

# Immanuel Monthly

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2021



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

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## ***From Our Administrative Pastor...***

*<sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. - Paul speaking to the pastors in Ephesus (Acts 20:28-30)*

I was blessed to go on a pastoral retreat in July called “Doxology.” The goal of the retreat was to equip pastors to do what Paul urges the pastors of Ephesus to do in the passage quoted above, “care for the church of God.” God purchased you with His own blood. God washed away your sins in baptism. God has put men like Pastor Troup and me to provide spiritual care amid the fierce wolves and various trials that come up until Christ returns in glory.

As your pastors, we’re not “too busy” to listen, chat, and provide God’s Word and Sacraments. You don’t have to worry about “bugging” us. We’re here to provide spiritual care for you. As a matter of fact, I’m working with the elders, Pastor, and Lisa so we can do that even better. We’re trying to reach out more, check in more, and get to know the family of Immanuel even better to provide the care Christ has called us to provide. When we reach out to you, it’s not because you’re in trouble, but because we care. When we reach out in any way it’s because the world is evil, and we want to bring you the love of Christ.

We need the love of Christ in this increasingly crazy world. Christ’s church is not here to proclaim the hope and peace offered by the world. We’re not here to preach masks or no masks to help against COVID. Christ’s church is not here to proclaim the hope and peace of vaccination or no vaccination. Believe it or not, Christ’s church isn’t here to turn people against one another on any healthcare matter. There are many unknowns in the world and the church is here to proclaim the truth rather than the current headline. All the hope and peace that our medical industry tries to proclaim will not provide lasting hope and peace because no mask, vaccination, or medication will defeat eternal death. Even in the best of times you can look up all the stories of everyone “doing it right” according to science and one day you’ll still find their obituaries. Eternal life is not found in the NIH, WHO, CDC, or any scientific group. We often need to be reminded of that. Science is not your Savior. Jesus is your Savior. We learn things about the world and some of those things we learn may seem to help a bit here or there, but in the end, Christ is our hope and God is in control. We need no other god.

Jesus sent you pastors to give you the eternal medicine of Word and Sacrament. That’s the only thing that truly cures death. I will never promise that even under the most recommended conditions with the strictest safety precautions that you won’t get sick or even die any more than I have ever been able to promise that you won’t die in a car crash going to or from church. What I can promise is that you’re a poor miserable sinner for whom Christ died and that means that whether you live or die today, you’ll live eternally in the resurrection by the promise of Christ given you in your baptism and through His body and blood. THAT is true hope and peace. Changing reports, anecdotal stories, new research... none of that brings true peace. Knowing that Christ is strong in your weakness and has defeated death for you is the place to look for peace. Christ is the king of peace.

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## ***From Our Associate Pastor...***

Romans 9:1-3. *I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

In Romans 9:1-3, the Bible verse above, Paul expresses one of the greatest desires of his heart. He wants his fellow Jews to come to faith in Jesus and experience Christ's grace. He goes so far as to say that he would be willing to be cursed, to be damned, if that would bring salvation to his kinsmen. In other words, Paul was willing to suffer hell if that meant redemption for the Jews who rejected Christ.

It was a nice thought. A noble gesture that reflected his desire that the lost be saved. And I don't doubt his sincerity. He tells us that he's "speaking the truth in Christ." He's not "lying" about this desire. His conscience and the Holy Spirit "bear witness" to the truth of his wish. But, truth be told, Paul's wish was a pipe dream. A giant departure from reality. He desire was noble, but completely wrong headed.

You see, Paul was a sinner. He would have been the first to tell you that. In fact, he called himself the "chief of sinners" in 1 Timothy 1:15. And a sinner can't bear the sins of others to make atonement for their transgressions. If Paul were to be "accursed," that is, suffer hell because of sin, it could only be for his own sins. In order to make a sacrifice for the sins of others, the one sacrificed must be spotless, without blemish, holy and blameless.

