

Our Weekly Announcements for October 24-25, 2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool - 522 S. Church St. - Waterloo, IL - 618.939.6480



Weekly Calendar Oct 24-Nov 1, 2026

Saturday, 10/24

5:30 Holy Communion

Sunday, 10/25

7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion
Sunday School
Children Sing
6p Youth Group

Monday, 10/26

Pastor Hayter's day off

Tuesday, 10/27

1-4p Quilters' Guild
6:30p Ladies' Bunco Night

Wednesday, 10/28

9:00a Preschool Chapel
10:00a Adult Bible Study at
Cedarhurst
6:30p Midweek Prayer
Service
7-8p Ladies' Bible Study
7:00p Choir
8:05p Agape Ringers

Thursday, Oct 29

2-7p Quilters' Guild

Saturday, 10/31

Reformation Day
3p Reformation Hymn
Festival at St. Paul's in
Columbia
5:30p NO SERVICE AT
IMMANUEL

Sunday, 11/1

All Saints' Day
7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion

OCTOBER IS PASTOR

APPRECIATION MONTH: During this month, we celebrate & recognize Pastor Hayter. We appreciate his dedicated service to each of us and thank God for providing us with a faithful shepherd. Please continue to keep Pastor and his family in your prayers. We are blessed!

FALL BACK: Don't forget that time changes at 2:00 AM on Sunday, Nov. 1st. So, set those clocks back one hour on Saturday evening. You wouldn't want to get to church too early, right? :-)

PRESCHOOL "FAMILY OF THE WEEK": This week's Student of the Week is Hudson Lawson, so we recognize Hudson and his mother Chelsea in our prayers this weekend. Check out Hudson's artwork on the back cover of your bulletin!

COLLECTIONS: Our on-going collection of non-perishable food items supports the **Bi-County Backpack Program**. The Board of Community Care is supporting **Concordia Seminary Food & Clothing Bank**. Needed items include nonperishable foods, cleaning products and gently used clothing/coats for students. Please place any donations in the box in the narthex.

DRIVERS NEEDED: We're looking for a few volunteers to help provide occasional transportation for fellow Immanuel members to church, to doctor's appts or to the grocery store. If you're willing to lend a hand from time to time, we'd love to hear from you! Please call or text Susan Starbuck at 618.920.8511 for more information.

CONNECTING WITH EVERY HOUSEHOLD: One of the greatest joys of pastoral ministry is building relationships and walking alongside God's people through every season of life. Throughout 2026, Pastor Hayter hopes to connect personally with every Immanuel household—including families, couples, and individuals. Visits can take place in your home over a meal, during a home visit, or by meeting together at church. To schedule a time that works best for you, scan the QR code or contact Lisa in the church office. It's gonna be great!



ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? Did you know that they give everyone Choice dollars to donate as well as 2 Action Teams every year? These can be used for church, Preschool or any local organization. Contact Lisa in the office for additional info or assistance.

CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL STAIRWELL REPAIR FUND: At our May 3 Congregational meeting we approved expenditures of up to \$75,000.00 for the mission critical stairwell and access improvement on the education building. Creating a safe access to the rear of the education building can no longer be achieved by patching the concrete. At our May 21st church council meeting a "School Stairwell Repair Fund/Account" was established for interested members/friends to designate gifts for this repair to offset the church expenses and help us to dip less into our savings. Please consider supporting this project in addition to your normal tithes and offerings. Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:

Immanuel has a Bible class that meets on **Wednesday mornings at 10 AM**. Scripture encourages us to study His Word. This is a good time of the day for retired people to join a class. We are studying the book of John and meet for 1 hour in a meeting room about 20 feet from the front door **at Cedarhurst on Legacy Dr., Waterloo**, off of Hamacher St. Join us!

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: A study of the "Heavy Hitters of the Bible" takes place on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** in the conference room. Bring your Bible & join us!

QUILTERS UPDATE: The Ed building stairwell renovations are set to begin soon. During this time, our quilting days on Tuesdays & Thursdays will be held as available. Watch the weekly announcements for any changes or updates. Please reach out to Jean Hoeffken (618-612-9670) with any questions.

LADIES' BUNCO NIGHT: Join us for fun and fellowship, **Oct 27th at 6:30 PM**. Hosted by the WCM, the cost is \$2 - or 2 or more nonperishable items - for the Bi-County Backpack program. Held in the multipurpose room. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Refreshments provided - call church office for more info, 618-939-6480. All girls & women from junior high through adult are welcome & invite your friends.

REFORMATION DAY & ALL SAINTS' DAY:

We celebrate 2 important church days next weekend, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1. Join us at **St. Paul's Lutheran in Columbia on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 3:00 PM** for a Reformation Hymn Festival. There will not be a regular 5:30 PM service at Immanuel. Then on **Sunday, Nov. 1**, join us for our **regular services** as we celebrate All Saints' Day and remember the saints who have passed away over the past year.

