Immanuel Monthly

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From Our Administrative Pastor…

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

Each scene will involve a narrator and a number of actors who will dramatize what took place before and at the time of Jesus' birth.

I know it seems too early to talk about Christmas, but I'd like to let you know about a new event that will take place during our Advent service on Wednesday, December 20. With the Lord's help, Immanuel will present four scenes depicting events that occurred before that first Christmas so many years ago. Called *The Road to Bethlehem*, this presentation will include The Annunciation to Mary (when the angel Gabriel told Mary she should bear and give birth to our Savior, recorded in Luke 1:26-33), Joseph's Dream (when an angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife and that she would give birth to the Savior of all, recorded in Matt. 1:18-21), The Magnificat (when pregnant Mary went to see her pregnant relative Elizabeth and both women praised the Lord, recorded in Luke 1:39-49), and the Nativity of our Lord (when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, recorded in Luke 2:1-20). Each scene will involve a narrator and a number of actors who will dramatize what took place before and at the time of Jesus' birth. Though these events aren't new to us, I believe that seeing them dramatized will allow a fresh look at our Savior's birth and give us a new appreciation for what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. I look forward to seeing you on *The Road to Bethlehem*.

First, I want to get the word out. Second, we need narrators and actors!

Now there are two reasons I'm telling you about this so early. First, I want to get the word out. I'm sure this presentation will be very uplifting for everyone who sees it, so be sure to save the date on your calendar. Second, *we need narrators and actors!* Don Birrittier has agreed to direct *The Road to Bethlehem* and he calculated that we'll need 4 narrators, 3 Mary actresses, an actress playing Elizabeth, 3 angels, 2 Joseph actors, and 3 shepherds to do this presentation. That's 15 people! So we invite you to participate in this event. If you're willing to read, act, or just stand around as a shepherd, please contact the church office, me, or Don Birrittier. We'd love to see you in a scene!

As always, thank you for your prayers, hard work for the Lord, and kind words of support for your pastors and church workers. We are the body of Christ, each individual member making up the whole, each individual member unique and precious. I pray that God will continue to bless our congregation richly and guide us in all our ways. Most of all, in all that we say and do, "let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame." (NIV, Hebrews 12:2)

Love in Christ,

Pastor Troupe

From Our Associate Pastor… *"Ask the Pastor"*

Greetings in Christ!

"Why do we treat the Communion elements the way that we do after the Lord's Supper?" We've talked about receiving the Lord's Supper, but we haven't talked about why we do what we do with the elements after the Supper is all done. Scripture doesn't lay out what we're supposed to do with the elements after the Divine Service, so we're left with our sanctified human reasoning as baptized sons of God to make decisions regarding what to do once the Supper has concluded. There is no, one, right answer. All we can do is look at what the church has done through history and strive to be reverent with such a blessed gift as Christ's body and blood as Scripture describes it.

At Immanuel we take the chalice (the common cup) and reverently pour the consecrated (set aside) wine onto the ground returning it to the earth from which it came. The consecrated wine in the individual cups is either kept in the cups to be used the following week or is poured into a bottle to be used at the next celebration. The consecrated bread/wafers is also kept in the sacristy (the room where we keep all of the wine and bread) for future use. Pastor and I use that bread for shut in visits and that is the first bread to be used when the sacristans fill the ciborium (the thing that Pastor and I carry around that holds the bread).

We return the wine back to the ground as an act of reverence. Some churches have a drain in their sacristy that leads to the ground outside so they can return Christ's blood to the ground in an honorable way without having to walk outside. We return the wine, Christ's blood, to the ground since that's where it came from in the first place. Some churches pour the leftover individual cups into the chalice so that all of it can be returned to the ground, or they will put the cups in a bag of water to get all of the wine out of them and then pour that on the ground.

In many congregations the pastor alone, or the pastor with help from the servers drain the chalice after the Supper has been distributed. That is to say that they finish the wine that is left in the chalice when concluding the Lord's Supper. When that is the case, the servers keep an eye on how many people are coming to the table so that the chalice isn't filled to the brim when they have concluded serving.

