

# Immanuel Monthly

**November  
2015**



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

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* 1 Thess. 5:16-18 (NIV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

The above Bible verses, 1 Thess. 5:17-18, really wake me up to the importance of giving thanks to God. We're told very plainly and forthrightly that God wants his people to be thankful people (as well as joyful people who pray regularly throughout their lives). Giving thanks to God in all circumstances, Paul says, is "God's will for us in Christ Jesus." Christians may have different gifts and talents, Christians may have different roles and jobs in life, but we're all to be thankful people. It's not an option. God wills it so.

But why? God doesn't need our thanks to exist or find fulfillment. Failing to give thanks to God doesn't diminish his power, glory, or wisdom. Why give thanks?

Giving thanks to God, first of all, demonstrates that faith is alive. It demonstrates that the gospel has taken root in the believer's heart and is bearing fruit. You see, thankfulness to God is the natural (although God given) response of the soul that recognizes the depth of his sin and the glory and magnitude of God's mercy in Christ. Giving thanks is the response of people who, having experienced the hurt of their sin and the sin of others, feel the burden of that sin lifted off their backs by Jesus Christ. (Think about that young man who helped you with some really heavy groceries. Didn't you immediately smile and say, "THANK YOU SO MUCH!") Giving thanks to God is the response of someone who knows and trusts that Jesus took his place on the cross and grants him eternal life with God in exchange. See the pattern here? God wants you to be thankful because he wants you to know the fullness of Jesus' love and the greatness of his life, death, and resurrection. Thankful people know a good thing when they see it—and Jesus is the greatest good there is.

*Thankful people also stay close to Jesus.*

Thankful people also stay close to Jesus. As thirsting people are thankful for water and stay close to a source of water, and people in the cold are thankful for heat and stay close to a source of heat, so thankful people of God stay close to Jesus. We stay close to Jesus because he's the source of our unending life, health, salvation, meaning, peace and joy.

So, during this year's Thanksgiving Day celebration and every day, "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1)

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Inoup*

*Giving thanks to God, first of all, demonstrates that faith is alive. It demonstrates that the gospel has taken root in the believer's heart and is bearing fruit.*

## Thanks from Immanuel's Preschool!

Thank you to all who donated items for the collection in September & October. All of these items will come in handy through the school year. Your generosity is appreciated!

## Do You Have an Email Address?

Did you know that you could be a good steward by receiving our newsletter via e-mail? Call (939-6480) or e-mail ([immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com)) the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

## A Letter to the Parents of Preschool through 8th Grade Children!

Dear Parents,

The Sunday School teachers and staff have chosen the Children's Christmas program for this year. The **Children's Christmas Program** will be held on **Sunday, December 20 at 7:00pm**. Every class from preschool through eighth grade will participate in songs and speaking parts. The **practice times** for all participating students will be as follows: **Sundays, November 29, December 6 and December 13 from 1:30 – 3:00pm and on Saturday, December 19 from 9:30 – 11:00am**. Please make every effort to have your child at every practice. Older children who have a speaking part assigned to them should have their part memorized by the first practice session or as soon as possible.

Please remember that our teachers volunteer their time and appreciate your promptness in picking children up from practice on time. Please make arrangements with another parent or teacher if you will not be able to pick your child up on time. Thank you.

In order for the teachers to assign the speaking parts, we **need to know by Sunday, November 15** if your child will or will not be in the Christmas program this year. Please fill out the bottom part of this letter and return it to your child's Sunday School teacher or the church office no later than Sunday, November 15. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will not be able to attend all four practice times.

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\_\_\_\_ YES, my child \_\_\_\_\_ will be in the Christmas program on Sunday, December 20, 2015.

\_\_\_\_ NO, my child \_\_\_\_\_ will not participate.

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include a phone number in case of emergency and for pick up.*

Home/Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

## A "Note" from our Music Director

### Music Blessings!

When one begins to count blessings, no matter "what kind," it seems that once a person begins adding the list of blessings, there are quite a number of them.

