



Weekly Calendar Mar. 6-13, 2016

Today, 3/6

6:30p Practice for Living
Last Supper

Monday, 3/7

Pastor Troup's day off

7:00p Book Club Meeting
8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 3/8

6:30a Men's Bible Study
6-7:30p Zumba
6:30p Board of Social
Ministry Meeting
7:15p Board of Christian
Education Meeting

Wednesday, 3/9

9:30a Adult Bible Study
5:45-6:15p Immanubells
6:15-7:15p Midweek Classes
6:15-7:15p Choir Practice
7:30p Lenten Service
8:30p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 3/10

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

Saturday, 3/12

5:30p Holy Communion
7:00p Trivia Night & Silent
Auction

Sunday, 3/13

7:45a Worship Service
9:00a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion
2-4:30p Living Last Supper
Dress Rehearsals at
Legacy Place &
Garden Place
4:30p Living Last Supper
Dress Rehearsal at
church

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.

UGANDA MISSION TEAM

NEWS! Immanuel's Uganda Mission Team will give a brief presentation about their trip and work in Uganda during all the services this weekend. They'll also give a more detailed presentation of their experience in Uganda during the education hour on Sunday. They'll make that presentation in the overflow room starting at 9:00am. Thank you for sharing your experience with us!

HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICE (HNS) DOOR COLLECTION IS THIS WEEKEND!

There will be a door collection for the House of Neighborly Service during all the services this weekend. The House of Neighborly Service, a community organization to which Immanuel belongs, has been funding the meals on Fridays for Western Egyptian's Senior Meals and Meals on Wheels programs (funding for Friday's meals was discontinued by the state of Illinois). **Please help in this worthy cause!** Checks can be made out to House of Neighborly Service or HNS. You can also donate online at <http://moco.houseofneighborlyservice.weebly.com>.

GROW BY ONE! Thank you to all who have already turned in your commitment sheet and talents survey. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so today. Blank forms can be found in the narthex. Also, the completed forms that are being returned can be found in the narthex. Please take yours with you when you leave today.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The readings for next Sunday will be Is. 43: 16-21; Phil. 3:(4b-7) 8-14; and Luke 20:9-20. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

WANT TO STAY UP TO

DATE? If so, please visit our website (see below) for info on the latest events and activities taking place at Immanuel! It's pretty cool and has a user-friendly layout! A link to all of our past services and to our calendar can be found there, too. Click on Announcements/Blogs for the latest announcements, newsletters, and weekly updates. If you have any suggestions, feel free to let us know.

PROFIT AND LOSS reports for January 2016 are available in the narthex for anyone wishing a copy of the report.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March 2016 are now available. Pick up your copy today! The booklets can be found on the windowsill in the narthex.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS can be found in the box on the windowsill in the narthex. Pick up a copy today!

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: 662.

NEED ICE? 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 CHURCH

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

BARREL COLLECTION FOR

MARCH & APRIL! The Board of Social Ministry is collecting items for Camp Wartburg during March & April. Items needed include craft supplies for children of all ages, all kinds of cleaning supplies, and plants & bulbs. There is a barrel in the narthex for your donations. Thank you for your support!

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP. All men are welcome to attend a Men's Prayer Group on the 2nd

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2016	2015
Saturday	55	36
7:45am	47	n/a*
10:15am	115	n/a*
	217	n/a

*In 2015, the Sunday services were cancelled due to the weather.

Lenten #4 40 66

2016 weekend average attendance: 240

Sunday School:

PreK-8th	26	\$7.25
HS & College	5	
Adults	16	
	47	

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study called "Daniel at Immanuel," at 9:00am in the overflow room.
- A high school and college Bible study in the youth room (lower level of the school building) at 9:00am. They are discussing the question "What Does It Look Like to Be a Christian in Our Culture?" led by Vicar Merritt.
- A Bible study "Accounts of Christian Teaching & Service" led by Alan Stumpf in the multipurpose room at 9:00am for all junior high students and their parents.
- An adult & family Bible study led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe at 9:00am in the church basement kitchen. Feel free to bring your little ones, too!

Tuesdays:

- A Bible study about Job 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' Bible study, A Work in Progress: A Scriptural Course toward Self-Improvement, in the overflow room at 7:00pm.

and 4th Mondays of each month at 8:00pm at Wayne Collmeyer's house (209 Crosswinds Ct.) in Waterloo. Need directions or have questions? Give Wayne a call (618-719-7235).

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS)

MEETINGS. Do you or someone you know suffer with mental illness? If so, two meetings, one for the person with mental illness and the other for family & friends of those with mental illness, are held at Immanuel on the 2nd Monday of each month. Each are held at 7:00pm. One is held in the overflow room and the other is held in the church basement kitchen. Rev. Royal Boeder is one of the group leaders. Visit www.nami.org for more details.

