



Weekly Calendar Jan. 22-29, 2017

Sunday, 1/22

- 3-5p Financial Peace
University (FPU)
6:30p Adult Information
Class (AIC)

Monday, 1/23

- Pastor Troup's day off*
No Preschool Classes
8:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, 1/24

- 6:30a Men's Bible Study
8-4:30p Life Line Screening
6-7:30p Zumba

Wednesday, 1/25

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

Thursday, 1/26

- Pastor Demski's day off*
7:00p Ladies' Bible Study

Friday-Saturday, 1/27-28

- Men's Retreat at Camp
Wartburg*

Saturday, 1/28

- 5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 1/29

- 7:45a Worship Service
9:00a Sunday School &
Bible Study Classes
10:15a Holy Communion
3-5p Financial Peace
University (FPU)
6:30p Adult Information
Class (AIC)

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 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 Ethel Kurfman and Bob & Linda Polansky in loving memory of Jerry Kurfman, Ethel's husband and Linda & Bob's father.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK. During the school year, we remember one of our Preschool students and his/her family in our prayers. This week's student is Brady Drewes and his mom is Amanda. May God keep you and bless you and your family in all of your ways, Brady!

NEXT SUNDAY is Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The readings for next Sunday will be Micah 6:1-8; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; and Matt. 5:1-12. This is being provided so that you can better prepare for worship.

THANK YOU for all of the cards, gifts, and prayers during the Christmas season. We appreciate your love and support! —In Christ, Pastor & Cindy Troup

Ongoing Announcements

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March 2017 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!

A COFFEE & DOUGHNUT

FELLOWSHIP is held each Sunday after the early service (until 9am). Coffee and doughnuts 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, 5K walks, Thrivent events, blood drives, job openings, etc.) are posted there!

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!

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!

REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

(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!

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.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP. All men are welcome to attend a Men's Prayer Group on the 2nd Monday of each month at 8:00pm at Wayne Collmeyer's house (209 Crosswinds Ct.) in Waterloo. Can't get there? No problem. **Now there is an option to join via conference call.** Need directions or need the conference call number? Give Wayne a call at 618-719-7235.

ASK THE PASTOR. Do you have a question you would like Pastor Demski to answer in his "Ask the Pastor" section of an upcoming monthly newsletter or on the website? If so, contact him directly (847-254-9666 or pastor.demski@gmail.com).

CAN YOU HELP? Immanuel has a small group of people willing to help transport others to the doctor, store, etc. We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with this service. If you would like to be put on this list, please contact Lisa in the church office.

NARTHEX EXPANSION

PROJECT. Anyone wishing to donate to the narthex expansion project this year may do so by placing your donation in a regular envelope and labeling it "Narthex Expansion." This will be added to the Narthex Expansion Exploration Fund. This fund will become our building fund once the building project has been completely approved by the congregation.

COLLECTION FOR THE

HOMELESS. New Life Evangelistic Center in St. Louis is in need of new or gently used warm clothing (coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, hats, gloves, etc) and blankets for the area's homeless men. Please drop off your donations in the barrel in the narthex. This collection will be taken throughout January & February. Thank you for your support!

Last Weekend's Attendance

	2017	2016
5:30 pm	30	66
7:45 am	22	52
10:15 am	123	92
	175	210

2017 weekend average attendance: 195

Sunday School:

PK-8th	17	\$6.00
HS & College	5	
Adults	15	
	37	

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays:

- Pastor Troup leads a Bible study on *Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America* at 9:00 am in the overflow room.
- A high school and college Bible study in the youth room (lower level of the school building) at 9:00 am. Pastor Demski leads a study of the *book of Matthew*.
- A Bible study "The Synoptic Gospels" led by Alan Stumpf in the multipurpose room at 9:00 am for all junior high students and their parents.
- An adult & family Bible study "Sticky Faith" led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe at 9:00 am in the church basement kitchen. Feel free to bring your little ones, too!
- Elders' Bible studies will be held several times a month at various elders' homes. The topic of discussion is "What Jesus Demands from the World."

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

- A study of *Jeremiah* led by Pastor Demski in the overflow room at 9:30 am. This is a Bible fellowship for adults.

Thursdays:

- The Ladies' Bible study is studying *A Woman of Contentment: Ecclesiastes* at 7:00 pm in the overflow room.

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

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

Pick up a baby bottle today (they're in the narthex!), take it home, fill it with your change over the next several weeks, and bring it back by Feb. 5th. You can drop it off in the church office or in the narthex. Thanks for you support!

