

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Immanuel

United Church of Christ
111 Fremont St., P.O. Box 209
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Worship services at 8am and 10:30am

***“Immanuel’s vision is to Love, Forgive, and
Worship in service to all generations.”***

September 2009

Minister’s Moment

It’s September, and the field belonging to Big Foot High School was harvested weeks ago. The field abuts my backyard and I notice that this year the wheat is not shaved to the ground, but sticks up like a golden crew cut. I wonder if it’s to deter those who like to make short cuts through the field, a plastic bag in hand. That bag somehow gets left in the field. We think plastic bags have no value on their own. They are just used to carry things and when they are empty they are discarded with the empty candy wrappers still in them. It is so easy to simply let the wind blow them away.

We think the things we have discarded have disappeared. But they haven’t disappeared. They simply have become someone else’s trash. The only way to keep them from being someone’s trash is to put them in the recycling bin. Such an unromantic name, but really recycling is our attempt to imitate nature. Now when something is used up in nature, it falls to the ground, and it’s chemicals seep into the ground and become nutrients that other plants and animals thrive on. That’s because God still has a use for things we think no longer matter. But the word for what God does is transformation, not recycling.

Part of the mission God gives us is to be good stewards of all the things God has created for us. And sometimes God calls us to mission right when we are on the point of throwing something away. Sometimes God calls us to mission when we are on the point of pushing people out of our way or simply letting them slip out of our hands like those empty bags left in the field, uncycled, but still existing. God calls us to find new possibilities in the things we are about to discard—it might be a scrap of material we could make into a quilt, or it might be people in a village far away who could gain or lose from policies we put in place. What mission has God put in your path today?

Pastor Elizabeth

The Deacons have digital assisted listening devices for anyone who may need one. Just ask a Deacon when you come in for one.

Important Dates to Remember

- Sept. 1—Deacons—6pm**
- Sept. 6—Communion**
- Sept. 12—Triathlon**
- Sept. 13—Back to 10:30 service**
- Sept. 15—CE—6pm, Trustees—7pm**
- Sept. 16—Confirmation meeting—6pm**
- Sept. 28—Ad Board—7pm**
- Oct. 6—Deacons—6pm**
- Oct. 7—Genoa City Turkey Dinner**



Dear Immanuel Family,

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Cream Puff/Bake Sale a great success.

Customers were right there at 9:00 am. Your bake sale items were nearly all sold out by 3pm. Thank you again. Everything we sold looked so good! Also, thanks to your donations of money, time, tents, tables, Dean Foods, the Lion's freezer, and Brenda Wenger who had to be present 2 days so we could use the school.

This year we had 32 dozen cream puffs and 10 dozen eclairs and sold out again. Proceeds from the event will be \$1750.00

God Bless,
Gary & Gloria Ruskell

Administrative Board Minutes June 22, 2009

Assistant Moderator Peter Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, on Monday, June 22nd. Present in addition to Peter, Mary Church—Immanuel Cares, Brenda Wenger—Financial Sec., Gary Ruskell—Treasurer, Madeline Zindrick—Clerk, and Pastor Elizabeth opened with a prayer. We did not have a quorum for this meeting.

Minutes: The minutes were approved on a Ruskell/Hazel motion.

Moderator's Minute: Peter apologized for not being very active these past few months because of everything going on with his and Susan's family.

Treasurer: Reports for both April and May were given and we ended the month of May with \$1382.25. We haven't had to borrow yet, but we have the rest of June and July's payroll still to do. Treasurer's report approved on a Church/Wenger motion.

Financial: Both April and May were given we're still down from last year at this time.

Trustees: The roofs on the parsonage and garage are done. We hope to have CPR Training here at the church sometime in October. Also, Call and Pump demonstration again. The dishwasher was repaired. Ken will spray the weeds in the parking lot and we will hold off sealing it until next year. Gary asked permission to the Cream Puff/Bake Sale on Aug. 1st.

Diaconate: No Report

Christian Ed: No Report

Music: No Report

Stewardship: We will be meeting in August to get ready for our Stewardship campaign.

Pastoral Relations: Has met.

Immanuel Cares: We have Meals on Wheels July 29th—August 2.

Pastor: I attended our Wisconsin Conference Annual meeting. There was a composer there named Ken Medema and he could compose a song on the spur of the moment. I had him compose a song for Cynthia Rauland. Worship by the Lake is August 16th, at 10am. Jack Cunningham is taking care of the transportation. There will no services here that day. There is a fee of \$25 per church. The offering will be divided between the Prevention of Family Violence and our Food Pantry. While I'm on vacation, Bob Meyer from Fontana will cover June 29th to July 19th and Jean Wallenfang from Wms. Bay will do the rest of the time. Someone from church suggested if we could be notified by e-mail when someone is injured, ill or has died.

New Business: It was suggested at the last Board meeting that each of the Boards come up with a theme entertainment evening for our church to do together. The Trustees have Kelly Kelley to do record night, Stewardship would like to go to a Beloit Snappers baseball game in September and CE is thinking doing a game night or sock hop. There will be no July Ad Board meeting.

Next Ad Board: August 24th at 7pm.

On a Church/Wenger motion the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Zindrick—Clerk



September Anniversaries

- 2—Joe & Madeline Zindrick
- 9—Joe & June Kolnik
- 17—Jim & Betty Recob
- 21—Art & Marilyn Anderson
- 22—Dick & Roxanne Baker
- 24—Craig & Martha Halma
- 28—Tim & Laura Kolnik
Ernie & Becky Merwin



September Birthdays

- 2—Jared Miller
- 6—Helen Duesterbeck
- 7—Nancy Beci
- 8—Pam Jeters
- 11—Christina Larson-Blagg
- 12—Rick Freitag
- 13—Daryl Mathews
Garrett Jeters
Jake Meredith
- 14—Charlie Rasmussen
- 15—Barbara Larson
- 16—Julie Kolnik
- 17—Judy Gildemeister

- 18—Lois O'Brien
Marlene Baxter
- 20—Grace Slinde
- 21—Margaret Dawson
- 22—Mary Church
- 23—Kaitlyn Kelley
- 24—Betty Armbruster
- 26—Joyce Pagel
- 27—Howard Rohner

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.

We switch back to 10:30 service on Sept. 13th.

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