



## **Weekly Calendar** **Jan 31-Feb 8, 2026**

### **Saturday, 1/31**

5:30p Holy Communion

### **Sunday, 2/1**

7:45a Holy Communion

9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study

10:15a Holy Communion  
LSW Sunday—  
Preschool Children sing

### **Monday, 2/2**

*Pastor Hayter's Day Off*

### **Tuesday, 2/3**

1-4p Quilters' Guild

7p Elders' Meeting

### **Wednesday, 2/4**

10a Adult Bible Study at Cedarhurst

6:30-8p Midweek Classes

7-8p Adult Choir

8:05p Agape Ringers

### **Thursday, 2/5**

9:00a Preschool Chapel

2-7p Quilters' Guild

### **Saturday, 2/7**

5:30p Holy Communion

### **Sunday, 2/8**

7:45a Holy Communion

9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study

10:15a Holy Communion

## **Our Weekly Announcements**

**THIS WEEKEND:** As Pastor Hayter is taking some time off to be with his family after the arrival of their son Bartimaeus, Pastor Bruce Keseman will be leading our Saturday evening service, our Sunday morning Bible study, and will be preaching at both Sunday services. Thank you, Pastor Keseman, for filling in and for sharing God's Word with us!

**PRESCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK:** During Feb.2-7, we recognize Hudson Frank as the Preschool Student of the Week. Hudson's parents are Gage & Alyssa. God's blessings for a great week, Hudson! See a special picture from Hudson in your bulletin.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome Bartimaeus Bugenhagen Hayter into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism during the 10:15 a.m. service this weekend. Bartimaeus is the son of Rev. Benjamin & Elizabeth Hayter, and his sponsors are Keith & Sabrina Kettner. May God bless & keep you in all your ways, Bartimaeus!

**WELCOME, PRESCHOOL FAMILIES:** Last week (Jan. 26-30) Immanuel's Preschool celebrated Lutheran Schools Week. As part of their celebration, we welcome our students and families to our 10:15 a.m. service this weekend. The children will share a couple songs with us!

**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). Pastor Hayter's day off is Monday.

**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 is continuing the baby bottle campaign for Life Network through February. **Take a bottle and fill it with your donations and bring it back by Feb. 28th.** They are also collecting baby supplies as well. Please see the list of needed items on the collection box.

**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 in the narthex.

**GARDEN FLAGS—PRAYER CROSSES:** Garden flags are still available in the narthex or the office. 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. In addition, wooden handmade prayer crosses are available so please feel free to take one of those as well.

**BAPTISMAL LAMBS:** The 2025 lambs are available in the office. Feel free to stop by and pick up your child's lamb before or after service.

**JOIN US FOR CHAPEL:** Pastor Hayter leads chapel a couple times each week and **all are welcome** to attend. Join us at the beginning of our weekly midweek classes on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** or on **Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.** with our Preschool students & teachers. The chapel services last about 15 minutes and are held in the sanctuary.

**LIVING LAST SUPPER:** Immanuel is planning to present the Living Last Supper drama once again. Don Birrittier will be directing this drama, and it will be held on Wed., April 1, at 6:30 p.m. **They are looking for a "few good men" to fill some of the parts.** If you are willing, please contact Don (314-724-2690). They plan to begin practices in early February.

**"WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?" BIBLE STUDY:** This Bible study led by Pastor Hayter will resume on Sunday, Feb. 8th at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

**LENT IS COMING:** Mark your calendars for **Ash Wednesday on February 18th.** We will have two services that day, both with Holy Communion & imposition of ashes, at **9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.** We will also have midweek services throughout Lent each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. A dinner hosted by various groups & organizations will be held prior to each evening service from 5-6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**RESCHEDULED BINGO NITE!** Bingo Nite has been rescheduled for **Feb 21st at 6:30 p.m.** Please plan to attend for fun fellowship, great food and plenty of prizes!

## **Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### Birthdays

31 Millie Powers  
1 Ceely Suess  
3 Dean Kohlmeier  
Chris Morris  
Connie Rusteberg  
Sally Thorburg  
5 David Herschbach  
Tiffany Oerter  
6 Jennifer Downing  
Cam Rubemeyer  
Susan Stratman  
7 Cooper Black  
Pam Schrader  
Derek Smothers  
Dana Todt

### Anniversaries

*No anniversaries this week*

## **Last Week's Attendance**

*No Sunday services due to weather.*

	2026	2025
Saturday 5:30	34	53
Sunday 7:45	n/a	36
Sunday 10:15	n/a	79
	34	168

*2026 avg. weekly attendance: 231*

Sunday School/Bible Class:

*No classes held due to weather.*

## **Next Weekend**

### **Sexagesima**

Isaiah 55:10-13; 2 Cor 11:19-12:9;  
Luke 8:4-15

## **Sunday School Offerings**

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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)

## **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, Gina Birrittier (cancer), Michael Evers (autoimmune disorder & seizures), Bill Heizer (cancer, hospice), Gloria Knoke, Wendy Gassner, Nadine Rowold, Alycia Otten (pregnancy complications), 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), Dakota Carner (accident recovery), Jim Horn (colon cancer), Linda Land (cancer), Rhonda Whelan (hospitalized, waiting for a heart transplant), Robert L. Hoffmann (various health issues), Jonah Cooksey (infant—undergoing heart surgeries)

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

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

## **Weekly Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes**

### For All Adults:

- Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Keseman will lead a study on the hymn "O Morning Star" on Feb. 1st. Pastor Hayter's study of "What Does This Mean?" will resume on Feb. 8th. All classes are held in the multipurpose room.
- 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. They are joining Pastor Hayter's Bible study for the next few weeks..
- High school: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the youth room led by Alex Voges and Jason Valerius.

## **Life Thoughts...Septuagesima**

Tragically there are many people who do in fact sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for the sins of their soul (Micah 6:7), killing their own children to undo or cover up the sinful choices they've made. How foolish is the so-called "wisdom" of the world (1 Corinthians 1) that calls death life! And though the Lord could rightly bring an indictment against His people for this evil (Micah 6:2), He instead shames the "strong" and "wise" among us by sacrificing His only begotten Son to cover the sins of the entire world (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). In Christ crucified, all who believe will inherit the kingdom of heaven, and those who mourn the wanton destruction of life will be comforted forevermore (Matthew 5:3-4).

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