

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.”***

October 2009

Minister’s Moment

What’s the big “holiday” we’re celebrating next? Can you imagine if I answered—“All Saints Day?” People would think I’d been on Mars. “All Saints Day? You’re kidding—it’s Halloween!” I wonder how many people know there is a connection between All Saints Day and Halloween. Well, there is. Halloween is the evening the goulies get to play before the Saints come marching in. If anyone dressed like a goulie and walked down the street on any other day than Halloween, you’d avoid that person like the plague. In fact, if anyone dressed in something completely different from the street clothes everybody else wears, you’d avoid them. One of the High School students in Saugus, Massachusetts did an experiment just to see how people would respond if that happened. She dressed up like a princess complete with beautiful ball gown and tiara and walked around town on a spring day. People leaned out of their cars and hooted. You ought to have heard the things she was called, some not printable. She was dressed beautifully, yet treated like a creep.

So what’s attractive is not based on something logical but on what everyone else is doing. And that’s a big question for us.

Because as Christians we’re not always going to be doing what everyone else is doing. We are followers of Christ and Christ is not like everyone else and Christ’s definition of what is “in” is not like everybody else’s. Who knows? We might even enjoy all Saints Day better than Halloween.

I wonder how many people think that anyone saintly must be dull. Not the saints I’ve met. Many of you know I worked for a saint who had quite a history. He went to Germany for schooling in the late 1920’s and ended up in the anti-Nazi underground. He made it easier for Jews to leave the country before the real Holocaust began. Imagine being so different, you had to go underground in order to keep your activities secret. Only decades later did you become a “saint” for those same activities and the people who were in the “in” group at the time, well they became such notorious creeps few people dress like them even during Halloween. So sometimes you have to let fads come and go in order to be a saint. Sometimes you can’t let others define what’s “cool” or not “cool.” Sometimes you’ve got to be like that high school girl walking through Saugus with lace and satin billowing around her, knowing she was walking in beauty, even as people leaned out of their cars and hooted. Only for Saints, the cloud of beauty that billows around them is the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Elizabeth

We have sign up sheets in the back of the church for you to volunteer for being a Greeter, Usher, Liturgist, Coffee Hour or for Flowers. You may also call the office and let Madeline know if you can volunteer. Thank you.

Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 28—Ad Board—7pm
Oct. 6—Deacons—6pm
Oct. 7—Genoa City Turkey Dinner
Oct. 11—CROP WALK
Oct. 14—Kids of the Kingdom begins—5—6pm
Oct. 20—CE—6pm, Trustees—7pm
Oct. 21—Confirmation—6pm
Oct. 26—Ad Board—7pm
Oct. 27—Food Pantry Board meeting—6pm
Oct. 31—TURN CLOCKS BACK
Nov. 3—Deacons—6pm, Delavan UCC Spaghetti Dinner—4—7pm
Nov. 14—OUR TURKEY DINNER—4—7 pm

Assistive Listening System

There are assistive listening devices available in the Narthex of the church for anyone who would like to use them during our church services. These devices are designed to work with our audio system. Rather than just increasing the volume, it makes the audio more intelligible. The units have a clip on the back that can be attached to a pocket. You can choose headphones or an ear bud that is then plugged into the top of the unit. All operation is done with one easy to use On/Off/Volume control.

After use, please wipe off the units with the wipes provided, place in a plastic bag and return them to the basket provided.

We hope that you will make use of these devices to enhance your worship experience.

Thank You
On behalf of the Trustees
Diana Bromeland

**BUDGETS FOR 2010 ARE DUE
TO GARY BY NOV. 13TH**

We Need Your Help

As the year of 2009 rapidly draws to a close, the Board of Trustees is reviewing our financial situation for 2009 and planning for the making of a new budget for 2010.

A major area of concern is Stewardship and Benevolence. Our budget shows unpaid obligations to Church World Service and Twin Oaks Homeless shelter of \$2000.00 each for a total deficit of \$4000.00 that should be paid before the end of 2009. **We need your help to meet these obligations.** Although the Stewardship and Benevolence portion of our budget should be paid from the "first fruits" of our labor, your weekly donations are needed to pay for building maintenance, utilities, insurance, and administrative expenses; none of which can be overlooked and keep our church operating. We are asking you as the family of Immanuel United Church of Christ to pull together to help us meet these obligations. Prayerfully consider increasing your giving so that we as a congregation can extend a helping hand in the name of Christ to our needy brothers and sisters through these worthwhile organizations. We need to increase our giving by a little over \$300.00 a week to make this happen.

Thank you for your support.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees
Diana Bromeland

Change of Address

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Thank You!

Many Thanks!

