

**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.”***

**August 2010**

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## ***Journeying with Jeannie***

Dear Friends,

Lately, I have been thinking about how we learn to love God and how we actually love God. So, today I would like to start out with a question to you. Are we, as a church, grounded in love?

You have probably seen pictures or you may have even been to Yosemite or the Sequoia National Park. There you can enjoy the beauty of the majestic Redwood. The Redwood trees are so huge that cars can drive through them.

It is said that the trees reach so high that you can't even see their tops. But what is interesting is that they have a very shallow root system. The roots practically lay on top of the ground. When you consider the height and weight of the trees and the high winds in the Sierra Nevada's, it is amazing that these trees don't come crashing down during a storm.

You may wonder why they don't fall down. The answer is the grove factor. The trees are growing in such close proximity to each other that it helps them withstand nature's onslaught. What happens is the roots reach out in all directions and they get tangled up with the roots from other Redwoods. The roots grow together, intertwining with each other and creating a stabilizing root bed that helps each tree continue to stand. A Redwood tree growing by itself wouldn't last long. But a Redwood forest can last for thousands of years.

That's the way it should be with us as believers and as Christians. We should be woven together,

intertwined together, in love, so that we might grow strong, to be stable and to be able to stand as people of faith. God has established the forest, which we call the church, in which we are to grow. We sink our roots into the local body and become entwined with each other's lives.

As I think back over the past few months, I have watched this church work especially well together. We have been intertwined in many ways. Lots of folks are involved in making this church a warm and welcoming place to worship. Folks here work together to make sure the Food Pantry is able to handle the needs in this community. Many of you are involved in many parts of the outreach of this church. Folks have pitched in to help in all kinds of ways whenever and wherever needed.

The roots of our love for one another and for God have been showing through. We continue to become stronger in our faith and have continued to learn how to support one another. We celebrate victories together and mourn tragedies together. We have stood out as a community of faith and I am proud to be your interim minister at this time.

So as we look ahead to the search process I would like you to remember how, like the Redwoods we are very much intertwined. Remember that it is because of our faith in and love for God that we have become strong enough to withstand any obstacles that may come our way. It is because of this love that we continue to move forward. May God continue to bless us as our journey continues.

Many, many blessing to each one of you,  
Pastor Jeannie

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

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.

## **Cream Puff/Bake Sale**

Our annual Cream Puff/Bake Sale will be held August 7, 2010. Start baking those goodies on cool days. If you can prepare items similar to last year we will have a terrific event. Cookies, cupcakes, bars, special breads, and pies always sell out. Sign up sheets will be on the tables in the back of the church. Lots of workers will be needed that day. Five to seven more helpers are needed to whip the cream from 2-5pm on Friday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> and to price baked goods. You may bring your baked goods to the school at this time.

This is an all-church event, so we hope everyone can help in some way. Proceeds will go into the general budget, as we always seem to fall behind in the summer months. Contact the church office or call Ruskells (275-6468) if you have any questions about this event. Thanks for all your support.

Gary & Gloria

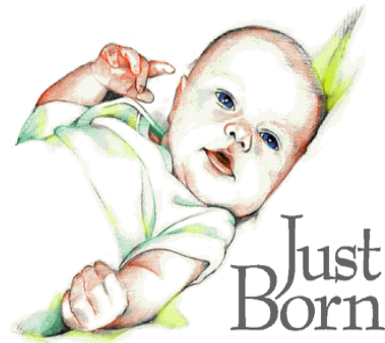
## **Important Dates to Remember**

**Aug. 1—Communion**  
**Aug. 3—Deacons—6pm**  
**Aug. 2—6—VBS—Fontana Community Church**  
**Aug. 5—Office closed**  
**Aug. 7—Cream Puff/Bake Sale**  
**Aug. 17—Trustees**  
**Aug. 22—Worship by the Lake**  
**Aug. 23—Ad Board—6:30pm**  
**Aug. 31—Sept.6—Office closed Madeline vacation**  
**Sept. 3—Trolley—County Fair**  
**Sept. 5—Communion**  
**Sept. 6—Office Closed**  
**Sept. 7—Deacons—6pm**

## **WORSHIP SERVICES AT AURORA UNIVERSITY**

Our combined worship service at Aurora University, are on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. No services here at Immanuel that Sunday. Offering will go to Haiti Relief of the SE Conference Partnership. Otherwise, your regular offering can be put in your envelope with your church's name on it. **Each church will bring about 5 doz. cookies.**

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Congratulations to Tim and Cyndi Bares on the birth of their son Devon Timothy. Timothy was born on June 15<sup>th</sup> weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 19 inches long.