That means only Jesus can be our Savior. He's the only one in the world who's sinless, without spot or blemish, holy and blameless. Only Jesus lived a life of perfect obedience to God and perfect love. He alone loved God and others the way God intends. He alone could make atonement for your sins, my sins, and the sins of the whole world.

Praise God, that's what Jesus did. Knowing that we would be lost forever without him, Jesus entered our world to take away your sins and mine. Knowing that he was the only one who could make a sacrifice for sins on behalf of others, Jesus gladly, willing, and joyfully went to the cross. As the author of Hebrews put it so well in Heb. 12:2: "Look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who *for the joy* that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame." As the cross loomed before Jesus during his passion, he didn't say, "Hey, let someone else do it!" No. He said, "Only I can do it. And I'll do it gladly because bringing life and salvation is my joyous work." He did it for you. He suffered hell on the cross so that you would know God's love and peace and favor forever. So that the

curse of sin and death would be removed from you "as far as the east is from the west." (Psalm 103:12) To God be the glory forever and ever!

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Inoup*

## **A Note from Our Music Director...**

### ***A New Beginning...***

Each new school year brings about a new beginning for all involved: new teacher(s), new classroom(s), new classmates, etc. Once we come to the end of the "summer season," thoughts are focused on fall activities and programs. The same can be said about *new beginnings* in other aspects or times in our lives.

Recently, Elden and Taryn Niemeyer conducted a "hand bell clinic" for Immanubells...new and seasoned ringers. What a joy it was to hear the chimes and bells being played/rung throughout the afternoon. It was also a joy to see the enthusiasm by both directors and ringers in that a "new music season" for them has started and will allow them to share special music during our worship services.

This month has Sunday School students begin a "new music season" as new and seasoned singers attend the opening period of their lesson. During this time, students are learning various songs/hymns to be sung at scheduled worship services. It is wonderful to hear the voices of children praising their Lord and Savior.

Immanuel's preschool students will share anthems with worshippers at announced worship services, too! These offerings provide children/youth with the opportunity to add HIS praises to worship at Immanuel.

For some of the above, it will be a new beginning of joining a specific group, and for some it will be a new beginning of a new season.

Adults will also join in singing and ringing HIS praises as a new music season begins this month.

So...no matter what time in our life...

"We can mention only one point (which experience confirms) namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. No greater commendation than this can be found—at least not by us. After all, the gift of language combined with the gift of song was only

