



Weekly Calendar April 25-May 3, 2026

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 &
Bible Study
10:15a Holy Communion &
Junior Confirmation

Monday, 4/27

Pastor Hayter OFF

Tuesday, 4/28

1-4p Quilters' Guild

Wednesday, 4/29

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

Thursday, 4/30

9:00a Preschool Chapel
2-7p Quilters' Guild

Saturday, 5/2

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 5/3

7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School &
Adult Bible Study
10:15a Holy Communion
11:30a Semi-Annual
Congregational
meeting

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.

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

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 on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome! **And....you can find all of these Bible studies**

Our Weekly Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS:

We celebrate Confirmation Sunday as five 8th grade catechumens share their Confirmation verse essays and participate in the Rite of Confirmation during our 10:15 a.m. service. Praise be to God! Those catechumens are Quinn Menke, Olivia Rusteberg, Mason Wilhelm, Myla Eggemeyer, and AJ Helms. See more information about these newly confirmed members on the back cover of your bulletin.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Donna Rusteberg in honor of the five newly confirmed members of Immanuel, including two of her grandchildren.

PRESCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

During April 27-May 1, we recognize Arrow Abell as the Preschool Student of the Week. His parents are Kevin & Jessica. God's blessings for a great week, Arrow! See his special picture on the inside back cover of your bulletin.

SPECIAL 125TH ANNIVERSARY ITEMS:

Several anniversary items are available! Stop by the narthex before or after the service and grab a set of coasters, a garden flag or a prayer cross, or one of each! Any freewill donations received will be put toward 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

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 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).

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: You are invited to a special Ascension service on **Thursday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m.** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Renault. Pastor Hayter will be participating alongside Pastor Stefanic for this service.

PRESCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM: The children of Immanuel Lutheran Preschool will be participating in a Closing Program on Friday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend this special program.

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! See the special insert for all the details, and register today!

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!

CONFIRMATION CAMP: Coming this summer! **July 20-22, 2026.** A fun 3-day camp for 5th-8th grade catechumens held at Camp Wartburg. See the special insert for all the details, and register today!

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 25 Gail Liefer
- 27 Justin Andracssek
- 28 Hayden Morris
Denise Wiese
- 29 Robert Kettler
Bob Osterhage
- 30 Tom Bequette
Julius Cottner
Judy Knox-Myer
Madalyn Jost
- 1 Jakson Gregory
- 2 Kristian Bacon
Lily Dietz
Greg Wiegand
- 3 Jensyn Collmeyer

Anniversaries:

- 25 Eric & Brittany Buettner (11)
Roy & Bonnie Unterseh (56)
- 26 Scott & April Kirkley (18)
- 2 Doug & Emilie Land (11)

Last Week's Attendance

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Saturday 5:30	57	*last
Sunday 7:45	55	year
Sunday 10:15	<u>130</u>	was
	242	Easter

2026 avg. weekly attendance: 222

Sunday School/Bible Class:

PreK-8th	37	\$0
HS & Adults	<u>28</u>	
	65	

Next Weekend 5th Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 12:1-6; James 1:16-21;
John 16::5-15

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

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), 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), Milini Holmes

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.
- 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...Fourth Sunday of Easter

The conception and birth of every baby should be cause for joy (John 16:21). Sadly, millions of babies every year are conceived but never born. Either by intentional abortions or unintended miscarriages, joy falls victim to sorrow. A life is lost, and even if the world does not know it, a mother does. In His mercy that never comes to an end (Lamentations 3:22), Christ has died for our sins. He forgives. He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love (Lamentations 3:32). Now you know sorrow but also know that when Christ appears, you shall be like Him, pure as He is pure (1 John 3:2-3). Then your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.