

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Immanuel

United Church of Christ

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Worship services 9 a. m.

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

November 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

With stewardship coming just around the corner (November 13) and Thanksgiving coming upon us quickly, I have been considering how we are thankful, and even when we are thankful. I know sometimes things happen that cause our world to be shaken up, but we have been blessed and we do need to be thankful for all we have.

There are so many ways to respond when someone thanks us. Sometimes we say, “No problem”, sometimes we say, “You betcha” and sometimes we just say, “You’re welcome”. But I wonder, do we really give and receive the ‘thank you’ in the best manner?

Most of us, during the Thanksgiving holiday, take time to realize what we are thankful for in our lives. Most of us are thankful for families, good health, jobs and a place to live. We live in a society where we can be thankful for many things the third world countries lack. We not only have clean water to drink, we can go to any convenient store and purchase *bottled* water. We can purchase fast food, junk food, exotic food, ethnic food, and good old comfort food. We can pull into almost any gas station and fill up our cars when they are empty. We here in the United States

have it much easier than some other countries. So how are we really thankful?

I think sometimes we look at our unstable economy and begin to worry and begin to feel sorry for ourselves. Then we begin to forget to be thankful. Or maybe we just forget to realize how very thankful we are for our many blessings.

As we begin to approach the end to this year, we need to look back and begin to take stock in all that we have been given, not only in our personal lives, but also in our church. We have been blessed with people who love the church and are willing to go the extra mile to make sure the functions of the church go well. We have been blessed with people who may not be able to do some of the physical labor around the church but are more than willing to give a little extra in the offering envelopes. We have been blessed with people who take time daily to pray for the church and all who attend. We have been blessed.

This year, as you consider how much you will pledge for next year, take time to realize all you have been given. Take time to realize you are blessed and by giving back to God you can be a blessing. Take time to realize we have been given more than enough and if we begin to have a clearer vision, we will be able to put our blessings to work in the church and in the world, for the sake of getting God’s word out into the world.

One more thing, as we approach Thanksgiving, let us remember not just to be thankful, but also to receive thanks. Let us not brush it off when someone says ‘thank you’ to us, but let us receive the thanks and gratitude and know that because of our love for God we *can* reach out and give to others.

As I end this letter this month, I want to end with a verse that we might hold in our hearts this Thanksgiving season. *“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* I Thessalonians 5:16-18

May God bless us all in the seasons ahead,

Dear DJ

Rev. Jeannie

Budgets due to Gary by November 15th.

Important Dates to Remember

- Nov 1—Burlington Clergy meeting—9:30am
- Nov 5—Turn Clocks Back, church clean up
- Nov 6—Communion—Deacons—after church
- Nov 8—Spaghetti Dinner—Delavan UCC
- Nov 12—Turkey Dinner—4-7pm
- Nov 13—Confirmation—after church
- Nov 15—Trustees—7pm
- Nov 23—Thanksgiving Eve Service—here 7pm
- Nov 27—Hanging of the Greens—Brunch after
- Dec 4—Ad Board—after church
- Dec 10—Cookie Walk—9—11am
- Dec 18—Caroling—after church

Fall Clean Up Saturday, Nov 5th – 8:00 AM

Your help is needed at the church to help with fall clean up. Bring tools and equipment to clean up the church, inside and out. We need to clean up the grounds, wash windows, inside and out, remove cobwebs, and wipe down all surfaces that need attention. Lets all work together to get Immanuel clean and shiny for the Turkey Dinner on November 12th. Many hands make light work.

Thanks for your help!

Moderator's Moment

Turkey Dinner time and thanks to the committee as well as everyone else working toward this successful annual event on November 12th. The new kitchen steps and landing are ready, thanks to your generous donations.

October mission projects of Blankets and CROP Walk more than met our goals. Thanks to Diana Bromeland who chaired the CROP Walk. Hats off to Brenda Wenger and Roger Harris for chairing the Blanket Project with 264 purchased by all of you!!!

The last two months of 2011 are busy times for our church family. Please join us in worship and come feel the Spirit of Immanuel!!!

Becky Merwin—Moderator



Our deepest sympathies to the families of Roger Harris on the loss of his daughter Amanda, and to Ed Riley on the loss of his daughter Kathy Gerard.



Dear Members & Friends of Immanuel,

The Family of Harriett Alberth wish to thank you for all the kind deeds, visits, cards, prayers and memorials you made to our mother and grandmother. The Church Kitchen Step Project was completed and the choir will have some new music due to your generosity. We appreciated all the help with the memorial service and luncheon. Melany Christenson's piano selections for the memorial service were beautiful final tribute to Harriett. Thank you and God bless each on of you.

Al & Nancy Lehman &
Jerry, Lynn & Jennifer Coon

Dear Immanuel Friends and Family,

Thanks for all the calls, cards, flowers and food since my heart issues on Oct. 8th. It felt great to get home after twelve days in the hospital. I'm now in rehab therapy to get my strength back. Harvest time is here and I miss driving my own combine. We are so blessed to have neighbors helping us during this busy time on the farm. Your kindness is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ernie Merwin

Dear Immanuel Family,

Thank you to all who supported the Church World Service Blanket Drive! Our goal was 220 blankets. Due to the tremendous outpouring of support, we met and surpassed our goal by purchasing 264 blankets to help people in need all over the world and right here in our local community. We are truly blessed to be part of such a giving and caring congregation.

Please join us for Coffee Hour on November 6, 2011 in honor of the successful Blanket Drive and also in honor of Nancy Nordmeyer's 75th birthday!

