



Weekly Calendar Mar. 18-26, 2023

Saturday, 3/18

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 3/19

7:45a Holy Communion

9:00a Sunday School &
Bible Classes

10:15a Holy Communion

11:30a Living Last Supper
Rehearsal

11:30a-4p Mission Quilt
Tying Day

Tuesday, 3/21

14p Quilters' Guild

11:00a Women's Christian
Ministry Lunch &
Meeting

Wednesday, 3/22

9:30a Adult Bible Study

5-6:30p Lenten Dinner

6:30p Lenten Service

6:30-8p Midweek Classes

7-8p Choir

8:05p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 3/23

Pastor Demski's Day Off

1-7p Quilters' Guild

Saturday, 3/25

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 3/26

7:45a Holy Communion

9:00a Sunday School &
Bible Classes

10:15a Holy Communion

11:30a Living Last Supper
Rehearsal

11:30-1p Basket Making
Event

6-8p Youth Group

LENT CONTINUES! Each Wednesday during Lent, Immanuel will have services at 6:30 p.m. with dinners (hosted by various organizations/groups) beforehand from 5-6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

EASTER LILIES ARE BACK! Please see the special insert for details and an order form.

THANK YOU to all for the prayers, cards, gifts, and gift baskets given to me during the past few months and my recent stay in rehab. Your kindness is appreciated. - Bernell Bachelier

Our Weekly Announcements

STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Each week during the school year, Immanuel's Preschool recognizes one student as the "Student of the Week." There is a board in the narthex with some fun info about this child and his/her family. This week (Mar. 20-24) the student is Beckett Doerr. Beckett's parents are Nick & Jaime. Please keep Beckett and his family in your prayers.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: Jan-Mar and Apr-Jun booklets are available in the narthex.

SUNDAY TREATS: In the narthex each Sunday between services. The Evangelism board and the Women's Christian Ministry set up & clean up each week, and are always looking for volunteers to bring treats. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

MEMBER CARE: From time to time, several members need assistance around the house and getting to doctors' appts during the day/week. Contact Lisa in the church office if you can help.

BULLETIN BOARD: Please be sure to look at the bulletin board in the narthex for info about upcoming local events (Older Adult Retreat, Women's events, Kids' events, concerts), flower chart, sign-up sheets, etc.

COLLECTIONS: Our on-going collection of non-perishable food items supports the Bi-County Backpack Program, and our March & April collection of cleaning supplies, kitchen towels, arts & crafts supplies, and hand sanitizer supports Camp Wartburg. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex or in the church office. *Please return your baby bottles to the church office ASAP.*

NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday in Lent. The readings will be Ezek. 37:1-14; Rom. 8:1-11; and John 11:17-27, 38-53.

NEW WAYS TO GIVE! ACH. Credit card. See our website, the forms in the narthex, or contact the church office for all the details.

YOU ARE NEEDED AND WELCOME!

Consider joining the Adult Choir, all voices are welcome (SATB). Practices are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 (during Lent immediately following church services). If you would have an interest in playing or have any questions, please contact Ann Frank (afrank@htc.net or 618.282.6597).

DONATIONS NEEDED: The Board of Evangelism is preparing for the annual Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast on Easter Sunday. They are looking for donations of plastic eggs and candy. **Please drop off your donations in the church office by April 1st.**

STEWARDSHIP NOTES: We need help to build a time and talent information database to be used by Immanuel. This should be a service that can be done on a home computer. Also, please keep Immanuel in your prayers as we will be seeking nominations for the following offices to be elected on May 7, 2023, Vice-President (Director of the Board of Spiritual Ministry), Secretary, Financial Secretary, Director of the Board of Evangelism, Director of the Board of Youth Ministry, Director of the Board of Social Ministry. We also need volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. If you are willing and able to help with one or both of these requests, please contact a stewardship board member (Sean Arians, Pam Nagel, Pam Schrader, Alan Stumpf, or Sam Stumpf) or the church office.

SCAVENGER HUNT! Saturday, April 1st! This is such a fun family event! Also, join us for a fun Basket Making event next Sunday, March 26, to prep for the Scavenger Hunt. See the insert for details about both events, and how to register your team!

LIVING LAST SUPPER. Join us on **Sunday, April 2, at 3:00 p.m.** for this special dramatic service as we prepare for the events of Holy Week. Several members, musicians, and others are busy preparing and are excited to take part in this special service. A light meal will follow. Feel free to invite your family & friends, too.

