



## Weekly Calendar Oct. 25–Nov. 1, 2015

Sunday, 10/25

6:30p Adult Information Class

Monday, 10/26

8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 10/27

6:30a Men's Bible Study  
6-7:30p Zumba

Wednesday, 10/28

9:30a Adult Bible Study  
6-6:30p Immanubells Practice  
6:30-8p Midweek Classes  
7-8p Choir Practice  
8:00p AA Meeting  
8:05p Agape Ringers Practice

Thursday, 10/29

5:00p Weight Watchers Meeting  
7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

10/29–11/2

*Pastor & Cindy are out of town.*

Saturday, 10/31

4:30p Worship Service  
6-8p "Trunk or Treat" on the Courthouse Square

Sunday, 11/1

7:45a Worship Service  
9:00a Sunday School & Bible Study Classes  
10:15a Worship Service  
11:20a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

## Our Weekly Announcements

**RESTROOMS** are located in the hallway next to the overflow room and multipurpose room and in the church basement in the hallway to the side of the old kitchen.

**PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:** There are activity bags available in the narthex for your little ones. Please feel free and take a bag with you as you enter.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.** There are several large print bulletins available in the narthex for anyone needing one.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend are given to the glory of God by Ben & Lindsay Konrad in honor of their 1st wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Ben & Lindsay, and may God bless you always!

**PRESCHOOL FAMILY OF THE WEEK.** During the school year, we will be including an Immanuel Preschool student and his/her family in our prayers each week. This week we include Kelsey Crook and her family in our prayers. Her parents are Colby & Kristina. May God bless you and your family in all your ways, Kelsey

**NEXT SUNDAY** is All Saints' Day (observed). The readings for next Sunday will be Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; and Matt. 5: 1-12. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

**THANK YOU** to Vernon Brandt for painting the windows at the rental house over the past couple weeks. Your kindness is appreciated! —Immanuel's Board of Church Properties

**EXCITING NEWS!** Immanuel now has a new website ([www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org)) and a new email address ([immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com)). Be sure to check out the new website—it's pretty cool and has a user-friendly layout! If you have any suggestions, feel free to let us know. Our current website and email address will continue to work through Nov. 1, 2015, but you can begin using the new ones now.

**PROFIT AND LOSS** reports for September 2015 are available in the narthex for anyone wishing a copy of the report.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for October–December 2015 are now available. Pick up your copy today! The booklets can be found on the windowsill in the narthex.

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!** The Bi-County Backpack Program provides meals for children in Waterloo, Valmeyer & Red Bud, who would struggle without this support. The items needed include (no glass jars, please) pasta (spaghetti, elbow, etc.), pasta sauce, pasta mixes, Roman noodles, peanut butter, pancake mix, pancake syrup, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, tuna, soups, stews, canned ravioli, fruit (cans or cups), canned vegetables. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

**DID YOU KNOW?** Households visited through Immanuel's New Neighbor Outreach since November 2007: 648.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH!** (1) Recycle your aluminum cans! There is a large trash can in the kitchen for those cans. If you have a large amount and put them in trash bags, you can put the bags over by the white shed at the corner of the parking lot. (2) The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products! (3) The ice machine is available and ice can be purchased for a freewill donation during office hours, and on weekends before and after the services. Simply bag your own ice with the large ice scoop and place your money in the donation bucket. All proceeds benefit Immanuel's youth group and their events throughout the year. Thanks for your continued support!

**A COFFEE & DOUGHNUT FELLOWSHIP** is held each Sunday after the early service

(until 9am). Coffee and doughnuts are sponsored by Immanuel's youth and are located in the hallway by the overflow room. The youth appreciate free will donations. **Would you like to sponsor a Sunday?** If so, please sign up on the sheet on the coffee & doughnuts table or by the ice machine! Your help is appreciated!

**BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.** Remember to take a look at all the flyers on the bulletin board in the narthex. Many events and activities in and around our community (upcoming Lay Bible Institutes, concerts, dinners, Thrivent events, blood drives, etc.) are posted there!

**AUTO CONTRIBUTIONS.** Would you like to have your weekly or monthly contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account? If so, please fill out a Direct Contribution Form found on the shelf in the narthex and drop it in the wooden box in the narthex or in the "Notes 4 Lisa" basket in the church office.

**UPDATED CONSTITUTIONS** are available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up a copy if you'd like.

**LWML MITE BOXES.** There is a purple & white "Mites for Missions" box on the table in the narthex for any loose donations you would like to give to support LWML local & national mission work. Thank you!

**DO YOU SHOP AT SCHNUCKS?** Schnucks offers a wonderful and EASY fundraising program, and Immanuel is a part of it. If you already have an e-scrip card, remember to use it every time you check out at Schnucks. If you don't have an e-scrip card, you can pick one up right as you enter Schnucks. They can be found on the display with the ads and other coupons. Thank you for using your cards!

**HELP OUR PRESCHOOL!** During October we will be collecting items for Immanuel's own preschool. Items needed include plain white paper plates (small & large), 9 oz. plastic cups, Kleenex, baby wipes,

Want to view our worship services or need more info? Visit us at [www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org).

## **Last Weekend's Attendance**

	2015	2014
Saturday	67	70
7:45am	64	59
10:15am	<u>87</u>	<u>94</u>
	218	223

2015 weekend average attendance: 235

### Sunday School:

PreK-8th	22	\$6.25
HS & College	9	
Adults	<u>21</u>	
	52	

## **Bible Study Opportunities**

### Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study called "Letters from a Jailbird: Paul's Prison Epistles," at 9:00am in the overflow room.
- A high school and college Bible class in the youth room (lower level of the school building) at 9:00am. They are studying *Broken: 7 Christian Rules that Every Christian Ought to Break as Often as Possible* led by Vicar Merritt.
- A Bible study led by Alan Stumpf and Matthew Bohlmann in the multipurpose room at 9:00am for all 7th & 8th grade students and their parents.
- An adult & family DVD study by Dr. Kevin Lehman entitled "Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World" at 9:00am in the church basement kitchen. Feel free to bring your little ones, too!