As I ponder the music blessings that Immanuel has, I am in awe of the time and dedication put forth by those involved in rehearsals to add selections to the worship services. And, I am also in awe of the voices from the congregation members who so freely join in His praises.

May God continue to bless us with many music blessings in an abundant amount!

To Him be the Glory!

Serving Him,



## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Happy Birthday to...</b>	23	Mitchell Rubemeyer
	24	Sharon Ruesler Robert Rehmer
1	25	Sharon Osterhage
	26	Tricia Headrick Wayne Menke
2		Sam Metzger Sidney Metzger
		Edward Stanglein
3	27	Robert Prange
		Cindy Troup
4	28	Jay Carr
		Timothy Ervin
	29	Eddie Arras Carolina Bradley
5		Karen Ruesler
	30	Tiffany Harbison Collin Neeman Kirsten O'Brien
<b>Happy Anniversary to...</b>		
	1	Casey & Becky Ellis, 35 yr.
	5	Chuck & Kelley Keller, 33 yr.
	6	Dennis & Dawn Clamors, 28 yr. Kevin & Cindy O'Brien, 34 yr.
9	8	Ben & Mindy Hanna, 12 yr.
	9	Norman & Lois Rabbermann, 51 yr.
11		Bill & Sandra Stueve, 41 yr.
12	14	Nick & Ashley Hoeffken, 6 yr.
13	17	Marvin & Carolyn Henry, 53 yr.
	23	Grant & Barbara Melliere, 31 yr.
	24	Bob & Sharon Rehmer, 52 yr.
14	26	Roger & Laura Kinzinger, 32 yr. Mike & Pamela Lloyd, 21 yr. Elden & Taryn Niemeyer, 32 yr.
15	28	Robert & Marilyn Collette, 51 yr.
	29	Harry & Reina Thompson, 35 yr.
	30	Gerald & Carol Woodcock, 52 yr.
<b><i>May God bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during November!</i></b>		
16		Kendra Goldschmidt Mark Gruber
17		Trinity Drewes Aaron Lloyd
18		Barbara Altes Ryan Bommarito Paul Broske Joshua Kruse Howard Shive
19		Sami Wheat
20		Joey Birrittier Jeanette Moeller Elden Niemeyer Jeffrey Weihl
22		Adam Gaitsch Jay Pryor Gerry Ritzel
23		Sandy Bequette

## Parish Leaders

### Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Tony Troup, 618-340-8375

### Church & School Staff:

Merritt Demski, 847-254-9666	Field Education Student
Lisa Clamors, 618-719-4954	Office Secretary
Ann Frank, 282-6597	Music Director
Sandy Mueller	Housekeeping
Ken Schanz	Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Cindy Troup, 618-340-0757	Preschool Director
Veronica Demski	Preschool Teacher's Aide

### Church Council:

Lee Eggemeyer, 458-8555	President
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	Vice-President
Laura Kinzinger, 939-8175	Secretary
David Powell, 618-974-9222	Treasurer
Warren Frank, 282-6597	Financial Secretary
Taryn Niemeyer, 939-7982	Christian Education
Allen Jacobs, 939-3035	Church Properties
Colby Crook, 618-910-2825	Evangelism
Sandy Mueller, 618-420-1373	Social Ministry
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	Spiritual Ministry
Dawn Rubemeyer, 939-4314	Stewardship
Sandy Nichols, 618-719-3424	Youth Ministry

### Other Volunteers:

Cindy Troup	Sunday School Superintendent
Louise Nobbe	Head Sacristans
Lerona Pryor	
Hazel Moeckel	
Sandy Thompson	Flower Coordinator
Lisa Clamors	Women's Christian Ministry
Janet Crawford	Fellowship Committee

