



Weekly Calendar April 18-26, 2026

Saturday, 4/18

125th Anniversary
Weekend #2
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 4/19

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7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study
10:15a Holy Communion
11:30a Reception for 125th Anniversary
12:30p Youth Group Watch Party

Monday, 4/20

Pastor Hayter OFF

Tuesday, 4/21

1-4p Quilters' Guild

Wednesday, 4/22

10:00a Adult Bible Study at Cedarhurst
6:30p Midweek Classes
7p Adult Choir
8:05p Agape Ringers

4/23—4/25

Pastor Hayter & family out of town for funeral

Thursday, 4/23

9:00a NO Preschool Chapel
2-7p Quilters' Guild

Saturday, 4/25

8:30a-1p LWML Zone Spring Rally & Prayer Service
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 4/26

Confirmation Sunday
7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:15a Holy Communion & Junior Confirmation

Our Weekly Announcements

125TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND #2:

This weekend we continue our celebration as we welcome back Pastor Troup as our guest preacher during our services. Please also join us for a light reception following the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday. See pg. 14-15 (pg. 22-23 in large print) of your bulletin for information about Pastor Troup.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Jeff Wehl in memory of Roy Wehl and in anticipation of his resurrection.

PRESCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

During April 20-24, we recognize Abel Snover as the Preschool Student of the Week. Abel's parents are Joseph & Ariel. God's blessings for a great week, Abel! See his special picture on the back cover of your bulletin.

125TH ANNIVERSARY ITEMS: Coaster sets are now available! Stop by the narthex before or after the service and grab a set of coasters, a garden flag or a prayer cross, or all three! Any freewill donations received will be put towards our anniversary projects.

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 Camp Wartburg during April. Items needed include cleaning products and various art supplies.

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.

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!

live alone. This can be a visit and/or meal in your home, a meal at his house, or a meeting at church. Follow this link or call Lisa in the office to schedule your visit/meeting. It's gonna be great!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Looking for a few volunteers (men and women) who are able to take members to and from doctor's appointments or the grocery store from time to time. If you are able to do this, please call or text Susan Starbuck (618.920.8511).

WOMEN'S PRAYER SERVICE & SPRING RALLY:

Join us as Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry host a special Prayer Service & Spring Rally next **Saturday, April 25th**. A continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by a presentation about the Christian Friends of New Americans organization. The morning concludes with a special Prayer Service right before lunch. All are welcome! (*Please note: This event takes the place of our annual Mini Retreat.*)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:

Next **Sunday, April 26**, we celebrate Confirmation Sunday as five 8th grade catechumens will share their Confirmation verse essays and participate in the Rite of Confirmation during our 10:15 a.m. service. Those catechumens are Myla Eggemeyer, AJ Helms, Quinn Menke, Olivia Rusteberg, and Mason Wilhelm. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important event!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Please join us on **Sunday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m.** for this important meeting. We'll be hearing board & financial reports as well as electing our new church officers.

ASCENSION SERVICE: Make plans to attend a joint Ascension service on **Thursday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m.** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Renault. More details to follow.

VBS IS COMING: See the insert to register and to volunteer! **June 15-19**. It's going to be a super fun week as we take a "Tropical Trek" with Jesus!

FAITH. FAMILY. FELLOWSHIP: Join us for a Families Retreat at Camp Wartburg on **June 5-7, 2026!** This will be a great opportunity for the entire family to come together to learn, grow and PLAY! Access this program, valued at \$1,200, for only \$100 per family. Contact Pastor Hayter with any questions. Register today by using the QR code!



"WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?" BIBLE STUDY: This Bible study about the liturgy and service particulars led by Pastor Hayter on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome! **And....you can find all of these Bible studies on our website!** Go to our website and click on Bible Studies at the top!

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

CONFIRMATION CAMP: Coming this summer! **July 20-22, 2026**. A fun 3-day camp for 5th-8th grade catechumens held at Camp Wartburg. Focus: 10 Commandments. Held from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. each day and lunch will be provided. Field games, archery, canoeing, and fire building. Cost will be \$100 per child. Contact the church office if you need financial assistance or want to sign up. More details to come but make plans to attend!

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

19 Claude Heimburger
Mark Powers
22 Jessica Bender
Gina Eybel
24 Mark Heise
Tyler Koch
25 Gail Liefer

Anniversaries:

18 Eric & Lacey Birkenmeier (14)
21 Brian & Dinah Nobbe (47)
Bill & Betty Schimpf (20)
24 John & Barb Grant (16)
25 Eric & Brittany Buettner (11)
Roy & Bonnie Unterseh (56)
26 Scott & April Kirkley (18)

Last Week's Attendance

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Saturday 5:30	38	50
Sunday 7:45	40	70
Sunday 10:15	<u>99</u>	<u>115</u>
	177	235

2026 avg. weekly attendance: 220

Sunday School/Bible Class:

PreK-8th	33	\$3.00
HS & Adults	<u>19</u>	
	52	

Next Weekend 4th Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 40:25-31; 1 Peter 2:11-20;
John 16:16-22

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

Sunday School:

April—Immanuel Youth Group

Keep Collecting Those Plastic Caps & Lids:

Please drop them off in the large basket in the narthex. Benefits the JB VA Hospital.

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, Helen Clamors, Marie Dietzel, Marvin & 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 (going through cancer 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), Jane Johnson (leukemia, recovering from heart surgery), Cindy O'Brien (immunodeficiency disorder & fibromyalgia), Don Birrittier (recovering from hip replacement surgery)

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), 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 (cancer reoccurrence), 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)

We pray for those in the service of our nation: 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 Troup leads class on 1 Peter on April 19th.**
- 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...Third Sunday of Easter

The lost, the straying, the injured and the weak (Ezekiel 34:16): these are loved by the Lord, and they should also be loved by each of us. The widow, the orphan, the unborn, the single parent, the dying: for these Christ the Good Shepherd lives, as surely as He does for all His sheep. And there are still other sheep to be brought into this fold (John 10:16). With this in mind, we also seek the lost and work to bring back, bind up, and strengthen fellow lost and wandering sheep, as the Lord gives us opportunity, knowing that Christ has also died for them (1 Peter 2:25) and that His goodness and mercy are for all.

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