## A Study of the Gospel of Luke Chapters 19, 20, and 21

Luke chapter nineteen begins with the conversion of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. This story teaches us that no one is too bad to be saved. Even a tax collector, despised by both the Jews and the Romans, was not beyond the power of God's grace. Even a little thing, "he wanted to see who Jesus was", curiosity, was enough to open his mind and let the Holy Spirit into his heart. He welcomed Jesus into his home; admitted his guilt, and immediately transformed his behavior. Salvation requires action from us; turning toward God, confessing our sin, accepting His grace, and changing our behavior as evidence of our conversion.

Jesus told the parable of the ten minas to help explain that the kingdom of God was not to be set up as the earthly kingdom that His followers were expecting. The story explains that Jesus, the Son of God, came to this world as a human, but will return to His rightful place in heaven leaving a charge with His disciples, and all believers to continue the work He began on earth. When He returns in glory, there will be a reckoning for what we have done. There will be certain punishment for those who have failed to achieve that which they have been given the gifts and opportunity to gain, and certain reward for those who have lived faithfully as Christians.

Verses twenty-eight through forty tell of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Notice the detail He used when telling His disciples what He wanted them to. He knew what they were going to see and what was going to be said to them. This is a reminder that our Lord Jesus Christ had perfect knowledge of everything that was going to happen to Him. He knows all things, seen and unseen. He entered the city where the high priests and elders were plotting against Him, publicly, riding on a donkey like a king visiting his capital or a conqueror returning in triumph to his native land. He arrived with a great crowd around Him rejoicing and praising God; He knew His work as the sacrifice for sinners was about to be completed, and He wanted to draw the attention of the whole Jewish nation to himself. This great thing was not to be done quietly.

Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. Jesus shows how great the compassion of Christ is toward sinners; he saw the downfall of Jerusalem; he knew of their rejection of Him, but still He wept for them because of their resulting punishment.

The final verses of chapter nineteen shows the great respect Jesus had for the temple. We must respect places where the word of God is read, where Christ is present, and where the Holy Spirit works on souls.

Chapter twenty begins with the chief priests and scribes questioning the authority of Jesus. He answered their question with a question of His own to turn their own trickery against themselves. He refused to answer a question that could use against Him as a threat to Roman authority.

Verses nine through nineteen tell the parable of the tenants. It is one of the few that are also recorded in both Matthew and Mark. This repetition alone is sufficient to point out the importance of its contents. The conduct of the "owner of the vineyard" is a representation of God's dealings with man. He sent prophets, which were rejected; He sent His Son who was killed. This parable shows the severity of God's judgments when they fall on obstinate sinners.

Continuing in their attempt to force Jesus into speaking against the Roman authority so that He would be arrested and removed from access to the public, the Jewish religious leaders sent spies to question Jesus. He is not fooled by their attempts to trick Him. In answer to the question, "Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar?" Jesus replies; "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, (tax money), and to God what is God's", (honor, love, obedience, faith, prayer, and spiritual worship).

The hypothetical question posed to Jesus regarding resurrection and marriage was not asked to gain knowledge but to trip Jesus up in the interpretation of Jewish marriage law. His answer gives us an insight into the saints' existence in the world to come. Laws of nature

will not exist; no birth or death; therefore, the earthly laws and rules regarding marriage will not apply. In the final verses of chapter twenty, Jesus questions those who had previously been questioning Him. Why did they not know that the Messiah was the divine Son of God? King David referred to Him as Lord in Psalm 110. The mighty King David recognized the divinity of the promised Messiah. The severest punishment will come to those who have access to spiritual knowledge, but cover up the truth of the gospel for their own selfish gains. There will be degrees of condemnation and misery in hell.

Chapter twenty-one begins with Jesus' observation of the widow's offering. Nothing we do for the love of God is too small or goes unnoticed. He sees the heart of the giver. As He is nearing the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus warns His disciples against deception. They are to set their sights on heavenly things. Earthly things will not stand. There will come deceivers; the temple will be destroyed; they will be hated for the sake of Christ. His promise to them and to us in verse nineteen is, "By standing firm you will gain life". We are to watch and pray, as our Lord did, for the Lord is surely coming again. We must persevere and not be weighed down by the burdens of the world.

**Please read chapters 22, 23, and 24, for our final discussion of the Gospel of Luke.**

The peace of Christ be with you,  
Diana Bromeland  
Leader of the Adult Bible Study

**There will be NO SERVICES  
at Immanuel on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
We will be at Aurora**

## **University for Worship by the Lake.**



Dear Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Thank you very much for your continued support in our efforts to help the poverty stricken. With your \$237 donation from May 3<sup>rd</sup>, you have provided the following:

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.