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, support, and attendance at Cynthia's Memorial Service and /or Dedicated Blood Drive. Immanuel Church is the people not the building or location. Bigger numbers is not better. A close knit congregation serving God is what's important.

Bob & family



October Birthdays

- 6—Kristen Halma
- 8—Kelly Kelley
- 9—Laura Kolnik
Evelyn Leseberg
Lisa Nordmeyer
Fran Rahn
- 10—Craig Halma
- 15—Alec Kelley
- 17—Dee Warner
- 24—Mark Rasmussen
- 25—Tasha Nordmeyer
- 30—Pastor Jim Kennedy



October Anniversaries

- 11—Craig & Brenda Utesch
- 12—Kelly & Charlene Kelley
- 18—Mac & Dixie McConnell
- 21—Chuck & Diane Palma

Geneva Lake CROP Hunger Walk 2009

As you may know **CROP**, **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty, is an outreach program of Church World Service. The Madison representative of **CROP** for southern Wisconsin, Gaston Razafinjanja, met with us on August 3rd and explained to us the hunger crisis situation that has gotten increasingly worse with the downturn of global economy. Food donations have remained relatively strong worldwide, however, due to the financial crisis, many of the governments receiving the food donations have been warehousing the food and holding it for sale instead of distributing it as the free gift it was intended to be. **C**hurch **W**orld **S**ervice has long provided help that cannot be sabotaged in this way. Representatives of **CWS** travel to

remote locations and dig wells to provide clean water for drinking and for irrigation. They bring seed for planting, and stay to teach growing, harvesting, and storing of food crops. They bring livestock, pigs and goats, and stay to teach animal husbandry. *“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime”.*

For the past thirty years or more, the Geneva Lakes area has organized a **CROP** Walk in the fall to help fund this very much-needed mission. Our walk in 2008 included 145 walkers with donations from 18 different churches and organizations in the area. The total funds raised were \$16,886.21. 25% of the total raised is returned to our local community and donated to local food pantries and shelters. Each of the six local charities we chose in 2008 received a check in the amount of \$703.60.

The 2009 CROP Walk will be Sunday October 11, 2009. Our goal is to raise \$25,000. To reach this goal, we need the participation of more people. We are inviting you to join us as we reach out to the global community to share our blessings in the name of Christ. Join our team of walkers and raise donations; donate by sponsoring a walker; or support the cause with a contribution placed in the church offering (Make Checks Payable to **CWS/CROP**). All funds are to be turned in by November 1st, 2009.

To join our team of walkers, please contact me in person, by phone, or by email and I will get you a pledge envelope to record donations. The “kick off” is in the Lions Club field house in Williams Bay on **Sunday, October 11. Registration is at 12:30, the walk begins at 1:00PM** following a prayer of dedication.

The route begins in Kishwaukee Nature Conservancy and keeps us away from traffic for most of the way. There are refreshments provided at two rest stops along the way, and at the end of the route. The return portion of the walk follows the lake path of Geneva Lake; a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty of fall in Wisconsin. There are marked routes for approximately 1, 3, and 6 miles, and a stroller route. An added plus – the Green Bay Packers do not play on October 11th!

Many people have to walk 10K, (6.25 miles) or more daily for food and clean water. Please give prayerful consideration to joining us as we extend

the helping hand of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need here at home and around the world. ***“We walk because they walk.”*** For more information go to **www.cropwalk.org**.

Sincerely,
Diana Bromeland

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WINTER OUTING

Gloria Ruskell has purchased 20 tickets to the UW-Whitewater Young Auditorium’s performance of “Church Basement Ladies.” It is Saturday, January 23rd at 2pm, a one-time only performance.

Tickets are \$24.60 each with senior discount. Our seats will be in the balcony. Pay Gloria to have a seat. If something comes up and you can’t go we’ll find someone to use the ticket. You may contact her at 275-6468.

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.

Kids of the Kingdom will begin on Wednesday, October 14th at 5pm. Hope to see you there!

Emergency Training

There will be an emergency training class presented by the Walworth Emergency Services here at Immanuel. Procedures for the Call and Pump rescue technique (the new CPR) will be demonstrated. Everyone is welcome to attend. All board members are strongly encouraged to participate. The tentative date for the training is Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30PM. The session should take about one hour. You will be notified if there is a change of date or time.

Please participate in this necessary training. You could very well be the one to save a life!

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees
Diana Bromeland

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**Don't forget to change your
clocks back one hour on Oct.
31st.**

**We're gearing up for our
Turkey Dinner on November
14th, so get those apple,
pumpkin and cherry pies
ready to bake. We'll need all
your help again to keep this
event the great success it's
been in the past. Sign up
sheets will be out soon.
Thanks you.**

Turkey Dinner Committee