



Weekly Calendar Apr. 27-May 5, 2024

Saturday, 4/27

9-11a Women's Mini-Retreat
5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 4/28

7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study
10:15a Holy Communion & Confirmation

Tuesday, 4/30

1-4p Quilters' Guild

Wednesday, 5/1

9:30a Adult Bible Study
6:30-8p Ladies' Bible Study
7:00p Choir
8:05p Agape Ringers

Thursday, 5/2

2-7p Quilter's Guild

Saturday, 5/4

5:30p Holy Communion

Sunday, 5/5

7:45a Holy Communion
9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study
10:15a Holy Communion
11:20a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

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mornings. And, thank you to all who make a donation! *Want to sign up to provide treats? See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board!*

KEEP COLLECTING THOSE PLASTIC LIDS & CAPS! Be sure to drop them off in the narthex anytime. This collection will help to provide benches & tables at the new Waterloo Splash Pad!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday May 5th, 2024—11:20 a.m. Please join us for this important meeting! Election of officers, board reports, pastoral update, and other items are on the agenda.

Our Weekly Announcements

DRAWINGS: Each of our Preschool students have drawn a special picture that encompasses the LCMS school theme "Connected to Christ." Please see the back cover of your bulletin each week for these special drawings.

COLLECTIONS: Our on-going collection of non-perishable food items supports the Bi-County Backpack Program. The Board of Community Care is collecting gently used clothing/shoes, cleaning products, hygiene items & linens for CFNA during April. Please place all item donations in the collection box in the narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Did you know that our preschool—8th grade Sunday School classes take an offering each week? These offerings benefit local organizations and also groups within Immanuel. *During April, the offerings benefit The Restore Network of Monroe County.* This organization helps families who provide foster care to local children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CANCELLED MAY 19TH: There will not be any Sunday School Classes on May 19th due to a Teacher's meeting being held.

WAYS TO GIVE: ACH. Credit card. See our website or contact the church office for all the details.

FLAT SHEETS ON A MISSION!

Immanuel's Quilters are in need of FLAT sheets (all sizes) for their mission quilts. These sheets do not have to be new, just in good condition with no holes or thin areas. You can drop off your sheets in the Quilting Room (in the basement of education building) on Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. or on Thursdays from 2-7 p.m. You can also drop them off in the office anytime as well. All are welcome to join the quilters' guild and stop in during their quilting times (days/times above).

SUNDAY TREATS: Be sure to stop by the narthex for coffee and/or a treat on Sunday mornings. Thank you to all who have continued to provide treats on Sunday

CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday May 5, 2024, at Holy Cross, Wartburg. Serving time 11-2. Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, applesauce & dessert. Adults \$15.00. Child 6-12 \$7.00.

FULFILLING THE STEWARDSHIP OF TEACHING AT IMMANUEL:

Teaching at all ages is a fundamental building block for our life as Christians. The Great Commission demonstrates the importance of teaching in Immanuel's ministry. From Matthew 28 we read, ¹⁸"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰**and teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We find in the Book of Mark, in various manners, often parables, Jesus taught the disciples (and us). How do we, as members of Immanuel nurture one another as Christians? One of our stewardship building blocks is the discipleship of teaching. Our Board of Stewardship asks you to prayerfully consider your role as a teacher in your life at Immanuel. There is a paramount need for a teaching team for grades 5 and 6 at Immanuel. There are many other teaching roles at Immanuel that can be filled with your time and talents! We also ask you to pray for Immanuel's education ministry.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS

NEEDED! We are looking for various items for snacks, decorations, crafts, and classroom use for our VBS this summer. Contact the office if you can help or have any questions. Items needed include: bright colored streamers and plastic tablecloths, red & white solid or striped plastic tablecloths, bright colored balloons, Sticky Tack-lots of it, white foam board, posterboard-all bright colors, rubber cement, glue gun sticks, laundry baskets (red or blue), 600 paper plates, 600 napkins, helium tanks, small umbrellas, nylon clothesline/rope, small popcorn buckets/bags, gift cards to Amazon, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree or Dollar General. Please drop off your donations in the office on or before May 31st. Thank you for your support! ****Know anyone with carnival games or a dunk tank? Let us know!****

CARDINALS GAME: Immanuel's Mission Team invites you to a St. Louis Cardinals game on Sunday, June 30th at 1:15 p.m. v. Cincinnati Reds. \$30 per ticket includes a free hot dog & soda. See the special insert in your bulletin for more info & an order form!