We would also like to say thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, and hugs we have received the past few weeks due to the untimely death of Roger's daughter. Words cannot express how much your expressions of sympathy have meant to both of us. Again, we are truly blessed!

Sincerely,

Brenda Wenger and Roger



November Anniversaries

- 4—Jerry & Lynn Coon
- 11—Bruce & Marty Swanson
- 19—Harold & Ruth Woodhouse

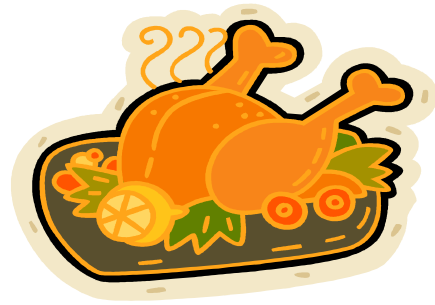


November Birthdays

- 3—Roxanne Baker
Ernie Merwin
Bailey Murcia
- 5—Adam Kolnik
- 6—Christine Toynton
- 7—Nancy Nordmeyer
Madeline Zindrick
- 9—Joe Zindrick
- 10—LuAnne Pearce
- 14—Dixie McConnell
- 18—Joe Abell
Mary Klein
- 20—Tim Kolnik
- 23—Dick Baker
- 25—Jack Meredith
- 26—Lynn Coon
- 28—Sol Klein

From Joyce Pagel

I will soon be ordering offering envelopes for next year. If you DO NOT want envelopes, please contact me at 275-3780, 325-7926 or joyce45@charter.net



Our Turkey Dinner is arriving upon us soon. **November 12th** is the date. Please consider volunteering to help, with either baking pies, monetary donations, set up the day before, or working the day of the dinner. Your help is greatly appreciated. You may call the church office to sign up. Thank you.

Administrative Board Minutes September 25, 2011

Moderator Becky Merwin called the meeting to order at 10:17am on Sunday, Sept. 25th. Present in addition to Becky: Lucy Abell—Assistant Moderator/CE, Jack Cunningham—Deacons, Diana Bromeland—Trustees, Gary Ruskell—Treasurer, Joyce Pagel—Financial Sec., Richard Rasmussen—Stewardship, Pastor Jeannie and Madeline Zindrick—Clerk. Becky opened with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes were approved on a R. Rasmussen/J. Cunningham motion.

Moderator: Becky has put updates in the newsletter. We will need to discuss upcoming, Turkey Dinner, Thanksgiving service, and Christmas. Also, the conceal/carry rule.

Treasurer: We ended August with a balance of \$2379.15, but almost every dollar of that is STEP money, so our balance is well below. We've borrowed from the Turkey Dinner fund in August to pay bills. The total for the steps and cement work will be \$4100, due to the fact that we had some other places that needed repair to be safe and it was easier to have it done at the same time. We will only have to use about \$600 from Christian Ed to pay the balance of the work.

Financial: Everything is printed and self explanatory.

Trustees: The steps are done. Our web page needs updating if we want to promote it. Church clean up will be Saturday, Nov. 5th. We need help since none of the windows got done last spring. A discussion followed about the budget and our finances. Bring a proposal before the congregation about it. The parsonage is rented. We will be looking for snowplowing and shoveling for this winter.

Diaconate: Jeannie will be off for a week at the end of Oct. and Roger Harris will preach Oct. 30th. We will be discussing Thanksgiving and Christmas at our next meeting.

Music: Choir and Bells have been meeting every Wednesday.

Christian Ed: They met Aug. 29th and their next meeting is Oct. 17th at 5pm. Kids of the Kingdom—we would like to do caroling for Christmas. We have two girls in confirmation, Hailey Davis and Makena Ekman.

Stewardship: Our Neighbors in Need offering is Oct. 2nd. Our pledge campaign is Nov. 13th. Also, Mission: 11: 1: 11—11:11:11, is about each of us bringing 11 items for the food pantry. We will be talking more about that coming up soon.

Immanuel Cares: No report.

Pastor: The service by the lake is cancelled. Pastor went to General Synod. We had 2 baptisms and one funeral. Upcoming events: confirmation is beginning next month and we got another book for them to use on Luke and the

Confirmation Retreat is Nov. 11-13th at Pilgrim Center. Pastor is encouraging the confirmands to attend this retreat. Stewardship Sunday is Nov. 13th and we could get a special speaker for that Sunday if want. We have a new Conference Association Minister for the southern part of Wisconsin, Rev. Kent J. Ulery.

Old Business: Newsletter articles are due by the 15th each month.

New Business: The conceal/carry law goes into effect on Nov. 1st. We should discuss it with our boards and maybe our insurance agent about the liability of it. The Church Renewal Program to help your church renew and grow discusses the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. It focuses on the five essential activities of church life. Your team will assess your church in these areas and create an action plan for strengthening your ministries: 1) Radical hospitality, 2) Passionate worship, 3) Intentional faith development, 4) Risk-taking mission and service, 5) Extravagant generosity. The dates for this workshop have changed, so as soon as the new information is available Madeline will put it in the next newsletter.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeline Zindrick—Clerk

LOOKING AHEAD

Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be a combined Thanksgiving Service here at Immanuel on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7pm.

Hanging of the Greens is Sunday, November 27th, with Brunch following. Ad Board will meet on Dec. 4th.

Christmas Eve Service is at 7:30pm, and no Christmas Day Service—if you wish, you can attend Fontana Community church on Christmas Day at 10am.

Cookie Walk is Saturday, Dec. 10th from 9—11am.



Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, November 5th!

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