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# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <p><b>Happy Birthday to...</b></p> <p>1 Ross Stumpf<br/>Pastor Troup</p> <p>3 Jane Gaitsch<br/>Madalyn Prather</p> <p>4 Millie Menke</p> <p>5 Tripp Gardner<br/>Vi Scheibe</p> <p>6 Susan Leonard<br/>Ryan Williams</p> <p>7 Brian Kettler<br/>Tracy Simms</p> <p>8 Stacy Hemmer<br/>Braxton Herschbach<br/>Shawn Wilde</p> <p>9 Courtney Heimbürger<br/>Daniel Menke<br/>Aaron Shive<br/>Danny Weihl</p> <p>10 Jordyn Koch<br/>Audra Scheibe</p> <p>11 Julie Downs<br/>Kevin Whelan</p> <p>12 Kim Arbeiter<br/>Brian Downing<br/>David Renner</p> <p>13 Evelyn Weihl</p> <p>14 Steven Menke<br/>Nancy Schanz</p> <p>15 Tyler Major<br/>Jennifer Patterson<br/>Katelyn Prigge</p> <p>16 Debbie Arras<br/>Angie Filipiak<br/>Waylenn Kruse<br/>Chase Rubemeyer<br/>Ely Rusteberg</p> <p>17 Lauren Patterson</p> <p>18 Lois Heise<br/>Larry Taake</p> <p>19 Corey Rahn<br/>John Stratman<br/>Alan Stumpf</p> <p>20 Kyra Drewes<br/>Josh Polansky</p> <p>21 Dawn Clamors<br/>Brian Hart<br/>Marsha Voges<br/>Tami Wilson</p> <p>22 Eric Brandt<br/>Angie Broske<br/>Dawn Garner<br/>Leah Maag</p> <p>23 Ayda Eggemeyer<br/>Patsy Hicks<br/>Jerry Moeser</p> <p>24 Tracy Koch</p> | <p>25 Laurie Sparwasser<br/>Anne Stumpf<br/>Ashlyn Whelan</p> <p>26 Crystal Becker<br/>Kylee LaRue<br/>Katlyn Menke<br/>Cathy Whelan</p> <p>27 Neal O'Brien</p> <p>28 Lisa Clamors<br/>Rob LaRue<br/>Christine Thompson</p> <p>29 Jacob Dethrow<br/>John Doty</p> <p>30 Kyle Rusteberg</p> | <p><b>Happy Anniversary to...</b></p> <p>1 Matt &amp; Lacey Keller (3)</p> <p>3 Adam &amp; Nicole Perjak (11)</p> <p>4 Jason &amp; Christy Gardner (11)</p> <p>6 Ben &amp; Stephanie Blakeslee (7)</p> <p>7 Paul &amp; Angie Broske (36)<br/>Larry &amp; Lynn Taake (20)</p> <p>8 Curt &amp; Linda Wittbracht (49)</p> <p>9 Jim &amp; Dinah Pflasterer (54)</p> <p>11 Randy &amp; Robin Wetzler (39)</p> <p>13 Ed &amp; Susan Stanglein (46)</p> <p>14 Cliff &amp; Kay Bense (31)</p> <p>16 Claude &amp; Barb Heimbürger (26)<br/>Rob &amp; Angela LaRue (19)</p> <p>18 Larry &amp; Janet Goessling (22)</p> <p>19 Josh &amp; Jessi Gregory (12)</p> <p>20 Perry &amp; Joan Koch (24)</p> <p>26 Rich &amp; Judy Hitzemann (62)<br/>Charles &amp; Phyllis Lloyd (57)</p> <p>27 Wayne &amp; Vicky Englert (35)</p> <p>28 Wayne &amp; Susan Hargrave (36)<br/>Tim &amp; Angie Williams (25)</p> <p>29 Robert &amp; Linda Allscheid (42)</p> <p>30 Robert &amp; Vicki Clark (43)<br/>John &amp; Jennifer Patterson (21)</p> |
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***Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all celebrating in September!***

## Parish Leaders

### Pastors:

Rev. Merritt Demski, 847-254-9666      Administrative  
Rev. Dr. Tony Troup, 618-340-8375      Associate

### Church & School Staff:

Lisa Clamors, 618-719-4954      Office Secretary  
Ann Frank, 314-346-7413      Music Director  
Sandy Mueller      Church & Ed Bldg. Custodian  
Ed Arras      Groundskeeper/Maintenance  
Linda Polansky, 618-980-3475      Preschool Director  
Deborah Joellenbeck      Preschool Aide/Custodian

### Church Council:

Cal Neeman, 618-531-3812      President  
Jason Valerius, 314-920-8907      Vice-President  
Jill Eggemeyer, 618-401-8121      Secretary  
David Powell, 618-974-9222      Treasurer  
Harry Thompson, 618-792-8326      Financial Secretary  
Taryn Niemeyer, 618-719-7520      Christian Education  
Wayne Hargrave, 618-719-6748      Church Properties  
Gina Birrittier, 314-724-1051      Evangelism/Fellowship  
Susan Starbuck, 618-939-5296      Social Ministry  
Jason Valerius, 314-920-8907      Spiritual Ministry  
Pat Kelly, 636-373-2967      Stewardship  
Cathy Whelan, 618-612-3150      Youth Ministry

### Other Volunteers:

Lisa Clamors      Sunday School Superintendent  
Marilyn Collette      Head Sacristan  
Stephanie Brandt      Sacristans  
Diana Heins  
Valerie Zeisset  
Sandy Thompson      Flower Coordinator