THE 2017 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Be sure to sign up for your weekend(s) early. Our flower coordinator, Sandy Thompson, will contact you prior to your weekend with all of the details.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD GREETERS for each of our services. Can you help? All you need to do is be friendly and welcome people coming to worship. Contact Lisa in the church office if you can help.

2016 BAPTISMAL LAMBS. Was your son or daughter baptized at Immanuel in 2016? If so, his/her baptismal lamb is in the church office. Feel free to pick it up anytime.

ELDERS' BIBLE STUDIES are focusing on "What Jesus Demands from the World" in their homes. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served each evening. Our next studies will be held in February. *See the insert for more details!*

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Beta Sigma Psi, a National Lutheran Fraternity, is offering \$1,500 scholarships (titled "The Christian Leadership Award") to senior men in high school who plan on attending the University of Illinois in Fall 2017. For more information, please visit <http://wp.betasigmapi.org/scholarships-grants/> or contact Nathaniel Stoll at (217) 273-3393 or nstoll2@illinois.edu.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY COMING TO IMMANUEL! During March 4-5, the 10-person band from Lutheran High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, will be making a stop in Waterloo on their extended trip and will be providing musical accompaniment during all 3 services. We are looking for host families for 3 girls and 7 boys. **Can you host 1 or more of these students? If so, contact the church office and let us know!**

Upcoming Events

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY. Financial Peace University is coming back to Immanuel! FPU is a 9 week course starting January 22nd.

We'll meet each Sunday from 3-5 pm until March 19th. We'll have class and then have some dinner together for fellowship and time to talk if there are any lingering questions from class. Child care will be provided. This class costs \$50 which includes the kit (book, lesson materials, etc), and a subscription to the EveryDollar App from Dave Ramsey. If you have any questions, please check with Pastor Demski.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS. Immanuel will start a new Adult Information Class on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 pm. This class is preparation for new membership here at Immanuel and a great refresher course for long time Lutherans. Class participants will meet every week for approximately 10 weeks. See Pastor Troup for more info. **All are welcome to join us!**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN IN A FAST CHANGING, BIOTECH WORLD? Join us on Sunday, January 22, 2017, 4-7 pm, in the sanctuary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 Beltline Rd, Collinsville, IL, to hear Dr. Robert Weise give a brief overview of some of the more recent advances in Human Genetics, Assisted Reproductive Biology, Human Sex Selections, and Transgender Identity as all of these relate to the Biblical teaching of Creation and Stewardship of the body and soul. A light supper will be served.

LIFE LINE SCREENING. Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? Protect your health by participating in the **Life Line Screening** health screenings that will be at **Immanuel Lutheran Church on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.** Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please or call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

MEN'S RETREAT. Camp Wartburg is sponsoring their annual Men's Retreat on Jan. 27-28, 2017. Pastor Bobby Walston will be the guest speaker for the weekend. Want more info? Contact Lisa in the church office.

BOOK CLUB. Join them on Monday, Feb. 6th at 7:00 pm in the library to discuss *Sexual Morality in a Christless World* by Matthew Rueger. The book for their March 6th meeting will be *Amazing Grace* by Eric Metaxas.

JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL "MEET & GREET" POTLUCK! The board of Social Ministry invites you to our annual "Meet & Greet" Potluck on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 11:30 am. We will be recognizing those members received during 2016 (Cliff & Kay Bense; Pastor & Veronica Demski; Christy Gardner and her sons, Tripp & Case; and Becky Nobbe). We'll provide the meat, bread, and drinks. All who attend, other than our recognized families, are asked to bring either a side dish/salad or dessert. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a dessert. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a side dish or salad. Hope to see you there!

LIFETIME PLAN FOR GIVING. Scott Radden, a financial counselor for The LCMS Foundation, will be giving a presentation on estate planning called "Lifetime Plan for Giving" on Monday, Feb. 27, starting at 7:00 pm here at Immanuel. See the insert in upcoming bulletins for more details.

LOOKING FOR 13 MEN AND 2 WOMEN (high school age and up) to participate in the Living Last Supper on Sunday, April 9, at 4:00 pm. Please contact Don Birrittter (314-724-2690) as soon as possible if you would like to participate or have any questions.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

- 21 Jackson Eybel
Barb Grant
- 22 George Lesinger
Brian Nobbe
- 23 Addie Janssen
Stanley Mitchell
- 25 Ernie Bartels
Denise Gruber
Mike Hemmer
- 27 David Rehmer
Evan Williams
- 28 Rose Hoeffken

Anniversaries:

- 26 Bud & Gloria Knoke (66)
- 28 Dennis & Nancy Rodenberg (33)