

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Immanuel

United Church of Christ
111 Fremont St., P.O. Box 209
Walworth, WI 53184

Worship services at 8am and 10:30am

**"Immanuel's vision is to Love, Forgive, and
Worship in service to all generations."**

February 2009

Minister's Moment

Do you feel restless in February? You're tired of winter and looking out at the icy fairytale land that no longer makes you stop and hold your breath. All you can think of is having to negotiate driving on that ice. Spring hasn't come yet and it's been so long, you've forgotten how bright the springtime colors are. You're out there in the middle, waiting for something extra special to happen but not being able to picture it in tantalizing color. "Perhaps the new Presidency will perk us up," we think. Change is appealing in February, but we wish it were a change into something we could picture in full detail. And that's what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. Sometimes we sense that there is more to life than what we have in front of us, but that next stage hasn't come into focus yet so we're afraid to reach out for it. So sometimes we need the Bible to keep us steady in our step towards the future. It gives us pictures of heaven when it finally comes in full glory (and no, it's not just clouds of white) see Revelation 21:10-26--22:2. And it also tells us what the Realm of God looks and feels like here on earth. Jesus' actions and words tell us what the Realm of God can be like here on earth. So if the day seems rather drab and empty, put your feet up and read the Gospels. Jesus challenges will wake you up and get you out of

your armchair fast cause they're so different from the usual expectations put upon us. There's no in-between where nothing is happening when it comes to Jesus. He shoves you into the future, where you'll be comforted and you'll be stretched. So get into Spring Training—for God.

Pastor Elizabeth

Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 25—Ad Board—7pm
Jan. 31—All Church meeting—
9am with Association Minister
Jim Burd
Feb. 1—Communion
Feb. 3—Deacons—6pm
Feb. 17—CE—6pm, Trustees—7pm
Feb. 23—Ad Board—7pm
Feb. 25—Ash Wednesday service-7pm-here
Feb. 27—Fish Fry's Begin—St. Benedict
Mar. 1—Communion
Mar. 4—Soup & Bread supper—6pm,
service at 7pm, here

***Good Samaritan Award
recipient is Lois O'Brien
Congratulations Lois!***

Dear Immanuel,

Thank you so much for giving me the Good Samaritan Award. I feel very honored to receive this special gift.

Lois O'Brien

Dear Immanuel,

Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry through your monetary as well as food donations. They are truly appreciated. Also, thanks to those from Immanuel who volunteer their time by working in the Food Pantry, whether it be on Fridays or just helping sort food during the week. God's blessings to you all.

Big Foot Emergency Food Pantry

Dear Pastor & Friends,

We would like to thank you for your recent gift to support Community Action's Twin Oaks Shelter. Your gift helps us accomplish our mission: *to empower economically and socially disadvantaged individuals and families to strive for and reach their greatest potential—because when people succeed, our communities succeed.* Community Action's model is one of helping people help themselves by building their skills, assets, knowledge, and self-esteem, rather than giving one-time fixes or handouts. The contributions of you and other friends are truly indispensable in accomplishing this important work.

At Community Action, we are more dedicated than ever to helping our communities succeed, and we thank you once again for being part of our circle of friends who help make our mission a reality.

With deep gratitude,
Lisa Furseth, Director,
Marc Perry, Dir. of Planning & Development

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped support the Salvation Army this Christmas Season. Your efforts tied last year's record right to the dollar. The total for both years is \$6,492.00. We started slow but finished strong by ringing Monday, Dec. 22nd and Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

Groups that helped this year include: Walworth/Fontana Rotary Club, Fontana Community Church, Williams Bay Lutheran Church, Grace Free Church—Walworth, Linn Presbyterian Church, Big Foot Lions Club, Faith Lutheran Church—Walworth, Darien/Sharon United Methodist Church, Full Gospel Church, Williams Bay UCC Congregational, Walworth Immanuel UCC, Walworth Boy Scout Troop 234, St. Benedict Catholic Church—Fontana, and three dedicated Big Foot High School students, (Elizabeth Tanner, Faith Lowry, and Laura Lowry) who are members of the group "Be the Change."

