

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

**Worship services 9 a. m.**

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

**May 2010**

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## ***Journeying With Jeannie***

Dear Members and Friends,

What a joy it has been being here with all of you. Everyone has been so friendly and helpful and I am enjoying getting to know each one of you. I am looking forward to our time together and all that God has in store for us. In the time I am with you, I will be reflecting, in the church newsletter, thoughts that roll around in my mind from time to time. I hope you enjoy and maybe even learn from some of these thoughts.

Today I would like to explore how we take care of ourselves spiritually. I know most of us lead very busy lives and it is hard, sometimes, to take the time to focus on what is happening within our own spiritual lives and nurturing our relationship with God.

With all of our busy schedules, sometimes it is hard to spend time with God and re-energize. Sometimes we even think just going to church on Sunday is enough. But is that really sufficient? Granted, Sunday is a day we all get together to worship, learn, and get re-energized through fellowship, but how do we re-energize ourselves on a daily basis?

One way I re-energize myself is by reading my Bible daily. I study it, I try to learn from it,

and most of all I try to listen to what God might be saying to me through my reading and listening. The way I re-energize myself is by spending time alone. This alone time can be in the morning or in the evening. It can be five minutes or it can be an hour. Whatever it takes to help me feel like I have been in the presence of God.

I know there are different ways of re-energizing oneself. Some people need to spend time with others. This can be fellowship outside of these church walls. This can be a time of playing with one another, or a time of serious talks. Another way is by being with folk you love to laugh with.

Whatever way you need to feed your spirit and re-energize yourself, you need to be intentional about it. You need to know that God is intentional about being with you.

When was the last time you asked someone how they are doing spiritually? When was the last time you were asked how you are doing spiritually? We need to remember that God is at the center of all that we do. Feeding our spirits can be easy if we are intentional about our spirituality. I know we sometimes feel like times get away from us, but we all know we cannot keep up this fast pace if we do not take care of ourselves. God wants to be there to re-energize us, may we be there to be re-energized.

Blessing to all,  
Jeannie

## Important Dates to Remember

April 26—CE—6pm, Ad Board—6:30pm  
May 2—Communion  
May 3—Office closed  
May 4—Deacons—6pm  
May 6—World Day of Prayer—6:30am  
May 8—Marathon  
May 16—Sunday School Recognition  
May 18—Trustees—7pm  
May 23—Confirmation  
May 24—CE—6pm, Ad Board—6:30pm

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## Church Camp Brochures

Church Camp Brochures are now available either in the back of the church or by the office. We hope you will take this opportunity to check out the many activities you can do at either Pilgrim Center (in Green Lake) or Moon Beach (in St. Germain). Scholarships are also available. Application forms are on the web at: [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org) or by contacting the managing director at each campsite you plan on attending. There are lots of adult events as well as Work Camps available. Happy camping!

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Newsletter articles are due in the office by the **17<sup>th</sup>** 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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If you have someone graduating in your family, please call or e-mail the church office so they can be recognized in the next Lamplighter. Thank you.



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Prayer—For Such a Time as This  
Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
6:30 am

Join us at: *The Lodge of Geneva Ridge*  
*W4240 Hwy. 50*  
*Lake Geneva, WI 53147*  
*6:30 am Breakfast & Registration*

*This spiritual, uplifting event will be hosted and attended by Local Ministries, Military Personnel, and Local Friends like you...*

8 Tickets/\$50 Advance Sales Only  
\$8 at the door  
Tickets will be mailed to you. Please mail your check to:  
(with return address)  
Kunes Country Ford  
P.O. Box 546  
Delavan, WI 53115

## **Address Changes**

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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 provide access and opportunity for those we serve and those who support our efforts. Through innovative programs and strong community partnerships we eliminate barriers, establishing clear pathways to economic self-reliance. 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—Exec. Dir.

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To Our Friends at Immanuel Church,

*The light of God's love shines through you and your every kindness. Thank you for opening your hearts to us again. It was like "coming home" at Immanuel Church. We keep you in our prayers as you continue to share the love of Christ.*

*God bless you all,  
Pastor Jim and Joyce Kennedy  
"Friends are some of God's loveliest creations."*

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A special thank you to Mary Church for all the wonderful dishtowels she gave to the church, we now have a great supply of them, and for the quilt to Lydia's Helpers.

Dear Pastor & Friends,

**Meet Our Confirmands**

We have four Confirmands who will be confirmed on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Alex Halma, Dakota Ekman, Garrett Jeters, and Will Utesch. Congratulations to you.

**Visit our website at:  
[www.walworthucc.org](http://www.walworthucc.org)**



### May Anniversaries

- 3—Ken & Joyce Pagel
- 17—Richard & Marilyn Hafferkamp
- 19—Neil & Wanda McKinnell



### May Birthdays

- 10—Lena Wynstra
- 12—Char Kelley
- 14—Jack Cunningham
- 15—Neil McKinnell  
Diane Palma
- 22—Ruth Woodhouse
- 23—Marty Swanson  
Will Utesch
- 24—Dyne McReynolds
- 27—Mike Karcher
- 30—Kevin Kelley

## Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting

**June 11-13<sup>th</sup>**

Green Lake Conference Center  
Theme: “New Occasion Teach  
New Duties.”