*Have you ever thought about joining one of Immanuel's Boards or committees? If so, please contact the appropriate person listed above.*

**Do You Have an Email Address?**

Did you know that you could be a good steward by receiving our newsletter via e-mail? Call or e-mail the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

## Elders' Shepherding Program

*(Families whose last name begins with)*

- A-B            Rodney Clamors, 618-719-4023
- C-D            Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033
- E-Ha          Scott Janssen, 214-629-6975
- He-Hu        Bob Polansky, 618-979-0918
- J-K            Tyson Bradley, 618-713-1913
- L-Mel         Kevin Wheat, 618-830-3538
- Men-My      open
- N-P            Elden Niemeyer, 939-7982
- R-Sche        Larry Taake, 939-4757
- Schi-Sw      Greg Wiegand, 618-410-1500
- T-Wel         Kevin Whelan, 618-791-0603
- Wem-Z        Aaron Thompson, 618-792-9652
- Elders & Pastors: Jason Valerius, 314-920-8907

*Have a question or would like to speak to your elder, feel free to call him anytime.*

## Monthly Collections

### Board of Social Ministry:

September & October: Immanuel's Preschool

Immanuel's Preschool is a ministry of our church and has created an Amazon wish list for those wanting to donate to this ministry. See the collection box in the narthex for a list of needed items.

### Bi-County Backpack Program:

This is an ongoing collection that supports children in Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo throughout the year. See the weekly bulletins for a list of items needed, and place those donations in the collection box in the narthex. Thank you!

### Sunday School:

September: Immanuel's Preschool

Each month, the Sunday School classes take a monetary offering for a specific charity. Thank you to all of the Pre-K through 8th grade students that contribute to these collections each month!

Please keep our people, our community, our state, our country, and our world in your prayers. God is with us always!

#### **For Men:**

- Tuesdays at 6:30 am at Triada Advisors in Columbia. The group is studying the book of Daniel.

#### **For Women:**

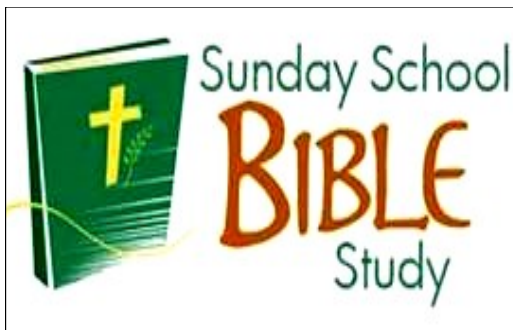
- TBD (*anyone interested in leading?*)

#### **For All Adults:**

- Sundays at 9:00 am in the overflow room. Led by Pastor Troup. They are studying the book "The Christian in a Pagan Society" based on 1 Cor.
- Sundays at 9:00 am in the church basement kitchen. Led by Scott & Jen Janssen, this class has a faith development and parenting focus. Feel free to bring your little ones, too!
- Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the overflow room. Led by Pastor Demski. (Facebook Live, too!)

#### **For Pre-K—College:**

- Preschool—6th grades: Sundays at 9:00 am in the church basement. Led by Pam Nagel, Deborah Joellenbeck, Melissa Wiegand, Gayle Mesnarich, and Lisa Clamors.
- 7th & 8th grades: Sundays at 9:00 am in the multipurpose room. "Accounts of Christian Teaching & Service" led by Alan Stumpf. Parents are welcome to attend, too.
- High school and College-age: Sundays at 9:00 am in Pastor Demski's office. Led by Pastor Demski.



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### ICE IS AVAILABLE

Available during office hours or before/after our services. Machine is in our kitchen, and there are bags located on the counter next to the machine. Donations are appreciated.