NARTHEX EXPANSION EXPLORATION COMMITTEE.

Immanuel's Church Council recently formed the Narthex Expansion Exploration Committee to explore the possibility of enlarging the area around the main doors of the church. A Narthex Expansion Exploration Fund was also established for the purpose of paying for architect drawings and other expenses. An architect has already provided a free rough draft for this expansion, but more detailed drawings will be needed. The committee members are: Pam Schrader, Jane Schaefer, Roger Kinzinger, Larry Goessling, Melissa Ziegler, Karen Hodapp, and Allen Jacobs. *Feel free to contact one of them with any suggestions.*

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING NEWS!

Did you know that 15 young people, 4-5 adults, and 2 college age students from Immanuel will be attending the 2016 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA this summer? The youth will be busy with fundraisers, Bible studies, and other events within the next 6 months as they prepare for this exciting week in God's Word with 30,000+ fellow high school age young people. Be on the lookout for opportunities to support them!

IMMANUEL'S PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are offering two classes: a M/W/F class for 4 yr. olds (children must be 4 by 9/1/16) and a T/Th class for 3 yr. olds (children must be 3 by 9/1/16). Class times are 8:30-11:30am each day, and there is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. The M/W/F class's monthly tuition is \$110, and the T/Th

class's monthly tuition is \$90. Tuition is paid during Sept.-May only. You can contact the church office (939-6480) or visit www.immanuelwaterloo.org/preschool for more information or to get a registration packet.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

During the winter quarter (December, January & February), two children received perfect attendance: TJ Joellenbeck and Lauren Patterson. Several others received honorable mention having missed only 1-3 Sundays. They were Kelsey Crook, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Addie & Ben Janssen, Kyle Rusteberg, Addison Solsrud, and Avery & Grace Troup. Congratulations!

MIDWEEK TIME CHANGES.

Through March 16th, our Wednesday evening midweek classes will be held from 6:15pm to 7:15pm. Youth bells practices will be held from 5:45pm to 6:15pm, choir practices will be held from 6:15pm to 7:15pm, and adult bells practices will be held following the Lenten services. Please note these changes!

LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY.

We will again decorate the altar area on Easter Sunday, March 27th, this year. See the order form on the insert in your bulletin.

BOOK CLUB. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee at our next meeting. Join us on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the church library. By the way, our April book will be *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

ARE YOU AN "EGG FILLER"

FROM WAY BACK? The Board of Evangelism will be filling Easter eggs on Saturday, March 12 at 9:30am and need your help! Come to the overflow room that morning and feel free to bring along candy if you would like. If you can't be there to help but would like to donate some candy, please drop off your donations in the church office by March 11th. Thanks, in advance, for your help!

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT

AUCTION! Immanuel's youth group will be hosting a Trivia Night & Silent Auction on Sat., March 12 at 7:00pm at the VFW Hall in Waterloo. \$100 per table with a max of 10 people per table. You can bring your own snacks, but drinks must be purchased at the VFW. Contact the church office (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com

or 939-6480) to reserve your table! Would you like to donate an item to the silent auction? If so, feel free to drop it off in the church office anytime. See the insert in your bulletin for more details!

BE A PART OF BARNYARD

ROUNDUP VBS! See the special insert in your bulletin for more details!

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT! Our Board of Evangelism invites you and your family to our annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Palm Saturday, March 19th at 10:00am at Immanuel. Mark your calendars now! We'll be hearing God's Word, hunting for eggs, making Easter crafts, and much more! Hope you can join us!

LIVING LAST SUPPER NEWS!

The actors are preparing for our upcoming Living Last Supper service. They will be performing 2 dress rehearsals at Legacy Place and Garden Place on Sunday, March 13, and the actual Living Last Supper service will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20th, at 4:00pm at Immanuel. Be sure to invite your friends & family to this special service on March 20th! Following the service, be sure to stick around for some light refreshments and for a photo op with the actors!

LIFE NETWORK BANQUET!

Would you like to attend the annual banquet to benefit Life Network, the pregnancy care center, in Waterloo? The banquet will be held at The Falls in Columbia on March 31 and April 1, and Immanuel is hosting 1 table each evening. Rick Horton, former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher, will be the keynote speaker for this banquet. There is no charge for the evening, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation toward Life Network's efforts. **There are still openings at Immanuel's table on Friday, April 1st.** If you would like to attend, please contact Lisa in the church office (immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com or 939-6480) as soon as possible.

LADIES, MARK YOUR

CALENDARS! Our Women's Christian Ministry (WCM) is busy planning our 5th annual Women's Mini-Retreat which will be held on Sat., April 23 from 9-11am. See March's newsletter and future bulletins for more details!