



Weekly Calendar

Jan 3-11, 2026

1/3—1/17

Mission Trip to India

Saturday, 1/3

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 1/4

7:45a Holy Communion

9-10a Sunday School &
Bible Study

10:15a Holy Communion

Tuesday, 1/6

1-4p Quilters' Guild

Wednesday, 1/7

10a Adult Bible Study
at Cedarhurst

6:30-8p Midweek Classes

7-8p Adult Choir

8:05p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 1/8

9:45-11:45a Worship
Services at Garden
Place, Oak Hill &
Cedarhurst

Saturday, 1/10

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 1/11

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH: This year (2026) is a special anniversary in the life of Immanuel. Our anniversary committee has some wonderful events planned throughout the year. The first of five special services will begin this month. *See the special insert for all the details and plan to join us as we begin our celebration!*

BINGO NIGHT! Join us for our annual Bingo night. **Sat, Jan 24th at 6:30pm** in the multi-purpose room. Fun for the whole family. Good food and plenty of prizes! Hosted by the Board of Evangelism.

Our Weekly Announcements

IN YOUR PRAYERS: The mission team left on Saturday for their 2-week trip to India. Please keep this group in your prayers as they travel to & from and serve the people in India. They will be back home on Jan. 17th.

REMINDER: Please notify the church office or Pastor Hayter with any illnesses or upcoming surgeries so that we can add you or your loved one to the public prayer list. You can always contact him to schedule an appt. (734-625-1023).

COLLECTIONS: Our on-going collection of non-perishable food items supports the Bi-County Backpack Program. Place your donations in the box in the narthex. The Board of Community Care begins the baby bottle campaign for Life Network this month. Take a bottle and fill it with your donations and bring it back by Jan. 31st. They are also collecting baby supplies as well.

KEEP COLLECTING THOSE PLASTIC LIDS & CAPS: Please drop them off in the large basket in the narthex. Benefits the JB VA Hospital.

SUNDAY TREATS: Stop by the treat table located in the narthex! Thank you to all who have continued to provide treats on Sunday mornings. And thank you to all who make a donation! Want to sign up to provide treats? See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

GARDEN FLAGS AVAILABLE: Two styles of Immanuel's 125th Anniversary garden flags are available in the narthex. A freewill offering for the flags is kindly accepted and will be put towards anniversary projects. Stop by & take one to display in your yard.

BAND INSTRUMENTS: We are collecting gently used band instruments for Manifesting Musicians, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, dedicated to providing band instruments to local students. If you have an instrument you are willing to donate or have any questions, please contact Diane Heizer (618-698-8362).

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS: For January, offerings go to the Violence Prevention Center.

WEBSITE: Want to view our live services or past worship services? Need more info about our Preschool, upcoming events, Bible studies? Need bulletins, announcements, or to view our calendar? immanuelwaterloo.org



What Does This Mean?

BIBLE STUDY

A Lutheran Guide to the Liturgy of the Divine Service

Why the standing and the sitting? What's up with the colorful vestments? Why all the bowing? Why all the ceremony? What does this mean? If you've had questions, if you've ever just gone through the motions in worship because you do not understand it, if you've ever wondered, "Why do we do that?", this Bible study is for you.

Every Sunday **9:00 AM**

led by Pastor Hayter in the overflow room

Begins on January 4, 2026



Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 3 Marilyn Collette
Gabrielle Hanks
Leah Worley
- 4 Alistair Bradley
Wyatt Drewes
Bowen Hemmer
Roger Kinzinger
Joyce McDaniel
Sandy Moore
- 5 Jim Bouquet Jr.
Dennis Brandt
Gloria Knoke
- 7 Darrell Gaitsch
- 8 Candi Bise
Dustin Dethrow
Rosie Fink
Scott Janssen
Kadin LaRue
- 9 Earline Mills
Mike Obst
Alec Trout
Taylor Vernier
- 10 Josie Koch
Nancy Rodenberg
- 11 Cal Neeman
Daniel Niemeyer

Anniversaries

- 8 Larry & Reba Menke (49)

Last Week's Attendance

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
CE 4:00	227	195
CE 7:30	130	88
CD 9:00	74	73
Saturday 5:30	36	n/a
Sunday 9:00	<u>126</u>	<u>117</u>
	162	155

2025 avg. weekly attendance: 188

Sunday School:

No Sunday School last week.