# IN OUR PRAYERS...

*Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.*

**We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners:** Millie Menke, Sandy Moore (MS), Perry Koch (nursing home), Ruby Muench (cancer), Iva Mesnarich (shut in), Alvera Jacobs, Lana Mueller (recovering at home), Helen Clamors, Betty Schimpf (severe back pain), Marie Dietzel (broken hip), Marian Obst, Roy Weihl, Lori Collmeyer, Brad Altes, Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Tom Bequette (recovering from knee replacement surgery), Virgil Horn (stroke)

**We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (recovering from surgery), Ken Horn (cancer), Nicole Bachelier, Gordon Curd (dialysis), Steven Muench, Sarah Castelli, Glenda Manion, Pat Bolañius (dementia), Patrick Bolañius (cancer), Jean Stroisch (cancer), Daryl Bense (dementia), Eleanor Krebel (leukemia), Joan Rhower (cancer), Dale Brouk (lung cancer), Sharee Wilmes (cancer), Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Charles Williams (cancer), Daniel Morgan (recovering from Covid), Dorothy Mueller (recovering at home), Mike Ruby (bypass surgery), Valerie Anderson (cancer), Amanda Norris (recovering from surgery), Nicki Schleben, Zach & Cash Triefenbach, Richard Gill (Covid), John Taylor (heart attack), Elsa Wiemerslage (leukemia relapse)

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

**We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions:** Immanuel's Preschool, Immanuel's Mission Team, Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

## June & July 2021 Official Acts

**Baptisms:**

July 18—*Mark Joseph Powers*, son of Joseph & Millie nee Menke Powers

**Transfers In:**

May 28—Cody, Dana & Camden Todt

**Transfers Out:**

July 6—Bunny Boyd to Holy Cross, Wartburg  
 July 6—Kimberly & Addison Breier to St. John's, Red Bud

## Monthly Attendance

June 2021: 622  
 July 2021: 644

2021 Weekly Average (as of 7/31): 159

As of 7/31/21, there were 913 baptized members.

## Finances

June 2021

Total Deposits \$ 46,654.34  
 Total Expenses \$ 38,156.89  
 Over/(Short) \$ 8,497.45

July 2021

Total Deposits \$ 30,568.19  
 Total Expenses \$ 44,232.29  
 Over/(Short) \$ 13,664.10

July 31, 2021 Balances:

Checking \$ 44,541.18  
 Scholarship Fund \$ 9,892.27  
 Discretionary Fund \$ 19,122.48  
 Memorial Fund \$ 7,235.00  
 Mueller Memorial \$ 1,490.00  
 Collmeyer Memorial \$ 2,805.00  
 Loan \$313,187.22

2021 Year to Date:

Deposits \$292,604.99  
 Expenses \$313,636.46  
 Over/(Short) \$ (21,031.47)  
 Unpaid Obligations \$ 0.00

## September 2021 Altar Flowers

9/4—9/5 open  
 9/11—9/12 Given to the glory of God by Cliff & Kay Bense in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary  
 9/18—9/19 open  
 9/25—9/26 open

*The 2021 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sign up for the weekend you would like! As your weekend approaches, Sandy Thompson, our flower coordinator, will contact you to give you more details.*

Donate to Immanuel as you shop!



[smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0734375](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0734375)