PRESCHOOL DINNER AUCTION: The 4th annual Preschool Dinner Auction will be held on Friday, **November 6, 2026**, at Turner Hall in Columbia. Doors open at 5:00 PM. All are welcome! This is a great evening to benefit our Preschool.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING: Please plan to attend our semi-annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, Nov 8th** after late service. Board reports, Committee updates and approval of 2027 budget will be discussed.

YOUTH SERVICE ADVENTURE: CFNA -

Wed, Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday, no Midweek classes. Sign up on the GroupMe form or scan the QR code.



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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

24 Blake Nichols
25 Taylor Schwartz
26 Henry Eggemeyer
Charli Major
Dexter Rodenberg
Clarence Vogt
27 Noah Heinemann
Jenna Matzenbacher
Jacob Williams
28 John Bicklein
Jeriah Fink
Val Vernier
30 Sydney Kuergeleis
Melissa Wiegand
31 LeAnne Luhr
Hayley Proctor
1 Christy Gardner
Jase Gregory
Allen Jacobs
Brooklyn Kubelka
Bob Vernier

Anniversaries:

25 Bob & Angie Kloeppel (23)
Glen & Barb Muench (46)
26 Brian & Jennifer Downing (30)
Chip & Ceely Suess (7)
28 Mark & Jane Johnson (32)
29 Joe & Sandy Benyo (43)

Last Week's Attendance

	2026	2025
Saturday 5:30	47	29
Sunday 7:45	60	54
Sunday 10:15	133	72
	240	165

2026 avg. weekly attendance:
204

Sunday School/Bible Classes:

Preschool-8th	35	\$4.00
HS & Adults	31	
	66	

Next Weekend's Readings

All Saints' Day

Rev. 7:2-8; Psalm 149
1 John 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12

Sunday School Offering

House of Neighborly Services

Keep Collecting 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, Charlie & Phyllis Lloyd, Sandy Moore (MS), Kathy Netzeband, Edith Orsech, Willa Mae Prange, Arnold Prigge (cancer), 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), Michael Evers (autoimmune disorder & seizures), Cindy O'Brien (immunodeficiency disorder & fibromyalgia), Ron Heins (recovering at home), Betty Schimpf (gall bladder surgery), Jeff Weihs (knee problems), Paul Broske (quadruple bypass)

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), Fern Kinzinger (various health issues), Caleb Cottner (leukemia), Dakota Carner (accident recovery), Rhonda Whelan (heart transplant surgery recovery), Milini Holmes, Homer Kerr (hospice), Tom Gruber (cancer), Carolyn Stellhorn, Douglas Tudor (cancer), Rose Anne Bense (in skilled care at Cedarhurst Apt 6), Hayes Maag (4 yr old, in rehab following a near drowning), Mark Sullivan (recovering from heart attack), Elroy Stellhorn (Parkinson's), Thelma Manion, Billy Bethea, Dan Mueller (recovering from farming accident), Justin Fausz (rare form of cancer), Nate Gifford (cancer removal surgery), Heather Sensel (cancer treatment), Steve Kendrick (Alzheimer's), Marilyn Haberl (Scleroderma & upcoming tests), Ron Dehn

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), Oliver Valerius (Marines)

We pray for our missionaries and special missions:

Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL)

SUNDAY TREATS: Stop by the treat table located in the narthex! Thank you to all who provide treats and/or make a donation! If you would like to provide treats, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes

On Sundays:

Begins with an opening together in the sanctuary at 9:00 AM for all classes.

Preschool—4th grades: Led by April Kirkley, Millie Powers, Adam Eggemeyer, Jill Eggemeyer, Ayda & Myla Eggemeyer, Jenny Dori, Jenna Hoeffken, Beth Hayter, and Doug & Tracy Simms in the church basement. An interactive study of The Ten Commandments.

5th-6th grades: Led by Wendy Maag & Seth Weinberg in the conference room. A study of The Ten Commandments.

7th-8th grades: Led by Alan Stumpf & Greg Wiegand in the overflow room.

High School & Adults: Led by Pastor Hayter in the multipurpose room. A study of The Ten Commandments.

On Wednesdays:

Adult Bible study: The Book of John led by Bob Kassel at 10:00 AM at Cedarhurst (526 Legacy Dr.) in Waterloo.

Ladies' Bible Study: Working our way through the Bible as we study the "Heavy Hitters of the Bible" at 7-8 PM in the conference room.

Life Thoughts for Reformation

Luther said, "My conscience is captive to the Word of God." The Word of God teaches clearly that God is our Maker: "You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb." The Word of God holds us captive to the truth that all human life is wonderfully made by God, and no laws, nor politicians, nor celebrities, nor councils, nor anything will sway us otherwise. We, too, are persuaded by the Word of God "that neither death nor life ... shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Let Us Know!

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).

Stay Up To Date!

Visit immanuelwaterloo.org for the latest on our services, our calendar, our Preschool, our Bible studies, our youth events, and more!

125th Anniversary Items

Be sure to stop by the narthex and grab a set of coasters, garden flag, or prayer cross!

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