



## Weekly Calendar March 14-22, 2026

### Saturday, 3/14

5:30p Holy Communion

### Sunday, 3/15

7:45a Holy Communion

9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study

10:15a Holy Communion

11:30a Jigsaw Puzzle Contest & lunch

5:30p LLS Rehearsal

### Tuesday, 3/17

1-4p Quilters' Guild

6:30p Women's Christian Ministry

### Wednesday, 3/18

10:00a Adult Bible Study at Cedarhurst

5-6:15p Lenten Dinner—Quilters Guild

6:30-8p Midweek Classes

6:30p Lenten Midweek Service

7p Adult Choir

8:05p Agape Ringers

### Thursday, 3/19

9:00a Preschool Chapel

2-7p Quilters' Guild

7p Church Council

### Saturday, 3/21

12p Youth Group—Take 3 RUTH

5:30p Holy Communion

### Sunday, 3/22

7:45a Holy Communion

9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study

10:15a Holy Communion

5:30p LLS Rehearsal

**JOIN US FOR CHAPEL:** Pastor Hayter leads a chapel 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. All are welcome!

**“WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?” BIBLE STUDY:** This Bible study about the liturgy and service particulars led by Pastor Hayter in the multipurpose room at 9 a.m. All are welcome! **And....you can find all of these Bible studies on our website!** Go to [immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org) and click on Bible Studies at the top. Scroll down and click on each week's study. Feel free to share with others, too.

## Our Weekly Announcements

### PRESCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

During March 16-20<sup>th</sup> we recognize Hudson Lawson as the Preschool Student of the Week. Hudson's mother is Chelsea Lawson. God's blessings for a great week, Hudson! See her special picture on the back cover of your bulletin.

**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 supporting Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) during March. Items needed include cleaning products, baby items (diapers, soap, shampoo, wipes), and various art supplies.

**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.

**FOR “SALE”:** Looking for a floor buffer or some metal folding chairs? Immanuel has 3 good condition buffers along with many new pads as well as various bottles of cleaning solution and 10 good condition metal folding chairs. We would love to pass on to those who may need or want them. Reach out to Debbie or Lisa in the office, make a freewill donation, and one or more are yours!

**EVERY-HOUSEHOLD VISITATIONS:** Part of being a pastor is getting to know the sheep and guiding them along life's way. With this goal in mind, Pastor Hayter is undertaking an every-household visitation for Immanuel members over this year. This includes families, couples, and those who live alone. This can be a visit and/or meal in your home, a meal at his house, or a meeting at church. There is a sign up sheet available in the narthex or you can follow this link to schedule your visit/meeting. It's gonna be great!



**LENT DINNERS & SERVICES:** Be sure to join us each Wednesday during Lent. Dinner at 5 p.m. followed by service at 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Lenten theme is *The Ten Commandments*. Hope to see you there!

**LIVING LAST SUPPER:** Mark your calendars for our Living Last Supper (LLS) drama on **Wed., April 1st at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

**EASTER LILIES:** Please find an insert in your bulletin with info on how to order this year's Easter lilies! Live plants and virtual options are again available this year.

**EASTER VIGIL CAMPFIRE:** Ready for a new Easter tradition? Come to the Easter Vigil Campfire Saturday, **April 4th at 4:30 p.m.** before the Easter Vigil service (5:30 p.m.). Come roast a hot dog, play some yard games, and enjoy some fellowship before we celebrate our Lord's resurrection and sing "Alleluia!" for the first time since Lent began.

**VOGES' DOOR COLLECTION:** If you missed it last weekend and would like to give, feel free to drop off your donation in the church office this weekend.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Looking for a few volunteers (men and women) who are able to take members to/from doctor's appointments. If you are able to do this, please contact Susan Starbuck ([susan.starbuck1@gmail.com](mailto:susan.starbuck1@gmail.com) or 618.920.8511).

**DONATIONS REQUESTED:** Looking for individually wrapped small candy or toys for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. **NO** eggs needed! Drop donations off in church office by **April 2nd**.

## Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

14 Mary Jane Powers  
 16 Todd Beelman  
 Grant Melliere  
 Stephanie Stumpf  
 17 Randy Bise  
 Avery Collmeyer  
 Ashley Ramsey  
 Sue Rahn  
 18 Tim Scheibe  
 Brielle Fink  
 19 Nathan Bise  
 Nadine Rowold  
 21 Grace Herschbach  
 Glen Muench  
 22 Clark Deptula  
 Ian Schrader  
 Susan Starbuck

### Anniversaries:

16 Larry and Maura Overmann (29)  
 18 Mark and Denise Gruber (37)  
 20 Gregory and Jean Hoeffken (27)

## Last Week's Attendance

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Saturday 5:30	47	66
Sunday 7:45	45	52
Sunday 10:15	<u>95</u>	<u>84</u>
	187	202

2026 avg. weekly attendance: 211

Midweek Lent 3      126    99

### Sunday School/Bible Class:

PreK-8th	28	\$3.00
HS & Adults	<u>31</u>	
	59	

## Next Weekend—Lent 5

Gen. 22:1-14; Heb. 9:11-15;  
 John 8:42-45, 46-59

## 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)

## Sunday School Offerings:

March—Immanuel Youth Group

## In Our Prayers...

Please continue to pray for our congregation and preschool and those listed below...

**We pray for our shut-in and homebound members:** Nina Binder, Donna Chitty (hospitalized, recovering from surgery), Helen Clamors, Marie Dietzel, Henry & Carolyn Henry, Judy Hitzemann, Leroy & Wanda Horn, Beverly Jarvis, Pat Jones, Gloria Knoke, Joan Koch, Charlie & Phyllis Lloyd, Sandy Moore (MS), Kathy Netzeband, Edith Orsech, Willa Mae Prange, Arnold Prigge (colon cancer & undergoing treatments), Jackie Prigge, Mary Ann Wolf, Georgia Wynn

**We pray for our members who are hospitalized, recovering from or dealing with ongoing health issues:** Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Ken Schanz (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), Cathy Whelan (Multiple Myeloma, in remission), Gina Birrittier (cancer), Michael Evers (autoimmune disorder & seizures), Joyce McDaniel (recovering from knee replacement), Ed Arras (recovering from surgery), Jane Johnson (leukemia, upcoming heart surgery), Emilie Land (recovering from car accident)

**We pray for friends and relatives of members who are dealing with various health issues:** 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), Nate Gifford (cancer), Evelyn Marquardt (cancer), Beth Kilpatrick (breast cancer), Kenny Altschuh (stroke), Rick McDaniel (broken hip), 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 (heart transplant surgery recovery), Robert L. Hoffmann (various health issues), James Daugherty (hospitalized), Dylan Heath (lung surgery)

**We pray for those in the service of our nation:** Dustin Bender, Alex Naumann, London Schefft (Air Force), Hunter Kelling (Navy), Sam & Isabelle Rick (Air Force), Justin Woodcock (Navy)

**We pray for our missionaries and special missions:** Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL)

## Weekly Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes

### For All Adults:

- Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Hayter's study of "What Does This Mean?" held in the multipurpose room. **Pastor Keseman leads a study of the hymn "Lord, Thee I Love" this Sunday, March 15th.**
- 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 Wendy Maag & Sem. Seth Weinberg in the conference room.
- 7th-8th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Come join Alan Stumpf & Greg Wiegand for a study of the History of the New Testament in the overflow room.
- High school: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the youth room led by Jason Valerius.

## Life Thoughts...Lent 4

Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation.

Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John 9:6, Isaiah 42:16). The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to "walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.