We keep the bread for future services, but in many congregations the pastor eats the few remaining pieces of bread, or the remaining bread is made available to people as they leave at the end of the service. Concordia Seminary in St. Louis uses a freshly baked thin - pita-like - bread for communion (students take turns baking the bread on the day before). It is perforated to be easier to tear apart during distribution, and then whatever is left over at the end is consumed by the congregation as they exit the chapel. People take a piece or two as they leave and then the assistants finish consuming whatever is left when they clean up after Divine Service.

There are a variety of methods for consuming or discarding the elements at the end of the Lord's Supper. The big point though is reverence. We don't worship the bread and wine, but we do treat it with reverence because it is, truly, Christ's body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Whether the elements are returned to the ground or consumed, they are treated as the gift that they are from God with honor and respect.

If you have any other questions, feel free to let me know.

Blessings on your day! Pastor Denski

A "Note" from our Music Director

Harvest and Thanksgiving!

The above title is one of the *hymn headings* found in the *Lutheran Service Book*. As I write this, the month of October is zipping by, and corn and bean fields continue to be harvested. Much needed rain has slowed down the harvesting a bit; yet, the wheat drilled into the ground welcomes the moisture. And, so… there is *harvest and thanksgiving!*

Our lives reflect *harvest and thanksgiving* as we walk with our Lord and Savior each day!

I would ask you to take the time to look at *LSB*'s "Harvest and Thanksgiving" section, 892 to 895. These four hymns provide us with beautiful *harvest and thanksgiving* imagery!

As we come together to worship during November, may we join our hearts and voices in sharing these words:

> *Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;*
> *Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,*
> *There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:*
> *Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.* 892:4

Serving Him, Lynn

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to…

1 Christy Gardner
Jase Gregory
Allen Jacobs
Brooklyn Kubelka
Bob Vernier
2 Madison Richards
Aaron Thompson
3 Debbie Bergman
Carson Filipiak
Lois Ruff
4 Elijah Bell
Dorothy Byers
Wayne Englert
Debbie Nobbe
5 Ben Hart
Madalyn Hart
Jackson Luter
Louise Nobbe
Bobby Rehmer
Alaina Stumpf
7 Norine Stumpf
8 Janet Goessling
Brenda Haare
Mackenzie Wiegand
9 Loralei Griffin
Jimmy Heise
JT Heise
11 Miranda Schmidt
12 Ed Arras
13 Matthew Altes
Craig Mehner
Valerie Zeisset
14 Trinity Drewes
Ann Frank
Ethel Kurfman
Mason Wilhelm
15 Scott Haare
Carolyn Henry
15 Nancy Huck
Diann Toenjes
16 Kendra Goldschmidt
Mark Gruber
17 Aaron Lloyd
18 Barbara Altes
Ryan Bommarito
Paul Broske
Lucas Garner
Joshua Kruse
Howard Shive
19 Sami Wheat
20 Joey Birrittier
Jeanette Moeller
Elden Niemeyer
Jeffrey Weihl
21 Ali Kloeppel
22 Adam Gaitsch
Jay Pryor
22 Gerry Ritzel
23 Sandy Bequette
Mitchell Rubemeyer
24 Robert Rehmer
Wyatt Stumpf
25 Ellie Hergenroeder
Sharon Osterhage
26 Wayne Menke
Sam Metzger
Sidney Metzger
Edward Stanglein
27 Robert Prange
Cindy Troup
28 Jay Carr
Timothy Ervin
29 Eddie Arras
Carolina Bradley
Karen Ruesler
30 Benjamin Braun
Tiffany Harbison
Collin Neeman

Happy Anniversary to…

1 Casey & Becky Ellis (37)
5 Chuck & Kelley Keller (35)
6 Dennis & Dawn Clamors (30)
Kevin & Cindy O'Brien (36)
8 Norman & Lois Rabbermann (53)
9 Bill & Sandra Stueve (43)
14 Nick & Ashley Hoeffken (8)
17 Marvin & Carolyn Henry (55)
23 Grant & Barbara Melliere (33)
24 Bob & Sharon Rehmer (54)
26 Roger & Laura Kinzinger (34)
Mike & Pam Lloyd (23)
Elden & Taryn Niemeyer (34)
28 Robert & Marilyn Collette (53)
29 Harry & Reina Thompson (37)
30 Gerald & Carol Woodcock (54)

God's blessings to all who are celebrating in November!