Next Weekend

The Baptism of Our Lord
Jos. 3:1-3,7-8, 13-17; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Matt. 3:13-17

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

In Our Prayers...

Please continue to keep our congregation and preschool in your prayers. And, in addition,

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Sandy Moore (MS, recovering from stroke), Marie Dietzel, Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Ken Schanz (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), Carolyn Henry, Pat Jones, Helen Clamors, Sue Bradshaw, Marvin Henry (back problems), Cathy Whelan (Multiple Myeloma, in remission), Jackie Prigge, Kathy Netzeband (hospitalized), Gina Birrittier (cancer), Jim Heise, Michael Evers (autoimmune disorder & seizures), Bill Heizer (cancer treatment), Claude Heimbürger (open heart surgery), Gloria Knoke, Wendy Gassner, Nadine Rowold, Laura Kinzinger (recovering from surgery), Alycia Otten (pregnancy complications), Tom Bequette (recovering from ankle replacement surgery), Wendy Maag (recovering from hernia surgery), Kyle Rusteberg, Carol Matzenbacher (recovering from fall & broken arm)

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (undergoing chemo, stage 4 cancer), Sarah Castelli, Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Elsa Wiemerslage (leukemia relapse), Gary Hayes (infection), Matt Driskill (cancer), Ray Kellerman (recovering from stroke), Jeff Kistner, Nate Gifford (cancer), Dennis Knobloch, Evelyn Marquardt (cancer), Ron Pflueger, Beth Kilpatrick (breast cancer), Tanna Schablowsky (stage 3 peritoneal sarcoma cancer), Kenny Altschuh (stroke), Ethel Kurfman, Rick McDaniel (pancreatic cancer), Fern Kinzinger (various health issues), Caleb Cottner (leukemia), Heather Sensel (kidney trouble), Barb Kurfman (recovering from surgery), Tom Ziegler (rotator cuff surgery recovery), Dakota Carner (accident recovery), Jim Horn (colon cancer), Linda Land (cancer)

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Dustin Bender, Alex Naumann, Dustin Crawford, London Schefft (Air Force)

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Immanuel's Mission Team, Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL)

Weekly Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes

For All Adults:

- Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the overflow room. "What Does This Mean?" led by Pastor Hayter. *(see reverse side for details)*
- Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement kitchen. A family Bible study led by Scott & Jen Janssen. Currently studying Philippians via video-based studies.
- Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Held at Cedarhurst (526 Legacy Dr) in Waterloo. *The Book of Mark* led by Bob Kassel.

For Preschool—High School:

- Preschool—4th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. The Preschool-2nd grade classes are led by April Kirkley, Millie Powers, Tracy & Doug Simms, Jenny Dori & Jenna Hoeffken, and Melissa Wiegand leads the 3rd-4th grade class.
- 5th-6th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Led by Devin Voges in the conference room.
- 7th-8th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. *Who Is Teaching Us the Holy Gospel?* *The "History of the New Testament"* led by Greg Wiegand & Alan Stumpf in the multipurpose room.
- High school: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Led by Alex "Micro" Voges in the youth room in the education building.

Life Thoughts...This Weekend...Epiphany...

God used Joseph, who adopted Jesus as his own son (Luke 2:41), to care for our Lord as He (Jesus) mysteriously lived a perfectly human life as our substitute. Through Jesus, God has now adopted us as His own children and has promised us an eternal inheritance in His kingdom (Ephesians 1:5, 11). Christians should be encouraged to likewise consider and promote adoption as a godly way to preserve and care for the lives of God's precious children and bring them into His kingdom.