BOOK CLUB: We will meet on **Monday, April 3rd at 7 p.m.** in the conference room to discuss *Them before Us* by Katy Faust & Stacy Manning. Our May 1st book will be Malcolm Gladwell's *David & Goliath*. All are welcome. Would you like to borrow one of these books? If so, let the church office know.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS to our annual Easter breakfast and egg hunt on **Easter Sunday, April 9th from 9-10 a.m.** Before or after church, enjoy breakfast, games, crafts, and an egg hunt. Hope to see you then!

WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT: Join us for a special Women's Retreat on **Saturday, April 22, from 9-11 a.m.** Look for more details in April, but mark your calendars now!

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: The Board of Evangelism is hosting a fun family-friendly Bingo night on **Saturday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m.** Sign up in the narthex! Prizes, food, and lots of fellowship! More details to come!

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

- 18 Brielle Fink
Tim Scheibe
- 19 Nathan Bise
Nadine Rowold
- 21 Grace Herschbach
Jessie Horrell
- 22 Clark Deptula
Lee Doty
Ian Schrader
Susan Starbuck
- 23 Yvonne Brandt
- 24 Andrew Glessner
- 25 Liam Dethrow
Brian Horn
Gary Layton
- 26 Paige Gruber
Wyatt Hoeffken

Anniversaries:

- 18 Mark & Denise Gruber (34)
- 20 Gregory & Jean Hoeffken (24)
- 25 Alan & Norine Stumpf (40)

Last Week's Attendance:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Saturday	51	51
7:45 a.m.	57	45
10:15 a.m.	<u>86</u>	<u>44</u>
	194	140

2023 average weekly attendance: 194

Midweek 3	84	78
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Sunday School:

PreK-8th	15	\$1.00
High School	5	
Adults/Family	<u>17</u>	
	37	

Life Thoughts ... March 19 ... Lent IV

Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors' brokenness's just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

In Our Prayers...

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Sandy Moore (MS), Iva Mesnarich (shut in), Alvera Jacobs, Marie Dietzel, Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Ken Schanz (leukemia), Brenda Schreder (hip replacement), Bernell Bachelier (broken ankle), Nede Bachelier (cancer), Wendy Maag, Carolyn Henry, Sharon Osterhage, Pat Jones, Helen Clamors, Randy Wetzler (cancer), Sue Bradshaw

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (recovering from surgery), Ken Horn (cancer), Sarah Castelli, Glenda Manion, Daryl Bense (dementia), Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Elsa Wiemerslage (leukemia relapse), Kevin Williams (Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Gary Sorensen (foot surgery), Roger Wild (cancer), Chris Urquhart (ongoing health issues), Marsha Ehlers (pancreatic cancer), Cathy Scott (cancer), Steve Scott (cancer), Drew Daubach (traumatic brain injury), Joan McDaniel (heart issues), Emma Wienhoff (sciatic problems), Scott Castelli (stage 4 colon cancer)

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Alicia Gunn, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Immanuel's Preschool, Immanuel's Mission Team, Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL), Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School (Evansville, IL)

Weekly Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes

For Men:

- Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. at Triada Advisors in Columbia. Bryan Wolfmueller's book "A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World" led by Pastor Demski.

For Women:

- *Would you be interested in leading and/or attending? Contact the church office and let us know!*

For All Adults:

- Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the overflow room. Led by Pastor Demski.
- Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement kitchen. Led by Scott & Jen Janssen. A family Bible study. All are welcome! Feel free to bring your little ones, too!
- Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the overflow room. Led by Pastor Demski. (Facebook Live, too!)

For Preschool—High School:

- Preschool—5th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. The PreS-2nd grade classes are led by Devin Brammeier, Deborah Joellenbeck, April Kirkley, Millie Menke & Tracy Simms, and the 3rd-5th grade class is led by Melissa Wiegand. *All classes meet in the church basement.*
- 6th-8th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Led by Greg Wiegand & Alan Stumpf in the multipurpose room (gym).
- High school: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Led by Alex "Micro" Voges in the youth room in the education building.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- Mission Quilt Tying Day—Sun., March 19th
- Basket Making Day—Sun., March 26th
- 3rd Annual Scavenger Hunt—Sat., April 1st
- Living Last Supper—Sun., April 2nd
- Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt—Sun., April 9th
- Cardinals Baseball Game—Sun., April 16th
- Women's Mini-Retreat—Sat., April 22nd
- Bingo Night—Sat., April 29th
- Junior Confirmation—Sun., April 30th

Please see the special inserts for more details!

Want to view our live services or past worship services? Need more info about Preschool, upcoming events, Bible studies? Need church resources, bulletins, announcements, or to view our calendar? immanuelwaterloo.org