Parish Leaders

Pastors:

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

Church & School Staff:

Lisa Clamors, 618-719-4954	Office Secretary
Ann Frank, 282-6597	Music Director
Sandy Mueller	Housekeeping
Ken Schanz	Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Linda Polansky, 618-980-3475	Preschool Director
Cindy Troup	Preschool 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/Fellowship
Sandy Mueller, 618-420-1373	Social Ministry
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	Spiritual Ministry
Pat Kelly, Sr., 636-373-2967	Stewardship
Sandy Nichols, 618-340-0520	Youth Ministry

Other Volunteers:

Cindy Troup	Sunday School Superintendent
Louise Nobbe	Head Sacristan
Marilyn Collette	Sacristans
Shirley Elmore	
Deb Joellenbeck	
Sandy Thompson	Flower Coordinator
Lisa Clamors	Women's Christian Ministry

Field Education Students:

Jackson Marchlewski	1st Year

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	Kevin Wheat, 939-5705
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	Kevin Whelan, 939-1985
Wem-Z	Larry Goessling, 618-322-6555

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

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

Monthly Collections

Board of Social Ministry:

There is a wooden box in the hallway by the overflow room for your donations for these 2 collections. Thank you!

November & December: LCFS Foster Children

See the tags on the tree in the narthex. Take a tag and purchase 2-3 gifts for the child. Please place them in the collection box (unwrapped) by Dec. 3rd. Thank you for your support!

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.

Sunday School:

November: 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 Studies & Sunday School Classes!

Sunday Education Hour (9-10 am): This Bible study hour consists of Sunday School for the youth (3 years old to 8th grade), a Bible study for high school & college students led by Pastor Demski in the youth room; *"That's in the Bible?"* led by Pastor Troup in the overflow room; and a study by Dr. Lehman called *Have a New Kid by Friday* led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe in the church basement kitchen.

Men's Bible Study: Pastor Troup leads this Lutheran Hour Ministries Men's Network Bible study of *The Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe* each Tuesday at 6:30 am. All are welcome!

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class: This Bible study and fellowship time is held every Wednesday at 9:30 am. This class is led by Pastor Demski, and they are studying *Jeremiah*.

Ladies' Bible Study: All are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the overflow room. We're studying *Overflowing Abundance* by Donna Pyle.

Adult Information Classes: If you are interested in this

November 2017 Altar Flowers

11/4—11/5	open
11/11—11/12	Given by the Women's Christian Ministry in honor of our veterans
11/18—11/19	open
11/25—11/26	open

The 2017 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the overflow room. Sign up for the weekend you would like! As your weekend approaches, Sandy Thompson will contact you to give you more details.

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.

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, Nancy Huck, Sandy Moore, Esther Brandt, Norma Wheatley, Perry Koch, Rich Bachelier, Tami Wilson

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Kurt Klotzer, Nicole Bachelier, John Stumpf, Scott Nobbe, Lydia Boyer, Pat Row, Derrick DeWilde, Elsa Wiemerslage, Gordon Curd, Dan Krebel, Harvey Schaefer, Jason Haley, Bob Schmidt, Steven Muench, Sandi Horn

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty, Amanda Milburn, Marty Jung

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Eric & Linda Funke (Tanzania), Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL), Immanuel's Mission Team (Paraguay)

September Finances

Total Deposits	$ 29,289.25
Total Expenses	$ 45,895.90
Over/(Short)	$ (16,606.65)

September 30, 2017 Balances:

Checking	$ 37,126.54
Scholarship Fund	$ 9,545.55
Narthex Exp. Fund	$ 64,199.51
Nobbe Mem. Fund	$ 8,236.00
Mission Team Fund	$ 5,043.39
Horn Mem. Fund	$ 321.27
Mem. Fund *(Undesignated)*	$ 830.00
Ed Bldg Ins. Reim.	$ 2,302.29
Loan	$ 0.00

2017 Year to Date:

Deposits	$376,205.27
Expenses	$396,336.09
Over/(Short)	$ (20,130.82)
Unpaid Obligations	$ 0.00

September Church Attendance

September 2017 (4)	836
September 2016 (4)	825
September 1987 (5)	1009

2017 Weekly Average (as of 9/30): 226

As of 9/30/17, there were 881 baptized members.