## September 2021 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Media Team
Sat, Sep 04	5:30 PM		Greg Wiegand		Blake Nichols	Diana Heins	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Sep 05	7:45 AM	9	Chuck Keller		Davin Dethrow & Jacob Dethrow	Sandy Thompson & Faith Mueller	Kelley Keller
	10:15 AM	8	Warren Frank	Jen Janssen	Ben Janssen	Susan Hargrave	Pam Nagel ☺
Sat, Sep 11	5:30 PM		Bob Polansky		Ava Hemmer	Dinah Pflasterer	Dave Powell
Sun, Sep 12	7:45 AM	10	Dean Harbison	Warren Frank	Hunter Kettler	Barbara Altes	Cathy Whelan
	10:15 AM	11	Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Ayda Eggemeyer & Collin Dethrow	Linda Gutknecht	Greg Hoeffken ☺
Sat, Sep 18	5:30 PM		Cal Neeman		Sarah Alu	Susan Starbuck	Pam Nagel
Sun, Sep 19	7:45 AM	1	Bob Polansky	Bob Polansky	Madalyn Prather & Nicholas Hoeffken	Sandy Thompson & Faith Mueller	Greg Hoeffken
	10:15 AM	3	Dean Harbison	Rodney Clamors	Kaden Roberts & Keaton Roberts	Janet Goessling	Lisa Clamors ☺
Sat, Sep 25	5:30 PM		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Hunter Kettler	Marilyn Collette	Dave Powell
Sun, Sep 26	7:45 AM	2	Warren Frank	Jen Janssen	Kyle Rusteberg & Leah Worley	Barbara Altes & Deb Bergman	Kelley Keller
	10:15 AM	4			Trinity Drewes & Ashlyn Whelan	Carol Kassel	Cathy Whelan ☺

### Usher Teams

- 1 Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather
- 2 Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer
- 3 Rodney Clamors, Jenna Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink
- 4 Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan
- 5 Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher
- 6 Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley
- 7 Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel
- 8 Larry Goessling, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
- 9 Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier
- 10 Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank
- 11 Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer

### Saturday Accompanists:

Joan Ruwald—9/18  
Ron Jones—9/4, 9/11, 9/25

### Collator:

Sandy Thompson

## MEN'S MINISTRY!



Join them on the last  
Thursday of each month for a  
get-together at **7:15 pm!**

**Thursday, September 30  
Held in the overflow room**

## Quilters' Guild News!

Thank you for all the compliments on the mission quilts after the dedication in July. We received a number of requests asking if the tied mission quilts were available for purchase and the answer is "Yes!" The completed quilts are generally 60 X 80 inches, and fit a twin bed well. Each quilt is \$50 and the proceeds of all sales are donated to the organization receiving our quilts. This financial donation helps pay for the cost of shipping the quilts overseas to missionaries. If interested, feel free to stop by the Education Building during quilting hours Tuesday (1-4 pm) or Thursday (1-7 pm) to view the quilts available or just to see what we're up to, or you can call Taryn Niemeyer with any questions or for more information (618)719-7520.


## Adult Information Class

Pastor Demski will be leading an Adult Information Class starting October 3rd. For 9 weeks he'll be leading the class through the basics of the Christian faith. The class is open to anyone who wishes to attend. While this class is for those who wish to become members of Immanuel, this is also ideal for people wanting to know more - or be reminded - about what we believe, teach, and confess as Christians as they walk through life or seek to raise children according to the teachings of Scripture. Since there may be people who attend Saturday services, Pastor Demski would like to know whether people would prefer to meet between services (9-10 am) on Sunday mornings or from 6-8 pm on Sunday nights. If you're interested in taking the class or have any questions, please contact Lisa in the office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September</h1>			1 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6:30-8p Midweek	2 1-7p Quilters' Guild	3 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i>	4 5:30p Holy Communion
			5 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion	6 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	7 1-4p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Elders' Meeting	8 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers
12 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion	13 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 7:00p Book Club	14 6:30a Men's Bible Study 1-4p Quilters' Guild 6:30p Social Ministry Mtg 7:15p Board of Ed Mtg	15 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	16 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 1-7p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Church Council	17 Youth Event - Drive In Theater! - Time TBD	18 5:30p Holy Communion
19 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion & Third Grade Celebration 11:30a Third Grade Family Luncheon	20 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	21 6:30a Men's Bible Study 1-4p Quilters' Guild 7:00p WCM Meeting	22 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	23 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 1-7p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Church Council	24	25 5:30p Holy Communion
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## Want to Stay Up to Date?

Go to our website ([immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)) and check it out! Be sure to subscribe to the calendar, and you'll have the most up to date info on Immanuel's activities and events. Also, check out all of the info available right on our home page. Notice that something is missing? Let us know!