Thanks for a great year of ringing. Hope to see you again next year. If there is another group in the area that might help us, please let me know whom to contact.

God Bless!!!

Gary Ruskell—262-275-6468
Or e-mail: gruskell@charter.net

Dear Community Members,

We send our deepest appreciation to all of Santa's elves who donated to the "Christmas for Kids" program at Walworth Elementary and Middle school. With your help, we gave 147 children a wonderful Christmas.

We are impressed that even though our country is going through such a difficult economic time, our community has once again come through for our families most

in need. With unemployment rates continuing to increase, many of our children would not have enjoyed such a special Christmas.

Please be assured that you did make a difference this Holiday season! Our hope is that someday, one of these children will give gifts to someone else in need. Again, thank you for your heart-felt donations for the children.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Ott-Wilson 85 Lee Knoble-Janney
Walworth Elementary & Middle School
Counselors

Dear Church Friends,

My sincere thanks for the generous Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. It is a blessing to work with our musicians at Immanuel.

Melany

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your generous contribution. Thanks to donors like you, Church World Service can provide food, shelter, health care, and clean water to families forced to flee their homes by natural disasters. With your help, we can assist impoverished communities as they work to improve their farming techniques, develop reliable water sources, and build a more sustainable future.

May God bless you for your compassionate support.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. John L. McCullough
Executive Director and CEO

Dear Immanuel,

Thank you for your donation of \$254.00 to help the poverty stricken in our community. You have helped provide assistance to a single mother in need of help with her rent. Your **Caring and Sharing** continues to help those in need. May God bless you for your generosity.

Health & Happiness,
God Bless,
Sal Dimiceli, Sr.
President—The Time is Now



February Anniversaries

- 14**—Joe & Lucy Abell
- 16**—Sol & Mary Klein
- 19**—John & Marion Blow



Februar Birthdays

- 3**—Austin Morgan
- 8**—Jeremy DeVries
- 10**—Cynthia Rauland
- 11**—Dennis Boldger
- 13**—Ruth Galauner
- 16**—Bruce Swanson
Lindsey Kolnik
Trista DeVries
- 18**—Kaylee Kolnik
- 20**—Anne Rasmussen
- 21**—Ken Pagel
- 23**—Audrey Mathews
- 29**—Kelly Davis

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Annual Meeting Highlights

At the Annual meeting it was discussed and decided we would disband the Food Committees themselves, but keep the Chairpersons for each month as contact people for funerals and such. If you do not wish to be a chairperson please contact Madeline in the office and let her know. Also, if you are willing to volunteer to help with funerals when needed, let her know that as well as she will be putting a list of volunteers to pass along the all of the chairpersons. Thank you.

Here are upcoming events for the year at Immanuel, with dates and chairperson. If you wish to volunteer to chair an event that doesn't have one, please contact the church office.

- Salad Luncheon**—Sat. April 25th
- Extreme Sports**—Sat. May 2nd
- Cream Puff & Bake Sale**—Sat. Aug. 1st—
Gary & Gloria Ruskell—Chairpersons
- Trolley at the fair**—Fri. Sept. 4th
- Triathlon**—Sat. Sept. 12th
- Turkey Dinner**—Sat. Nov. 14th—Same
Committee will do it
- Cookie Walk**—Sat. Dec. 12th—Sandy
Cunningham & Madeline Zindrick—
Chairpersons

Lenten Services

We will have our own Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 25th at 7pm. We will join with Fontana Community and Williams Bay UCC for Wednesday Lenten services every other Wednesday with Soup and bread supper before the service. Immanuel will host on **March 4th** and we will need a couple of volunteers to make soup for it. We will have our own **Maundy Thursday service at 7pm on Apr. 9th** and there will be a combined **Good Friday service on Apr. 10th at Fontana Community.**

Newsletter articles are due in the office by the 17th of each month. If you wish to have something printed in the Lamplighter you may either call the office with information or e-mail it to the church

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Lydia's Helpers: Wednesdays—9am—Noon
Kids of the Kingdom: Wed. 5—6pm

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