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP ROAD TRIP: July 16-18. Creation Museum-Arc Encounter-Holiday World. There's still room! Contact the Janssens if you are interested!

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

- 27 Justin Andracsek
- 28 Hayden Morris
Denise Wiese
- 29 Robert Kettler
Bob Osterhage
Max Schrader
- 30 Tom Bequette
Julius Cottner
Judy Knox-Myer
Madalyn Valerius
- 1 Jakson Gregory
- 2 Kristian Bacon
Lily Dietz
Greg Wiegand
- 3 Jensyn Collmeyer
- 5 Lindsey Braun
Jacob Johnson

Anniversaries:

- 28 Jim & Lori Smothers (34)
- 29 Howard & Norma Shive (52)
- 30 Bob & Wilma Mae Prange (64)
- 2 Doug & Emilie Land (9)
- 5 Randy & Candi Bise (45)

Last Week's Attendance:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Saturday 5:30	51	47
Sunday 7:45	50	61
Sunday 10:15	<u>110</u>	<u>85</u>
	211	193

2024 weekly average: 208

Sunday School:

Preschool-8th	31	\$3.50
HS	5	
Adults	<u>15</u>	
	51	

Next Weekend

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:34-48, 1 John 5:1-8
John 15:9-17

Our Vacancy Pastor

Pastor Brian Downs

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You can always contact him to schedule an appointment.
618-920-6657 or
bdowns316@gmail.com

In Our Prayers...

Please continue to keep our congregation and preschool in your prayers. And, in addition,

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Sandy Moore (MS), Iva Mesnarich, Marie Dietzel, Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Ken Schanz (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), Carolyn Henry, Pat Jones, Helen Clamors, Randy Wetzler (cancer), Sue Bradshaw, Marvin Henry (back problems), Sandy Thompson (leg circulation problems), Christy Gardner (breast cancer, undergoing chemo), Wendy Maag (recovering from surgery), Harold Daugherty (pancreatic cancer), Cathy Whelan (cancer), Jackie Prigge (UTI, hospitalized)

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (recovering from another surgery), Sarah Castelli, Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Elsa Wiemerslage (leukemia relapse), Chris Urquhart (ongoing health issues), Marsha Ehlers (pancreatic cancer), Gary Hayes (infection), Bill Hanks (Alzheimer's), Matt Driskill (cancer), Ray Kellerman (recovering from stroke), Pastor Terry Grebing (kidney cancer), Jeff Kistner, Elisha Fink (liver failure), Danny Altschuh (very sick, liver disease), Tracey Bender-Fahey (cancer), Nate Gifford (cancer), Dennis Knobloch, Evelyn Marquardt (cancer), Delbert Wittenauer (cancer), Mary Ann Neeman (broken femur)

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Dustin Bender, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty, Minseok Oh

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: 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:

- Postponed for now. Watch future bulletins and newsletters for more details.

For Women:

- Wednesdays in the conference room at 6:30 p.m. In April & May, we are studying *Pew Sisters* by Katie Schuermann.

For All Adults:

- Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the overflow room. Discussion of the weekend readings, led by Pastor Brian Downs.
- 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. Working through the book of Mark and led by Bob Kassel.

For Preschool—High School:

- Preschool—5th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. All classes meet in the church basement. Various classes led by Deborah Joellenbeck, April Kirkley, Millie Powers, Tracy Simms, Devin Voges, and Melissa Wiegand.
- 6th-8th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Led by Greg Wiegand & Alan Stumpf in the multipurpose room. The First Missionary Journey of Paul, Barnabas and John.
- High school: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Led by Alex "Micro" Voges in the youth room in the education building.

Life Thoughts ... April 28 ... Easter V

It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.