# Jr High Southern IL District Youth Retreat

Saturday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 10AM – Sunday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 4PM  
Camp Wartburg | \$65

# ONE

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.  
**Ephesians 4 : 4-6**

**THANK YOU!**

My dear friends of Immanuel, I want to thank each and every one of you who helped me with my recovery. I am back to near normal. The outpouring of love to me and my family was overwhelming! Thank you for the cards, visits, and food. I especially want to thank you for the many prayers throughout my 3 surgeries. I thank God for my church family. God bless you all!  
— Sharon Osterhage

## Service Reminders:

A few notes about services.

- Feel free to greet one another at church, but we will continue abstaining from the "formal greeting time" at the beginning of service so that no one is placed into an uncomfortable situation if they wish to continue social distancing.
- Ushers are available in the narthex where you will find service folders and the offering plate on a table outside of the sanctuary doors. Please remember to place your attendance cards in the offering plate before you leave for the day.
- Communion is celebrated at every service with the common cup & individual cups. If you would like to receive from the common cup, please let the server who has the individual cups know and the common cup will be brought to you. If you wish to receive the Sacrament from your pew, please let one of the pastors know before service or get their attention before they cover the elements. Pastor Demski and Troup always look out at the congregation to see if there is anyone who would like to receive from the pew before concluding the service.
- The rail connector at the altar will continue to be left out at this time, but the elders revisit the topic at each meeting.
- Ushers will continue to release people from pews in such a way that members and communing guests can receive the Lord's Supper during the Service of the Sacrament while allowing those who wish to social distance, the space to do so.
- If you do not feel comfortable attending services at this time, Pastor Troup and Pastor Demski are more than happy to minister to you by bringing the body and blood of Christ to you.
- Jesus remains our focus—nothing has changed! Praise be to God for sustaining His people now and forever!

*Updated on June 29, 2021*

## Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few more volunteers to serve at Immanuel in various ministries & roles.  
Interested? Let us know!

**Altar Guild—Media Team—Ushers—Sunday School  
Teachers**



# BASIC Youth Group News!

BASIC helps the Jr High and High School members of our congregation grow together as the body of Christ. That happens primarily on Sunday mornings at the Divine Service and in Bible Study, but we also get together for fun, fellowship, and service activities throughout the year. **Remember, youth group is for youth in grades 6-12, and your friends are always welcome!**

You can join the Immanuel BASIC Facebook group and email [pastor.demski@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.demski@gmail.com) to be added to the weekly email list for the newest updates.

*Remember to join us on Sundays in the multipurpose room from 9-10 am for Bible study!*



### September Activities:

**Friday, Sept. 17**—Drive In Night! More details to come!

**Sunday, Sept. 26**—12-2 pm—Join us for our monthly get-together! Fun! Food! Fellowship!

*Watch the bulletins and Pastor Demski’s emails for info on our upcoming events!*

## Preschool News - September 2021

Have you ever asked yourself, **“Why do we have a preschool at Immanuel?”** If not, please ask yourself that question now. It seems that question has been circulating around our church family and it is important to know our preschool’s purpose. There is no right or wrong answer. We need your feedback. Please fill out the form below and drop it off in the church office or in the wooden box in the narthex by the big church doors. If you are reading this online, please write your feelings about the preschool on a piece of paper and return it to us. Feel free to remain anonymous.

Peace and Blessings to all.

Linda Polansky

Why do we have a preschool at Immanuel?  
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Thank you to all who helped make this year's rummage sale the most successful our church has ever had. We made a total of \$4,100.00 for our preschool this year! That would not have been possible without the generous assistance from everyone involved. In addition to the financial donation to our Preschool, we were also able to pass on the blessing of items to various organizations such as Twice Nice and Orphan Grain Train. If you are interested in helping in the future, please feel free to reach out to me or to Lisa Clamors to be added to our contact list. God's Blessings, Deborah Joellenbeck

Visit our website ([immanuelwaterloo.org/preschool](http://immanuelwaterloo.org/preschool)) or contact the office (939-6480 or [immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com)) for more information.