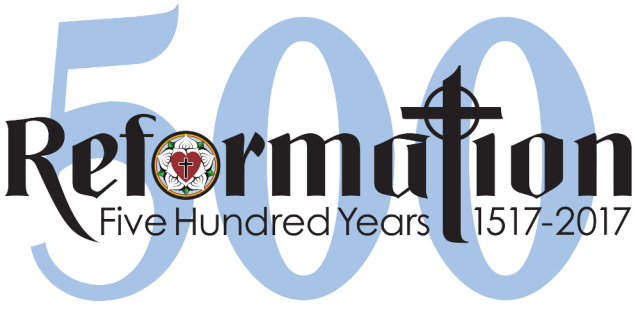
September Official Acts

Funerals:
9/7/17—Bette Barton
9/25/17—John Thorburg

Peaceful Release:
9/27/17—*Christina Benesh* to Troy United Methodist Church

Come & celebrate with us!

The congregations in Circuit 6 invite you to a special **Divine Service** at **3:00 pm** on **Sunday, October 29, 2017**, at **Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo**.



Rev. Todd Wilken will be the guest preacher, and the service will be filled with various instrumentalists, a mass bell choir, a mass vocal choir, and various other worship helpers.

There will be a potluck dinner following the service. **If you plan to attend, we are asking each Immanuel family to bring a side dish or salad (double recipe) for the dinner.** Fried chicken, rolls, desserts, and drinks will be provided.

By the way, the word is that Martin Luther may join us for dinner! All are welcome; no RSVP necessary!

November 2017 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Greeters	Media Team
Sat, Nov 04	5:30 PM		Wayne Collmeyer		Jack Metzger	Jim Pflasterer	Lisa Clamors
Sun, Nov 05	7:45 AM	9		Jackson Marchlewski	Addie Janssen & Ben Janssen	Ushers	Greg Hoeffken ®
	10:15 AM	8	Rodney Clamors	Karen Hodapp	Ian Schrader & Jenna Hoeffken	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe
Sat, Nov 11	5:30 PM		Cal Neeman	Ny Bartels	Hunter Kettler		Pam Nagel
Sun, Nov 12	7:45 AM	1	Chuck Keller	Warren Frank	Lilly Prather & Jay Grant	Barb & Courtney Heimburger	Kelley / Adrianna ®
	10:15 AM	10		Rodney Clamors	Ali Kloeppel & Blake Kloeppel	Ushers	Greg / Lisa ®
Sat, Nov 18	5:30 PM		Greg Wiegand		Jordyn Koch		Greg Hoeffken
Sun, Nov 19	7:45 AM	11		Wayne Collmeyer	Kyle Rusteberg & Tyler Cooley	Ushers	Pam Nagel ®
	10:15 AM	3	Warren Frank	Warren Frank	Alex Whelan & Autumn Whelan	Ushers	Adrianna Whelan
Wed, Nov 22	7:30 PM	10	Bob Vernier	Ollney Mueller, Jr.	Kyra Drewes, Lauren Patterson, Sarah Alu	Ushers	Lisa Clamors ®
Thu, Nov 23	9:00 AM	1	Wayne Collmeyer	Wayne Collmeyer	Wyatt & Masson Fink, Lilly Prather	Ushers	Laurie Sparwasser
Sat, Nov 25	5:30 PM		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Jack Metzger		Lisa Clamors
Sun, Nov 26	7:45 AM	2	Wayne Collmeyer	Warren Frank	Ian Schrader & Jenna Hoeffken	Ushers	Kelley Keller
	10:15 AM	5		Ollney Mueller, Jr.	Brayden Richey & Nathan Hemmer	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ®

Usher Teams:

1 Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Dennis & Raymond Brandt, Ed Arras
2 Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer
3 Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Ollney Mueller Jr., Paul Hoeffken
4 Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan
5 Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher
6 Jason & Nick Valerius, Tim Troup
7 Alan Stumpf, Ross Schrader, Paul Broske Sr.
8 Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
9 Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier
10 Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
11 Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht

Vestment Color:

black

Saturday Accompanists:

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

Collator:

Susan Hargrave

Men's Movie Club
Edge of Tomorrow
Friday, Nov. 17 @ 6:30pm
Pastor Demski's house

Feel free to join us!

