Our Weekly Announcements for November 21-22, 2026

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

Weekly Calendar
Nov 21-29, 2026

Saturday, 11/21
5:30 Holy Communion

Sunday, 11/22
7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion
2-3p Children's Christmas Practice

Monday, 11/23
Pastor Hayter's day off

Wednesday, 11/25
Thanksgiving Break
Preschool closed
Office closes at 12:00 PM
6:30p Holy Communion

11/26 - 11/27
Thanksgiving Break
Preschool closed
Office closed

Saturday, 11/28
No Service

Sunday, 11/29
125th Anniversary Concluding Celebration
9:00a Holy Communion
10:30a Brunch
4-8p Youth Group Cookie Baking

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: The Sunday School "Away in a Manger" Children's Christmas service will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10:15 AM**. A reception will follow the service. All are welcome to attend! There will be several **practices** for all the children participating—**Sunday, Nov. 22, from 2-3 PM; Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1-2 PM; and Sunday, Dec. 13, from 2-3 PM.**

FAMILY DEVOTIONS: The new family devotionals are available. The topic is "The Apostles' Creed." Be sure to pick up a copy from the narthex. Our Sunday School classes and Wednesday evening prayer services through February will reflect this topic as well.

COLLECTIONS: Our on-going collection of non-perishable food items supports the **Bi-County Backpack Program**. For November & December, the Board of Community Care is supporting a **Christmas present drive.** See announcement below.

LCFS CHRISTMAS GIFTS: It's time to help brighten a child's Christmas! Pick a name off of the Christmas tree in the narthex, purchase gifts for that child, attach the labels to each gift, and then bring the unwrapped gifts back to the narthex or church office on or before Dec. 7th. This is always a wonderfully received collection, so get your names early before they are gone!

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!

SUNDAY TREATS: Stop by the treat table located in the narthex! Thank you to all who have continued to provide treats & make donations on Sunday mornings. Would you like to provide treats? Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

LUTHERAN WITNESS 2027: Would you like to subscribe to the Lutheran Witness for 2027? Contact the office (618-939-6480) and let us know by Dec 2nd. The cost for the annual subscription is $30.70.

QUILTERS UPDATE: Our quilting days are put on hold for now until the stairwell updates and repairs are complete. Watch the bulletins for updates!

CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL STAIRWELL REPAIR FUND: 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." **The work began on Nov 5th and should be completed in the next couple weeks!**

ADVENT DINNERS & SERVICES: The season of Advent begins soon. Join us for our midweek dinners (5-6:15 PM) & services (6:30 PM) on Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23. All are welcome!

ADVENT HYMN SING: Fifteen minutes before each midweek Advent service (at 6:15 PM), you are invited to join others in the sanctuary for a hymn sing when you may "shout out your favorite hymn" to sing!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE VILLAGE & CRAFT MARKET: Saturday, Dec. 5th. See the insert in your bulletin for all the details and how you can help!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Several Immanuel members will be performing in "A Christmas Carol" on **Dec. 4-5**. *See the bulletin boards for the flyer and show times!* Free tickets are available through the link on the flyer. Any questions? Please contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Join us on **Sunday, Dec. 6th at 2:00 PM** (meet in multipurpose room) to bring joy to our homebound & shut-in members! All ages welcome!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT & GIFT WRAPPING: Our youth are hosting a fun event on **Friday, Dec. 11th from 5-9 PM**. An opportunity to bless parents with a night out while the kiddos have fun with older youth and adults. Gift wrapping will be offered as well. See the flyers & QR codes to RSVP and for more details.

THANK YOU, IMMANUEL: What an outpouring of support we had at our 4th annual dinner auction on Nov. 6th. The total proceeds from this event were $34,008.48. Praise be to God! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors & donors, all who attended, all who were on the dinner auction committee and worked hard to put on the dinner auction, and all of the volunteers who helped ensure the evening ran smoothly. We were blessed to be at Turner Hall in Columbia which was spacious and accommodating for all of our needs. What a blessing for our mission of making more & stronger disciples of Jesus! Thank you doesn't seem to be enough to show everyone our gratitude for supporting our Preschool Program. - Ms. Delana Whelan on behalf of the Preschool staff & families

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:
21 AJ Helms
Ali Kloeppel
Joseph Powers
22 Jay Pryor
Gerry Ritzel
23 Sandy Bequette
Mitchell Rubemeyer
23 Mya Voges
24 Robert Rehmer
Wyatt Stumpf
25 Ellie Hergenroeder
Sharon Osterhage
26 Wayne Menke
Sam Metzger
Sidney Metzger
Edward Stanglein
28 Jay Carr
Will Hanks
Ashley Hoeffken
29 Eddie Arras
Carolina Bradley

Anniversaries:
23 Grant & Barbara Melliere (42)
24 Bob & Sharon Rehmer (63)
26 Roger & Laura Kinzinger (43)
Mike & Pam Lloyd (32)
Elden & Taryn Niemeyer (43)
28 Robert & Marilyn Collette (62)
29 Harry & Reina Thompson (46)

Last Week's Attendance

	2026	2025
Saturday 5:30	53	29
Sunday 7:45	55	55
Sunday 10:15	67	126
	175	210

2026 avg. weekly attendance: 202

Sunday School/Bible Classes:

Preschool-8th	27	$2.00
HS & Adults	18	
	45	

Next Weekend's Readings

First Sunday of Advent

Jer. 23:5-8, Psalm 24;
Rom. 13:11-14, Matt. 21:1-9

Sunday School Offering

Lutheran Child & Family 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 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), Jeff Weihl (knee problems), Paul Broske (quadruple bypass), Jay Pryor (hip 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, 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 (suffering from rare form of cancer), Nate Gifford (cancer removal surgery), Steve Kendrick (Alzheimer's), Heather Sensel (cancer treatment), Ron Dehn, Shirley Flath, Mike Fausz (cancer), Marilyn Haberl (Scleroderma & ongoing tests), Anita Thomas, Steve Otten (cancer)

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 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 Apostles' Creed.

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

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 Apostles' Creed.

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 Last Sunday of the Church Year

We live in a world broken by sin, which unfortunately means it is common for infants and other children to die in their youth. Some of this death comes through intentionally sinful actions like abortion, abuse, and other forms of murder. Other times children die unintentionally because of miscarriages, accidents, or diseases. While we mourn every one of these deaths, we do not despair. Instead, we "encourage one another" (1Thessalonians 5:11), knowing that Christ has died for us and destined us for salvation (1Thessalonians 5:9-10), and that on the Last Day there will no longer be the "sound of weeping and the cry of distress" (Isaiah 65:19).

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!

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