**Registration deadline: May 10**

### Workshop Discussions:

- What You Need to Know about Church Risk
- Making Sure Everyone Hears the Word
- Alternate Paths to Ministry
- \*Seeing Your Building as Ministry
- \*How Your Church Can Get More Members
- \*Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
- LGBT Parents Telling Their Stories
- Serenity, Courage and Wisdom: A Recipe  
for Managing Change in the Church
- \*Facebook for your Church
- \*Using Visual Arts in Worship
- Renewing Leaders—Identifying, Coping  
with and Preventing Burnout
- Introduction to MissionInsite Software
- \*Revitalizing Youth Ministry in Your Local  
Church Setting
- \*Budgets that Inspire Giving

More information is available in the church  
office or online at [www.wcucc.org](http://www.wcucc.org)

**Please consider attending.**

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### Administrative Board Minutes March 22, 2010

Moderator Peter Gordon called the meeting of the Administrative Board to order at 6:34pm, on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Present in addition to Peter: Lucy Abell—CE, Nancy Rasmussen—Music, Brenda Wenger—Financial, Gary Ruskell—Treasurer, Bruce Swanson—Stewardship, Sandy Cunningham—Deacons, Mary Church—Immanuel Cares, Madeline

Zindrick—Clerk, and guest—Garrett Jeters—Confirmand.

Peter opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February meeting were approved on an Abell/Wenger motion.

**Treasurer:** We ended the month of February with a balance of \$5,073.95. We've paid half of Twin Oaks Shelter and CWS. Stewardship will get \$363.16 to distribute as they see fit from the endowment interest and CD. Treasurer's report accepted on an Abell/Rasmussen motion.

**Financial:** Lucy thought there should be \$120.00 more in the basket account from the auction they had with the breakfast. It will be transferred.

**Trustees:** Ken will be talk to McConnell's son for a dehumidifier, we will need one soon. The parking lot needs sealing and we are going to get 3 bids for it. We've asked Madeline to investigate having Charter telephone service for the office, especially if the rate is lower than our current one. Spring clean up is Sat. April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to Noon.

**Diaconate:** Jim Kennedy will preach Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. We did Easter advertising in the Shopper for \$194 and it will be in three times. Our next meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**CE:** We met tonight and finalized the Easter Breakfast. May 16<sup>th</sup> is Promotion Sunday. We will be ordering Palms for Palm Sunday. Confirmation is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our goal will be to do more Music Ministry, the kids really enjoyed participating in the service, so we're hoping to do it on Promotion Sunday again.

**Music:** Planning music for Easter Sunday.

**Stewardship:** We had a request for shelving for the Food Pantry out of memorial funds. The website needs updating and should also be put in the newsletter again that we have one. We were wondering about the Strengthen the Church offering or was it Strengthen our church?

**Pastoral Relations: No Report.**

**Immanuel Cares:** We did Meals on Wheels this past week and I'm trying to have a meeting with the committee sometime soon.

**New Business:** Second candidate came on Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>. How do we feel, and feedback was good and she was well liked by all who met her. Gary met with her for Trustees—her salary will fit our budget. A motion was made by Nancy Rasmussen to go forward and offer her the position, seconded by Madeline. What will be her schedule? She will be in

the office on Mondays and Tuesdays and Sundays and make hospital calls, funerals, weddings, etc. Her first Sunday preaching will be the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. There is a fundraiser on April 25<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 6pm, for Angie Strehlow-Kolnik's Family and Gary Ruskell & Becky Merwin are on the committee and they would like to borrow our plates and large coffeepots for the dinner. A motion by Zindrick/S. Cunningham to let them borrow the plates and coffeepots was approved. Brenda W. wanted to know when the Blanket project would be, in the summer or in the fall, because they would do it in memory of Mel. With no further business the meeting was adjourned on a Ruskell/Abell motion at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Zindrick—Clerk

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## **“When God Created Mothers”** by Erma Bombeck

When the good Lord was creating mothers, he was into His sixth day of “overtime” when the angel appeared and said, “You’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.”

And the Lord said, “Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers.”

“She must have a lap that disappears when she stands up; a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair; and six pairs of hands.”

The angel shook her head slowly and said, “Six pairs of hands, no way.”

“It’s not the hands that are causing me problems,” said the Lord, “It’s the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have.”

“That’s on the standard model?” asked the angel.

The Lord nodded, “One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, “What are you kids doing in there?” when she already knows. Another in the back of her head so that she sees what she shouldn’t but what she has to know. And of course, the ones here in the front that can look at a child when he goofs up and says, ‘I understand and love you’, without so much as uttering a word.”

“Lord,” said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, “Come to bed. Tomorrow...”

“I can’t,” said the Lord. “I’m so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a 9-year old to stand under a shower.”

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly, “It’s too soft,” she sighed.

“But tough,” said the Lord excitedly. “You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure.”

“Can it think?”

“Not only think, but also it can reason and compromise,” said the Lord.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her fingers across the cheek. “There’s a leak,” she pronounced. “I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model.”

“It’s not a leak,” said the Lord, “it’s a tear.”

“What’s it for?”

“It’s for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride.”

“You are a genius,” said the angel.

The Lord looked somber “I didn’t put it there.”

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**Hand Bell Director:** Melany Christenson

**Organist:** David Rasmussen

**Lydia’s Helpers:** Wednesdays—9am-Noon

*Happy Mother’s Day!*

**Servants of Immanuel**