### Field Education Students:

Matthew Bohlmann, 1st Year	314-960-9884
Lesley Chen, 1st Year	617-651-7890

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

## Elders' Shepherding Program

*(Families whose last name begins with)*

A-B	Rodney Clamors, 618-719-4023
C-D	Jim Crawford, 618-799-8789
E-Ha	Scott Janssen, 214-629-6975
He-Hu	Bob Polansky, 618-979-0918
J-K	Jason Valerius, 458-4890
L-Mel	Wayne Collmeyer, 618-719-7235
Men-My	Cal Neeman, 939-5137
N-P	Elden Niemeyer, 939-7982
R-Sche	Larry Taake, 939-4757
Schi-Sw	Jerry Grant, 939-5032
T-Wel	open
Wem-Z	Larry Goessling, 939-8824

Elders and Pastors:  
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033

## Monthly Collections

### Board of Social Ministry:

November & December: LCFS Children (Christmas Gifts)

Please see the Christmas trees on the walls in the back of church. Take a name or two, and purchase 2-3 gifts for that child. Please drop off those gifts (unwrapped) in the barrel or in the church office on or before Dec. 6th. Thank you for your support!

### Sunday School:

October: Lutheran Hour Ministries

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!

## Bible Study Opportunities!

**Sunday Education Hour:** This Bible study hour consists of Sunday School for the youth (3 years old to 8th grade), a young adult Bible study (high school & college age) on *"Broken: 7 Christian Rules that Every Christian Ought to Break as Often as Possible"* led by Vicar Merritt in the youth room; *"Letters from a Jailbird: Paul's Prison Epistles"* led by Pastor Troup in the overflow room; and a DVD-based Bible study, "Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World," for young adults and families led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe in the church basement kitchen.

**Men's Bible Study:** A DVD Bible study on Mormonism led by Pastor Troup is held at Burger King every Tuesday at 6:30am.

**Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class:** This Bible study and fellowship time is held every Wednesday at 9:30am. This class is led by Vicar Merritt Demski. They are studying the Book of Romans.

**Ladies' Bible Study:** We're studying "Ruth: More Than a Love Story" through Nov. 19th. Join us on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the overflow room. All ladies are welcome!

**Adult Information Classes:** Pastor Troup is currently leading an Adult Information Class on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm in the overflow room.

***Everyone is invited to attend one or more of these Bible studies!  
Bring a friend!***

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## 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, Erwin Liefer, Lorine Horn, Doris Horn, Delores Rubemeyer, Ed Horn, Isabel Gibbons, Clem Ruesler, Linda Allscheid, Ethel Kurfman, Wayne Collmeyer, Bob Elmore, Dennis Brandt

**We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Dale Grace, Susan Higgins, Al Gruber, Donna Huffman, Blayne Woodcock, Rita Helfrich, Ardelle Hodgson, Arlin Stechmesser, Alice Leichty, Henry Bruch, Floyd Jones, Bob Lenhardt, Elroy Stellhorn

**We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation:** Dusty Hansen, Dan Cohlmeier, Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann

**We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions:** Uganda Mission Team (preparing for their January 2016 trip), Eric & Linda Funke (Tanzania), Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

### September 2015 Official Acts

**Released:**

9/10/15—*Joe Groner* to WELS Church in Arizona

### September Finances

Total Deposits	\$ 33,805.00
Total Expenses	\$ 37,016.77
Over/(Short)	\$ (3,211.77)

### September Church Attendance

September 2015 (4)	873
September 2014 (4)	960
September 1985 (5)	1094

2015 Weekly Average (as of 9/30): 238  
 As of 9/30/15, there were 863 baptized members.

September 30, 2015 Balances:

Checking	\$ 82,919.22*
Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,063.71
Mission Trip Fund	\$ 6,244.87
Music Dept. Fund	\$ 876.00
Nobbe Mem. Fund	\$ 7,986.00
Loan	\$ 58,764.49

### Important Events Coming Up at Immanuel...

See the calendar on page 7 and the website ([www.immanuelwaterloo.org](http://www.immanuelwaterloo.org)) for all of the events coming up at Immanuel!

2015 Year to Date:

Deposits	\$343,146.68
Expenses	\$337,954.83
Over/(Short)	\$ 5,191.85
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 0.00

\*A \$5,900 entry error from August was credited to the account in September.

