Our Weekly Announcements for November 28-29, 2026

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

Weekly Calendar
Nov 28-Dec 6, 2026

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

Monday, 11/30
Pastor Hayter's day off

Tuesday, 12/1
9-10a Visitation - Carolyn Henry
10:00a Funeral Service - Carolyn Henry
7:00p Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, 12/2
9:00a Preschool Chapel
10:00a Adult Bible Study at Cedarhurst
5:00p Advent Dinner hosted by the Youth
6:30p Advent Worship Service
6:30p Midweek Classes
7:00p Choir
7:00p Ladies' Bible Study
8:05p Agape Ringers

Friday, 12/4
8a-6p Drop off cookies, candies, etc.
4-6p Set up Cookie Village

Saturday, 12/5
9a-2p Cookie Village & Craft Market
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 12/6
7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion
1p Children's Christmas Practice
2p Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins

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 2 more **practices for all children** participating—**Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1-2 PM; and Sunday, Dec. 13, from 2-3 PM**.

PRESCHOOL "FAMILY OF THE WEEK": This week's Student of the Week is Jozie Middleton, so we recognize Jozie and her parents, Josh & Angie, in our prayers this weekend. Check out Jozie'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**. For November & December, the Board of Community Care is supporting a **Christmas present drive.** Children's lists will be provided very soon.

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 on Sunday mornings. And thank you to all who make a donation! See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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!

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.

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.

QUILTERS UPDATE: Our quilting days are put on hold for now since the stairwell work began last week. Watch the bulletins for updates!

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., off of Hamacher St. Join us!

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." **The work began on Thursday, Nov 5th and should be completed soon!**

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!

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.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:
28 Jay Carr
Will Hanks
Ashley Hoeffken
29 Eddie Arras
Carolina Bradley
30 Benjamin Braun
Tiffany Johnson
Collin Neeman
Jennifer Pickett
2 Dale Zeisset
3 Clayton Westfall
4 Charlotte Stegall
5 Nathan Dori
Drake Downing
Angie Prescher
Barb White
6 Cody Todt

Anniversaries:
28 Robert & Marilyn Collette (62)
29 Harry & Reina Thompson (46)
30 Mark & Kim Arbeiter (30)
5 Sandy & Jackie Nichols (26)
6 Bob & Barb Vernier (38)

Last Week's Attendance

	2026	2025
Saturday 5:30	44	46
Sunday 7:45	55	47
Sunday 10:15	86	87
	185	180

2026 avg. weekly attendance: 201

Sunday School/Bible Classes:

Preschool-8th	29	$2.00
HS & Adults	21	
	50	

Next Weekend's Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

Mal. 4:1-6, Psalm 50:1-15;
Rom 15:4-13, Luke 21:25-36

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.

125th Anniversary Items

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

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 (hospitalized) & 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), Shirley Flath, Mike Fausz (cancer), Marilyn Haberl (Scleroderma & ongoing tests)

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 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 First Sunday of Advent

During His earthly ministry, Jesus showed compassion for the sick, dying, and mourning (Matthew 9:18-26). He not only healed their bodily ailments, He removed the underlying cause of these problems by transferring them from the "domain of darkness" into the kingdom of God and offering them everlasting life through the forgiveness of their sins (Colossians 1:13-14). As He has made this promise to all people, the redeemed of the Lord "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord" (Colossians 1:10) by following His example of caring for the bodily needs of our neighbors and sharing the Gospel with them.

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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