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.

Sunday, November 5
following the 10:15am service

This meeting is very important! The 2018 budget will be on the agenda, as well as board reports. Please plan to attend!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	**2** *Pastor & Veronica on vacation* 4-8:30p Quilters' Guild	**3**	**4** 9a-11p Scrapbook Day 5:30p Holy Communion
5 *Pastor & Veronica on vacation* 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 11:15a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	**6** *Pastor Troup OFF* 7:00p Book Club	**7** 6:30a Men's Bible Study 1-4p Quilters' Guild 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Elders' Meeting	**8** 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	**9** *Pastor Demski OFF* 4-8:30p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	**10**	**11** 1-4p Ladies' Christmas Crafting Event 5:30p Holy Communion 7:00p Trivia Night & Silent Auction
12 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service & Dedication of New Narthex	**13** *Pastor Troup OFF* *All Day! "Pizza 4 Paraguay" at Pizza Hut in Waterloo*	**14** 6:30a Men's Bible Study 1-4p Quilters' Guild 6-7:30p Zumba 7:15p Board of Christian Ed Meeting	**15** 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	**16** *Pastor Demski OFF* 4-8:30p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	**17** 6:30p Men's Movie Club at Pastor Demski's house	**18** 5:30p Holy Communion
19 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion	**20** *Pastor Troup OFF* 9:15a MWF Preschool Chapel	**21** 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:15a T/Th Preschool Chapel 1-4p Quilters' Guild 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Women's Christian Ministry Meeting	**22** 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6:15-7:15p Choir 7:30p Holy Communion	**23** *Church Office Closed* 9:00a Holy Communion	**24**	**25** 5:30p Holy Communion
26 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service	**27** *Pastor Troup OFF*	**28** 6:30a Men's Bible Study 1-4p Quilters' Guild	**29** 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8:05p Agape Ringers	**30** *Pastor Demski OFF* 4-8:30p Quilters' Guild	**2017**	

Want to Stay Up to Date?

Go to our website (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!*

An Update from Our Missionary Partners

Funke News: A New Season

One of the discussion questions for my Bible study earlier this month was "What season of life are you in right now?" My answer was winter but heading into spring. I felt like we were right on the cusp of new life, and I was right. Praise the Lord!

She's home!

The first two weeks of September were our school's fall break. Thus, most of the month was spent visiting doctors in Mwanza as they tried to figure out why Linda was still having chronic infections, visiting Julia as we waited anxiously for the letter that would let us bring her home, and traveling back and forth between Mwanza and Mwadui. The travel and stress were taking a toll on Linda's body. Finally on September 18th, we decided enough was enough and Linda flew to Dar Es Salaam to find out why our letter, which was supposedly sent three weeks prior, still hadn't reached us. By God's grace, the social worker at the Ministry of Social Welfare in Dar was able to find a copy of our letter, which was enough for us to bring her home! Eric and Michael were still in Mwadui because Eric had meetings with international representatives from Sweden regarding the school's e-learning pilot program. Therefore, we all met up again on Thursday Sept. 21st, and on Friday Sept. 22nd, we brought our daughter, Julia Karena Funke, home! It will still be probably another year before the adoption is finalized and we can bring her to visit the U.S., but we rejoice that now we can grow together as a family. If you would like to see more pictures and stories from the day we brought her home, you can find them at www.facebook.com/AFunkeTimeInTanzania. Look for the photo album labeled "Julia's Homecoming."

Answered Prayers—A New Blog Post

As of September 7th, we have lived in Tanzania for five years! Wow! Thank you to everyone who has walked with us through all the highs and lows of ministry here. Usually this time of year we put out a "Year In Review" video as a summary of what God has been doing here. This year with all the illness, travel, and now a new daughter to build a relationship with, we've concluded that making a video will not be possible right now. However, we do want to take a moment to acknowledge all the amazing ways God has answered prayers in the last ten months since we returned from the U.S and the ways you all have been answers to our prayers. On our blog, www.AFunkeTimeInTanzania.blogspot.com, you will find 10 one-paragraph stories describing some of the answered prayers we've experience personally and in our ministry. We hope you enjoy them and will continue to partner and pray with us in the years to come.