### Tuesdays:

- A Bible study on Mormonism led by Pastor Troup at Burger King at 6:30am. This is a Bible fellowship for men.

### Wednesdays:

- A Study of Romans led by Vicar Merritt Demski in the overflow room at 9:30am. This is a Bible fellowship for adults.

### Thursdays:

- Ladies, beginning on October 29th, join us at 7:00pm in the overflow room through Thanksgiving. We're studying *Ruth: More Than a Love Story*.

napkins, plastic spoons, and AA & AAA batteries. Thank you for your support! A barrel is in the narthex for your donations.

### **AN ADULT & FAMILY DVD STUDY BY DR. KEVIN**

**LEHMAN** entitled "Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World" is held on Sundays at 9:00am in the church basement kitchen. This is led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe. Feel free to bring your little ones, too!

### **OCTOBER IS PASTORS' APPRECIATION MONTH!**

During October each year, congregations all across the country recognize our pastors. We are blessed at Immanuel! Pastor Troup is very dedicated to our church and the members here. Please take a moment to say a prayer thanking God for Pastor and his family, and also let Pastor know how much he's appreciated. To God be the glory!

**ARE YOU INTERESTED?** A couple elders, Wayne Collmeyer & Scott Janssen, have an interest in forming a Men's Prayer Group. They would like to hear from any men who may also have this interest. Please contact Wayne (bear21@htc.net or 618-719-7235) if you are interested.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS.** Immanuel began a new Adult Information Class last Sunday. If you are interested in joining, it's held in the church basement at 6:30pm each Sunday. This class is preparation for church membership and a great refresher course for those who are already members. It's not too late to join in—come to the class this Sunday and you'll catch right up!

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will begin on Thursday, October 29th at 7:00pm in the overflow room. All are welcome to join! We'll be studying the book, *Ruth: More Than a Love Story*. The Holy Spirit is constantly remaking us, transforming us into Christ's image and workmanship. Just as Ruth is about commitment to faith and to family, it is about God's commitment to His promises even when we can't see those promises being fulfilled. As you work through the chapters of this in-depth Bible study, you will come to see God's holiness and wholeness revealed through the book of Ruth. Feel free to pick up

a copy ahead of time. The books are on the desk in the church office.

**DURING THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 31—NOVEMBER 1,** Pastor & Cindy will be out of town attending their nephew's wedding in Michigan. Vicar Merritt will be preaching and leading all three services next weekend. Due to the unavailability of other area pastors to serve as celebrant, there will not be communion at any of the services next weekend.

**SERVICE TIME CHANGE—IMPORTANT!** Our service on Saturday, October 31st will begin at 4:30pm instead of the normal 5:30pm time. This allows for opportunities for evangelism that evening.

**TRUNK OR TREAT!** Immanuel's Board of Evangelism will be participating in the annual City of Waterloo sponsored "Trunk or Treat" event on the courthouse square from 6-8pm on Saturday, October 31st. They encourage everyone to participate! Dress up, decorate your trunks, and bring enough treats for at least 700 kiddos! It'll be a fun evening!

**CANDY DONATIONS.** "Trunk or Treat" is fast approaching. If you are not able to join us, we are looking for candy donations for our Board of Evangelism to pass out during the event. Please leave any candy donations at the church office by October 25th. Thank you!

**COLLEGE NEWS!** We need college addresses for all those attending college (living at home or away). Please contact the church office with that info by Nov. 1st. We are also going to be sending care packages to all of our college students during the first week in November, and would like your help. We need monetary donations to help with shipping costs or donations of small snack or fun items (i.e. granola bars, popcorn, chips, candy, protein bars, trail mix, notepads, silly toys, etc.). Please drop off your donations in the church office on or before Nov. 1st. Thanks for your help!

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS COMING UP** on Sunday, Nov. 1st following the 10:15am service. See the insert in your bulletin for the agenda.

**BOOK CLUB.** Immanuel's Book Club will be meeting on Monday, November 2 to discuss *Mission at Nuremberg* by Tim Townsend. Come & join them at 7:00pm in the church library. Their December book will be *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson.

**WANT TO JOIN!** The Board of Evangelism is looking for a few more members. This board is responsible for welcoming members to Immanuel and make visits to new residents in Waterloo. They also organize the Trunk or Treat and Easter Egg Hunt events each year. If you are interested in joining, please attend our next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 9:00am in the church library.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS.** Would you like to receive the Lutheran Witness during 2016? If so, please contact Lisa (939-6480 or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) by Nov. 15th. Those who already receive need to also let Lisa know to continue your subscription. The cost of the subscription will be \$16.00, and payment is needed when you sign up.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OUR CRAFT FAIR?** We are looking for people to participate in our Craft Fair during the Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 5th. If you would like to participate, please fill out the contract on the insert in your bulletin. You can drop it, along with your payment, in the wooden box in the narthex or on the desk in the church office.

**THE CHRIST CONCERT IS RETURNING!** Immanuel is reprising the Christ Concert during Advent this year. The Advent service on Dec. 16th will include the Christ Concert and the Living Nativity. **Are you interested in sharing your musical talents (vocal or instrumental) in the Christ Concert?** If so, let us know! Contact the church office (939-6480) or Ann Frank (282-6597) by Dec. 1st.