

Our Weekly Announcements for October 3-4, 2026

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



Weekly Calendar Oct 3-11, 2026

Saturday, 10/3

5:30 Holy Communion

Sunday, 10/4

LWML Sunday

7:45a Holy Communion

9-10a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes

10:15a Holy Communion

Monday, 10/5

Pastor Hayter's day off

Tuesday 10/6

7p Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, 10/7

9:00a Preschool Chapel

10a NO Adult Bible
Study

6:30-8p Midweek Classes

6:30p Midweek Prayer
Service

7:00p Choir

8:05p Agape Ringers

Saturday, 10/10

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 10/11

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Bible Study Classes

10:15a Holy Communion

5p Chili Cookout &
Cornhole
Tournament

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!

QUILTERS UPDATE: The ed building stairwell renovations are set to begin soon. During this time, our quilting days on Tuesdays & Thursdays will not be held. Watch the weekly announcements for any changes or updates. In the meantime, if you would like to help us cut fabric, please reach out to Jean Hoeffken (618-612-9670). - Immanuel QTs (Quilters)

PRESCHOOL "FAMILY OF THE WEEK": This week's Student of the Week is Nova Herron, so we recognize Nova and her parents, David and Caitlin, in our prayers this weekend. Check out Nova'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** during October. 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."

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! See the sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to sign up.

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!

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND: Join us on **Oct. 17-18** for our 4th special anniversary weekend. Rev. Merritt Demski will be our guest preacher and Bible study leader. A light reception hosted by our Youth Group will follow the 10:15 AM service.

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. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Held in the multipurpose room. Refreshments provided - call church office for more info, 618-939-6480.

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. RSVP by Oct. 23rd.

ANNUAL

Chili

COOK OFF

Sunday, October 11th
5:00 - 7:30 P.M.

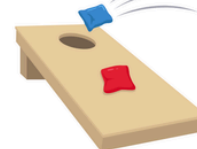
Compete for the Golden Ladle!

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

RSVP chili entries to church office: 618.939.6480



YOUTH GROUP SPONSORED
CORNHOLE CHALLENGE



Immanuel Lutheran Church
522 S Church Street, Waterloo
Behind the parsonage, weather
permitting

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 3 Kathy Bujnak
Myra Lesinger
- 4 Nick Prescher
Alex Whelan
- 6 Don Birrittier
Michelle Fink
- 7 Bev Jarvis
Joyce Rossel
- 8 Clint Rodenberg
- 9 Max Arbeiter
- 10 Julianna Gregory
Alan Horn
Kirk Ritzel
Jacob Stumpf
Harper Thompson

Anniversaries:

- 4 Matt & Jenny Prather (23)
- 5 Buddy & Katlyn Gore (2)
- 6 David & Julie Powell (47)
- 7 Mike & Julie Deptula (20)
Robert & Mallory Guithues (3)
- 8 Drennan & Tiffany Johnson (4)
- 9 Josh & Nichole Kruse (16)
Mike & Melany Rusteberg (16)
Al & Vi Scheibe (72)
Brian & Denise Wiese (44)
- 11 Don & Connie Rusteberg (23)

Last Week's Attendance

	2026	2025
Saturday 5:30	45	42
Sunday 7:45	56	56
Sunday 10:15	80	73
	181	171

2026 avg. weekly attendance:
204

Sunday School/Bible Classes:

Preschool-8th	34	\$3.00
HS & Adults	26	
	60	

Next Weekend's Readings

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Gen. 28:10-17; Psalm 84;
Eph. 4:22-28; Matt. 9:1-8

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, 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), David Rehmer (recovering from hip surgery), Ron Heins (recovering at home), Betty Schimpf (recovering from gall bladder surgery), Jeff Weihl (knee problems), Paul Broske (quadruple bypass), Susan Radden (eye 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), Fern Kinzinger (various health issues), Caleb Cottner (leukemia), Dakota Carner (accident recovery), Jim Horn (in remission), Linda Land (cancer), Rhonda Whelan (heart transplant surgery recovery), Milini Holmes, Homer Kerr (hospice), Tom Gruber (cancer), Carolyn Stellhorn, 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, Joel Schoenborn (recovering from kidney surgery), Dan Mueller (recovering from farming accident), Justin Fausz (suffering from rare form of cancer), Nate Gifford (cancer, recovering from surgery), Heather Sensel (cancer treatment), Steve Kendrick (Alzheimers)

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)

Bible Study and 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:

An adult Bible study on the Book of John led by Bob Kassel at 10:00 AM at Cedarhurst (526 Legacy Dr.) in Waterloo.

Life Thoughts for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

To love God is to obey His commandments. "If you love Me, keep My commandments," says our Lord. The commandments shape our love in how we live with one another. Therefore, love is not what I want, but what my neighbor needs. And what my neighbor needs for his or her body is care and protection, for "love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law." And God's love for us is that "Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."

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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