# Immanuel Preschool's Amazon Wish List!



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Scan the  
QR code  
above for  
the list!

# Directory Pictures Needed!

During July & August, we had family pictures taken for our upcoming Church Directory. Thank you to the 110+ families who participated!

If you were not able to make an appointment, you can still submit a family picture for the directory. Contact Lisa Clamors in the church office and let her know that you would like to send in a picture. The picture should be a .jpg file and can be emailed to [immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com). We need these pictures by September 15th.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Clamors directly.

# Photos WANTED



**Third Grade  
Celebration**  
Sunday, Sept. 19  
10:15 am  
*Luncheon will follow  
service.*


**Crown of Silver Recognition**  
Sept. 11-12  
*Helen Clamors & Carol Rossel*

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given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both Word and music, namely, **by proclaiming (the Word of God) through music.**" *Martin Luther*

Praying that **new music beginnings** will continue to be a blessing in our lives.

Serving Him,



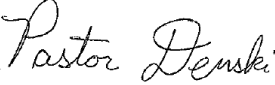
**Please note:**  
*PS-2nd and 3rd-8th Sunday School Choir practice Sundays @ 9:00 am*  
*Immanubells first practice Wednesday, Sep 8th @ 6:00 pm sharp*  
*Adult Choir Wednesday, Sep 8th @ 7:00 pm (please check additional email announcements)*  
*Agape Ringers Wednesday, Sep 8th @ 8:05 pm (please check additional email announcements)*

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This world will continue to change. Pastor and I are here to point you to that which doesn't... Christ. Pastor and I are here to provide the care that you need to live forever regardless of the studies, research, and answers that change every other day. We are one body with one Christ. We don't live divided amidst the gods of our world. We live as one people through Christ. God be praised!

Nothing has changed. God's gifts give life whether they're safe, legal, or comfortable in the eyes of the world. You're saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. Amen! Go in peace!

The Lord be with you!



# Women's Mini-Retreat

## It Is Well... with My Soul

*based on the hymn...*

**Sat., Sept. 11, 2021**

**9:00—11:00 am**

*Registration begins at 8:30 am  
A delicious breakfast will be served.*

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
522 S. Church Street  
Waterloo, Illinois**

### To preregister or for more info:

- 618.939.6480
- <http://immanuelwaterloo.org>
- [immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com)

### INGATHERING DONATIONS:

Any donations of non-perishable food items and paper products are appreciated. These items will benefit the children in our local Bi-County Backpack Program & Orphan Grain Train.

*This retreat is open to the community and is sponsored by Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry.*

### A Little Bit about Our Speaker...

*Angie Walston*

Angie is a Certified Family Life Educator with over a decade of experience working with children and families in a variety of contexts, from ministry to university settings. She loves facilitating a deeper compassion and empathy for



those in all stages of life and supporting families in the midst of busyness and stress. She currently serves as Core Online Faculty/Human Services Program Director at Concordia University- Nebraska. Angie blogs for Concordia Publishing House and is often working on many projects in the community. Angie is a pastor's wife and mom to three little girls. They love enjoying family time outside, creating culinary masterpieces, and loud family sing-alongs.

Based on Isaiah 66:12-13.

For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

*COVID Policy: Masks are recommended for unvaccinated people. This policy is subject to change and is based on the current & local guidelines at the time of this retreat.*

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**SATURDAY**

5:30 pm

**SUNDAY**

7:45 am & 10:15 am

*Holy Communion is celebrated at every service.  
Individual and common cup is offered at each service as well.*

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

***Pastor Troup's day off is Monday.  
Pastor Demski's day off is Thursday.***

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Don't forget to visit us on the web...

[immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)

You'll find our weekly announcements and updates, our calendar, VBS & Preschool info, and other important news!



May God continue to bless you:

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