## November 2015 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Greeters	Media Team
Sat, Oct 31	4:30pm				Matthew Stratman	Marilyn Collette	Bradley Altes
Sun, Nov 01	7:45am	11		Warren Frank	Lillian Prather & Aaron Lloyd	Ushers	Haley/Hannah Vernier ®
	10:15am	8		Linda Harbison	Alex Magnuson & Tyler Cooley	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe
Sat, Nov 07	5:30pm		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Alex Whelan	Marilyn Collette	Dave Powell
Sun, Nov 08	7:45am	1	Warren Frank	Wayne Collmeyer	Sami Wheat & Sophia Alu	Ushers	Pam Nagel
	10:15am	10		Matthew Bohlmann	Falon Breidecker & Evan Breidecker	Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer	Gregory/Paul Hoeffken ®
Sat, Nov 14	5:30pm		Greg Wiegand		Evan Fink	Marilyn Collette	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Nov 15	7:45am	2			Matthew Stratman	Ushers	Bradley Altes ®
	10:15am	3	Wayne Collmeyer	Marian Obst	Grace Herschbach & Ian Schrader	Ushers	Nick Hergenroeder
Sat, Nov 21	5:30pm		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Jack Metzger	Marilyn Collette	Haley/Hannah Vernier
Sun, Nov 22	7:45am	4	Howard Shive		Jacob Williams & Kyra Drewes	Charles & Phyllis Lloyd	Wyatt Drewes
	10:15am	5		Karen Hodapp	Jenna Hoeffken & Kaylee Tucker	Ushers	Lisa Clamors ®
Wed, Nov 25	7:30pm	6	Chuck Keller	Joey Birrittier	Kylee LaRue, Madalyn Valerius, Matthew Stratman	Ushers	Nick Hergenroeder
Thu, Nov 26	9:00am	7	Warren Frank	Warren Frank	Lillian Prather, Jordyn Koch, Rachel Patterson	Ushers	Pam Nagel
Sat, Nov 28	5:30pm		Wayne Collmeyer	Wayne Collmeyer	Sophia Alu	Marilyn Collette	Nick Hergenroeder
Sun, Nov 29	7:45am	9		Warren Frank	Sami Wheat & Aaron Lloyd	Ushers	Pam Nagel
	10:15am	8	Bob Vernier	Tom/Connie Naber	Paul Hoeffken & Tyler Cooley	Ushers	Gregory/Paul Hoeffken ®

- Usher Teams:**
- 1 Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Dennis & Raymond Brandt, Ed Arras
  - 2 Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer
  - 3 Don Moeller, Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Alec & Michael Trout, Ollney Mueller Jr.
  - 4 Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan
  - 5 Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher
  - 6 Jason & Nick Valerius, Wade Marshall, Gerald Woodcock, Tim Troup
  - 7 Alan Stumpf, Larry Decker, Ross Schrader
  - 8 Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
  - 9 Jim Crawford, Marvin Henry, Allen Jacobs, Ellery Byer
  - 10 Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
  - 11 Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht, Eric Eggemeyer

**Vestment Color:**

10/31—11/1    red  
 11/7—11/22   black  
 11/25—11/26   red  
 11/28—11/29   purple

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**Saturday Accompanists:**

11/14  
Joan Ruwald

11/7, 11/21, 11/28  
Ron Jones

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**Collator:**

Sandy Thompson

## November 2015 Altar Flowers

- 10/31—11/1**    Given to the glory of God by Norman & Lois Rabbermann in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary
- 11/7—11/8**    Given to the glory of God by the Women’s Christian Ministry in appreciation of our veterans
- 11/14—11/15**    open
- 11/21—11/22**    open
- 11/28—11/29**    Given to the glory of God by Mitchell, Dawn, Cameron & Chase Rubemeyer in memory of Ron Rubemeyer and Nancy Lee Farago