This is part of the newsletter written by Eric & Linda Funke on Oct. 6, 2017. Would you like to be added to their email list? If so, email Eric & Linda at Linda.Funke@GlobalLutheranOutreach.com and let them know.

Preschool News

THANK YOU for your donations during September & October!

We have a special request. Would you like to be part of our "Adopt a Student" program? At times, we have need for tuition help for a child or two. In addition, mittens, hats, etc...would be helpful as winter approaches. Our students in need would stay anonymous, but you would know if your student is a boy or a girl and if he or she is in the MWF class or the T/Th class. Please contact Cindy, Lisa, or me if you are interested in this new program.

God bless you. Thank you for your prayers.

Linda Polansky, Director

Here's a great picture of Marian & Arlin Obst, two Immanuel members, who attended the Pumpkinfest in Waterloo on October 14th.

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.

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

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

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

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. The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products! Thank you for being good stewards and for your support of our youth!

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 appreciate you! $355 was collected/donated and will benefit mission work in and around Immanuel. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Thank you to all who attended our Ladies' Bunco Night where much talking, laughing and calls of "Bunco!" were heard! A fun evening was had by everyone in attendance. 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. *Over 80 items and $18 was collected!* Thank you to the organizers, to those who donated snacks, and to those junior high girls for helping out!

The weekly Women's Bible Study is held in the overflow room at 7:00 pm every Thursday. We are studying *Overflowing Abundance* by Donna Pyle, and we'll end this study right before Thanksgiving. Join us anytime!

The Five C's of Christmas! Ladies, join us for a fun afternoon of crafting, cookies, coffee, cocoa, and community on **Saturday, Nov. 11th from 1-4 pm** in the multipurpose room. You'll enjoy time for creating Christmas keepsakes and plenty of fellowship. All women age 11 and up are invited! ***Pre-registration is required***, and there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Feel free to also call me in the church office to register.

Don't forget...we want your ideas for activities to host in 2018! You are invited to send your ideas to me, even if you are not a member of the WCM! These ideas will then be voted on by those in attendance at our regular November WCM meeting with the "winners" being held in 2018! *Our annual events will include our Spring Mini-Retreat in April and our Ladies' Bunco Night in October.* Send me those ideas by November 14th!

In Christ, *Lisa Clamors*

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

Our next Women's Christian Ministry meeting will be Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00pm in the Overflow Room. All are welcome!

WURSTMARKT UPDATE! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you to all who helped in any way before, during, and after the Wurstmarkt! Special thanks to D & D Distributing for the use of the cooler truck, to Don Matzenbacher & the Waterloo VFW for the roaster bags, to the three area taverns, Outsiders, Willie's West End, and Randy's, for taking the fresh meat sales, and to JV's & Family Kitchen for purchasing our extra fresh meat. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!

The proceeds totaled $2,374.16 and were divided evenly between our own mission team and our missionary partners, Eric & Linda Funke, in Tanzania.

Children's Christmas Service—Would You Like to Participate?

Dear Parents,

The Sunday School teachers and staff have chosen the Children's Christmas service "To Us a Child Is Born" for this year. The **Children's Christmas Service** will be held on **Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm.** 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: **Sunday, December 3 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm and Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 – 11:30 am**. ***Since we are only having two practices this year, it is very important that your child attends both practices.*** 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 12** if your child will or will not be in the Christmas service 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 12. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will not be able to attend both practice times.

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___ YES, my child ____ will be in the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 17, 2017.

___ 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 _______________________________________

Make plans now to attend this year's
Cookie Walk & Craft Fair
Saturday, December 2
9:00 am—12:00 pm

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. 1 at 6:00 pm.

_____ I will help during the Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 2 at 8:30 am.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please place this form in the box provided in the narthex by Nov. 26th.
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: _____

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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.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY
5:30 pm

SUNDAY
7:45 am & 10:15 am

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

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
You'll find our weekly announcements and updates, our calendar, narthex updates, and other important information!

May God continue to bless you:

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