-6605 or pmiller@unityesl.org. ALL DONATIONS MADE TO UNITY AT THIS TIME WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Music Ministry's 10th annual **Trivia Night & Silent Auction on Friday, May 5th at 7:00 pm.** It's a Mexican Fiesta! See pg. 15 for all of the details.

KRISTINA'S RACE FOR PEACE, the 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run, will take place in Waterloo on Saturday, May 6, 2017, to increase awareness and support for victims of domestic violence. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway by the overflow room for all of the details and how to register.

SCRAPBOOKING DAY & VBS CRAFTING DAY. Do you enjoy scrapbooking? Join us on Saturday, May 6th, beginning at 9:00 am for a day full of getting your projects completed. \$7.00 for the entire day through 11:00 pm. Benefits Immanuel. That same day, we'll be having a VBS Crafting Day for anyone interested in helping with VBS decorations and other fun things. Join us from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to help!

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017, following the 10:15 am service (approx. 11:20 am). We'll be hearing board reports as well as holding elections for new officers. Hope you can join us!

CHICKEN DINNER. All you can eat on Sunday, May 7, 2017, from 11:00 am – 2:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5765 Maestown Road, in Waterloo, IL. The menu will be chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, cole slaw, beverage and dessert. Carry-outs will be available as well as a Country Store and Bake Sale.

ELDERS' BIBLE STUDY. The next study led by Wayne Collmeyer & Scott Janssen will be on Sunday, May 7, at 7:00 pm at

Wayne's house (209 Crosswinds, Waterloo), and they'll be studying chapters 5 & 6.

BOOK CLUB. Join them on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in the library to discuss *Becoming a Woman* by Richard F. Docter.

BE PART OF MIGHTY FORTRESS VBS THIS SUMMER! God's children of all ages will learn that in Jesus, the victory is won. If you are interested in helping out during June 19-23, we will be having a **VBS Volunteers' meeting on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm** in the overflow room. We'll be introducing the theme and briefly discussing what to expect. If you can't be at the meeting but want to volunteer, please notify the church office.

VBS REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER FORMS are in this bulletin, in the church office and also on our website (www.immanuelwaterloo.org). Sign up today!

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

29	Kristin Crawford Robert Kettler Bob Osterhage Max Schrader
30	Tom Bequette Julius Cottner Madalyn Valerius
1	Tom Carr Rhonda Carter Jakson Gregory
2	Lily Dietz Greg Wiegand
3	Jensyn Collmeyer
5	Lindsey Braun Paul Wynn
7	Ellie Creek Marlene Lieb Andrew Polacek Timothy Polacek Al Scheibe

Anniversaries:

29	Howard & Norma Shive (45)
30	Robert & Willa Mae Prange (57)
	John & Kim Valentine (6)
2	Doug & Emilie Land (2)
5	Randy & Candi Bise (38)