*The 2015 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sign up early for the weekend you would like! As your weekend gets closer, Sandy Thompson, the flower coordinator, will contact you to give you more details.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 11:15a Congregational Meeting	<b>2</b> 7:00p Book Club Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Elders' Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midw eek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9a-11p Scrapbook Day 5:30p Holy Communion
<b>8</b> 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service	<b>9</b> <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	<b>10</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 6:30p Christmas Decorating Committee Meeting 6:30p Board of Social Ministry Meeting 7:15p Board of Christian Education Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p NO Immanubells 6:30-8p NO Midw eek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00a Board of Evangelism Meeting 5:30p Holy Communion
<b>15</b> 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 6-8p BASIC Youth Night (7th-12th graders)	<b>16</b> <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	<b>17</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Women's Christian Ministry Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midw eek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	<b>19</b> 7:00p Church Council Meeting 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30p Holy Communion
<b>22</b> 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service	<b>23</b> <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	<b>24</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba	<b>25</b> NO Midw eek or Music Practices 7:30p Holy Communion	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30p Holy Communion
<b>29</b> <i>Vicar &amp; Veronica are out of town.</i> 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 1:30-3:00p Children's Christmas Service Practice	<b>30</b> <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	<i>Vicar Merritt &amp; Veronica are out of town.</i>				
		<i>Church Office Closed</i>				
		<b>November 2015</b>				

**Our Calendar is Now on Google!**

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



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## Sunday, November 1 following the 10:15am service

This meeting is very important!  
The 2016 budget and the calling of Vicar Merritt as  
our associate pastor will be on the agenda.  
Please plan to attend!

## Support Our BASIC Youth Group!

1. Immanuel's BASIC youth group sponsors a coffee & doughnut fellowship each Sunday morning from 8:45-9:00am and 10-10:15am outside the multipurpose room. **If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the list on the table.** All freewill offerings are appreciated!
2. 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.
3. The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products!
4. The ice machine is available and ice can be purchased for a freewill donation during office hours, and on weekends before and after worship. Simply load your container with the large ice scoop and place your money in the donation can.

*Thank you for your support!*

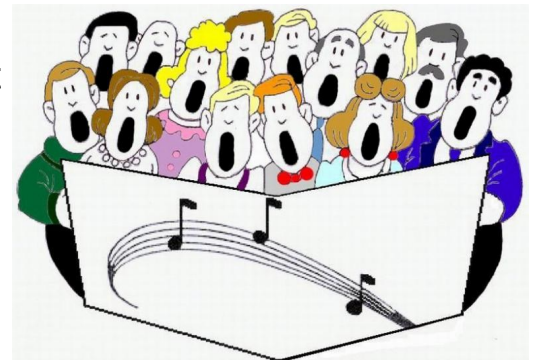
## Wurstmarkt & Country Store Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way before, during and after the Wurstmarkt! 446 dinners were served, and preliminary totals show a profit of \$2,500-3,000. Thank you to Schnucks for the paper & plastic bags used for the meat sales, to D & D Distributing for the use of the cooler, to the Waterloo VFW & Don Matzenbacher for the roaster liners, and to Gary & Barbara Altes for donating the meat slicer! Last but not least, thank you to all who bought dinners or fresh meat. Your generosity is appreciated! —The Board of Stewardship

Thank you to all who brought items or purchased items at the Country Store at the Wurstmarkt! Over \$300.00 was raised for the mission work of Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry and the LWML as a whole. We appreciate your support! —Lisa Clamors, President, WCM

## THE CHRIST CONCERT IS RETURNING!

Immanuel is reprising the Christ Concert during Advent this year. The Advent service on Dec. 16th will include the Christ Concert and the Living Nativity. Are you interested in sharing your musical talents (vocal or instrumental) in the Christ Concert? If so, let us know! Contact the church office (939-6480) or Ann Frank (282-6597) by Dec. 1st.





## An Update from Our Missionary Partners...

### *Funke News: God's Timing*



Eric, Linda, and Michael Funke

I think it is fair to say that this has been one of the most dynamic months of our lives! Last newsletter, I shared that we had received permission to foster and were going to Forever Angels to figure out which child was to be ours. Then we sent a special announcement introducing everyone to our soon-to-be son, Michael Alan Funke. Yet, looking back, that seems to have only been the beginning of an exciting month...

#### Mwadui School Library

Before we recount all of last month's adventures, we want to share that we have received \$19,156 for the new library! Thank you so much to everyone who donated! This is a tremendous amount in a short amount of time. We didn't quite make our goal of \$25,000 by October, so we will be building the Tanzanian way. Tanzanians build as they have the money with the faith that God will provide the remainder as it is needed. Plans have already been drawn up for the new library, and construction will begin soon!

If you would like to partner with us to give our students the chance to engage their imaginations, you can go to [www.GlobalLutheranOutreach.com/support-funke.html](http://www.GlobalLutheranOutreach.com/support-funke.html) and write your donation amount next to "Funke: Mwadui Library". You can also write a check to Global Lutheran Outreach with "Funke: Mwadui Library" in the memo line and send it to Global Lutheran Outreach, 6709 Ficus Drive, Miramar, FL, 33023. Please make sure you put the donation amount in the Funke: Mwadui Library line or write Library on your check, because otherwise we will not know your intention, and it will end up in our general fund. We're almost there! Just \$5,844 to go!

#### Kigoma and Gombe Stream National Park

Before we knew we would be parents, we had planned to spend our school's fall break with friends in Kigoma and visit Gombe Stream National Park, the center of all of Jane Goodall's research. Since children have to be 15 to enter the park, and it would a long time before we would have this opportunity again, we decided to continue on with a shortened version of our holiday plans. We drove the 11 hours west, met up with dear missionary friends, stayed for free at the Joy In The Harvest Guest House for missionaries, spent some time swimming in the clean waters of Lake Tanganyika, and took a boat over to Gombe for a day of watching the baboons and chimpanzees. It was magnificent!! A true testament to the beauty of God's creation.

#### The Start of Our New Life Together

The first days at home in Mwadui have had their challenges, especially with both Michael and Linda fighting terrible colds they picked up at the children's home. For Michael, everything in his world just changed, but we thank God that he seems to be handling it really well. He now sits and eats in his booster seat, sometimes with utensils. He will try new foods, though he is definitely willing to spit out what he doesn't like. He rides in his car seat without feeling panicked. He takes a bath with a playful spirit, rather than screaming. Best of all, we have loved watching his personality emerge. He loves anything that moves (cars, bicycles, motorcycles, etc.), buttons, switches, and levers. He always seems to be observing, learning, and figuring out how things work. He loves organizing everything—crayon boxes, his little cars, his books. We've discovered that he does know some English words and enjoys mimicking us to learn new words. He is still struggling to sleep through the night, but given all that he has been through and the fact that he has a cold, it is to be expected. He has now visited our school and church and made a few trips to Shinyanga to see our social workers. We love him so much and look forward to sharing more of our family's adventures.

*Written by Eric & Linda Funke on October 7, 2015.*

*Would you like to receive the updates (complete with pictures) by email straight from Eric & Linda? If so, email Linda at [Linda.Funke@globallutheranoutreach.com](mailto:Linda.Funke@globallutheranoutreach.com) and ask to be on their email update list.*

## LUTHERAN WITNESS

Would you like to receive the Lutheran Witness during 2016? If so, please contact Lisa ([immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) or 939-6480) by Nov. 15th. Those who already receive need to also let Lisa know to continue your subscription. The cost of the subscription will be \$16.00, and payment is needed when you sign up.

Make plans now to attend this year's  
**Cookie Walk & Craft Fair**  
**Saturday, December 5**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

Christmas  
**Cookies**



Purchase  
 homemade  
 cookies by the  
 pound (\$7.00/lb)  
 and visit several  
 vendors to  
 purchase those  
 special Christmas  
 gifts!

**Cookie Walk Volunteer Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bake \_\_\_\_\_ dozen of \_\_\_\_\_ cookies.

*(Please identify the type of cookies you are planning to bake.)*

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\_\_\_\_\_ I will help set up on Fri., Dec. 4 at 6:00pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help during the Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 5 at 8:30am.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place this form in the box provided in the narthex by Nov. 29th.  
 Any questions or suggestions? Please call Taryn Niemeyer (939-7982).  
 Thank you.*

**Immanuel Lutheran Church CRAFT FAIR Registration Contract**

To reserve a table(s), complete the information below and mail it, along with a check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church, to: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 522 S. Church St., Waterloo, IL 62298.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Helper: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tables (\$15/table). Electric required (circle) Yes No

General description of crafts for sale: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors and helpers accept full liability for any injury or loss to themselves or their property while attending the Fair. They expressly release Immanuel Lutheran Church or any member from any liability for any injury or loss.

## GREETINGS! from the Women's Christian Ministry (WCM)!

### **I would like to thank everyone who supported the Women's Christian Ministry at our recent Country Store!**

Whether by donating a bakery or craft item to be sold or by making a purchase, we very much appreciate your participation in this fundraising endeavor. We like to keep fundraising to a minimum so the Country Store is always important to our future activities.

**The WCM donated and served breakfast at the recent Seminary Wives' Retreat held at Camp Wartburg.** About 50 women who are married to students or professors at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis attended. The wives enjoyed the food we provided and were very appreciative to us for our efforts. Our helping in this way enabled them to stay focused on their workshops! Thanks to all who donated food items, and to Taryn Niemeyer for helping to serve!

### **Thirty-five women attended our Ladies' Bunco Night where much talking, laughing and calls of 'Bunco!' were heard!**

Prizes were awarded to many lucky women and a variety of delicious snacks were enjoyed throughout the night. But this wasn't just a fun evening to be had, we also collected canned goods and cash to be donated to the Bi-County Backpack Program which benefits children in Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo. So those winning prizes weren't the only lucky ones that night! Thank you to the organizers, and to Kylee LaRue & Grace Herschbach (8th grade students) for helping out!

**The Thursday evening Women's Bible Study is held on Thursday evenings in the overflow room at 7:00pm.** We are studying *Ruth: More Than a Love Story*. The Holy Spirit is constantly remaking us, transforming us into Christ's image and workmanship. Just as Ruth is about commitment to faith and to family, it is about God's commitment to His promises even when we can't see those promises being fulfilled. As you work through the chapters of this in-depth Bible study, you will come to see God's holiness and wholeness revealed through the book of Ruth. **We'll end this study right before Thanksgiving, and pick it up again in January. Join us anytime!**

**Saturday, November 7th, is the date for this year's LWML Metro South Zone Christmas Stocking Workshop!** For more information, see the stocking-shaped flyer on the narthex bulletin board for more details!

**The next Women's Christian Ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, at 7pm in the Overflow Room. We will be voting on new officers and on our activities for 2016! Be there!**

In Christ,  
*Lisa Clamors*

*"How good and pleasant it is when sisters live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1*

## WANT TO JOIN!

The Board of Evangelism is looking for a few more members. This board is responsible for welcoming members to Immanuel and make visits to new residents in Waterloo. They also organize the Trunk or Treat and Easter Egg Hunt events each year. If you are interested in joining, please attend our next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 9:00am in the church library.

## Interested in Serving on Immanuel's Media Team?

We are always looking for good computer-savvy people (junior high age or above) to join Immanuel's media team. Training is available, but the job is really simple. If you are interested and would like to join this team, please contact Lisa in the church office ([immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com) or 939-6480). Thanks!

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**SATURDAY**

5:30pm

**SUNDAY**

7:45am & 10:15am

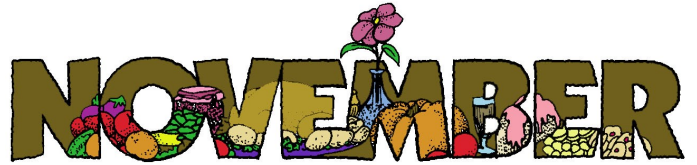
*Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday service, at the 7:45am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and at the 10:15am service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month.*

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday

8:00am – 4:30pm

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



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

You'll find our weekly announcements and updates, our calendar, and other up to the minute information!



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