Our continuing goal is to make sure every cent donated to The Time is Now to Help is utilized to buy goods and services, such as food, clothing, utilities, toiletries, household necessities, and shelter assistance to help the extremely poverty stricken live more comfortably, making their quality of life better, and remove their pain and suffering. Alone, I cannot financially help all those I have located in poverty. God Bless you for caring and sharing. Again, thank you for your continued kindness.

Health and Happiness  
Sal Dimiceli, Sr.—President

Dear Pastor and 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 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.

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.

We thank you for your sensitivity and kindness in helping struggling residents of our local communities find ways to make a better life for themselves and their families. Your gift will help make a real, positive impact in the lives of many among us.

With deep gratitude,  
Lisa Furseth—Exec. Director



### August Anniversaries

- 1—Al & Nancy Lehman
- 13—Jack & Jan Meredith
- 17—Bill & Marlene Baxter  
Peter & Susan Gordon
- 22—Carroll & Judy Gildemeister
- 29—Rick & Denise Freitag



### August Birthdays

- 3—Loren Morris
- 4—Nancy Rasmussen
- 6—Newt Dickie
- 7—Barb Toynton
- 15—Peter Gordon  
Dorothy Kolnik  
Andy Pearce
- 18—Gloria Ruskell
- 19—Chuck Christenson
- 21—Ed Riley
- 22—Richard Hafferkamp
- 25—Denise Freitag
- 26—Melany Christenson
- 28—Christa Bernstorff



Ruth Galauner passed away this past month. Our sympathy to her family.



We missed Lindsey Kolnik as one of our graduates. Lindsey graduated with her B. S. in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota. She will be attending St. Catherine University in Minneapolis in the fall for her D.P.T. degree, doctor of physical therapy.

High School graduates going on to college:  
Anne Rasmussen: Carroll College in Waukesha—undecided major, Michael Rasmussen: Upper Michigan—Art & Design, Alec Kelley: Madison Area Tech—Fire Science, Kirsten Halma: Madison Area Tech, Betsy Utesch: UW-Madison, Brad McConnell: UW-Stout, Matt Freitag: Michigan Tech—Houghton, Michigan—Computer Science.

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### ***Administrative Board Minutes*** **April 26, 2010**

Moderator Peter Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:35pm on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Present in addition to Peter: Becky Merwin—Assistant Moderator, Brenda Wenger—Financial Sec., Gary Ruskell—Treasurer, Lucy Abell—CE, Bruce Swanson—Stewardship/Benevolences, Ken Pagel—Trustees, Jack Cunningham—Deacons, Judy Gildemeister—Music, Rev. Jeannie Douglas, Madeline Zindrick—Clerk and Confirmands Alex

Halma and Dakota Ekman, and Mentor Mark Pobursky.

**Minutes:** Were approved on a Ruskell/Abell motion.

**Treasurer:** We ended March with a balance of \$6,655.88. All of our benevolences for the entire year are paid. Stewardship has \$46.03 to disperse as they see fit from the Endowment interest.

**Financial:** Was accepted as presented. Asked what is to be done with the \$192 collected from the Lenten services. We'll discuss that under old business.

**Trustees:** New dehumidifier is still needed. We got 3 bids for sealing the parking lot. It will be done this summer. We approved Rev. Jeannie Douglas' contract. We will be switching from Verizon to Charter telephone to save more money. More help is still needed for the Marathon on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Diaconate:** We are still two people short on Deacons. We will have cake for the confirmands on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Do we still want to participate in the Worship by the Lake? It is on Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tabled till our next Ad Board meeting.

**CE:** We had to change promotion Sunday to May 9<sup>th</sup>. Too many of the kids were going to be gone on the 16<sup>th</sup>. They will do music that Sunday as well. We are going to pass out carnations to the mothers. Our last day for Kids of the Kingdom will be May 5<sup>th</sup>. We've been discussing with Pastor Jeannie new programs for next year. We will not meet in June, July and Aug. We will begin Kids of the Kingdom again on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Music:** We've managed to provide two Sundays a month with special music. Anyone who would like to share their talents for any Sunday just see the ladies in the second pew or Pastor Jeannie. We are pleased with the meeting format to keep everyone up to date on what's happening in the church and our search process and we hope that it will continue.

**Stewardship:** Our mission moment will be May 16<sup>th</sup> for Strengthen the Church. Nancy Beci will present it.

**Pastoral Relations:** No report.

**Immanuel Cares:** No report.

**Pastor:** I have been getting to know all of you and for allowing me to make the small changes I've made. It's so nice that everyone is introducing themselves.

**Old Business:** Where does the Lenten money and quarter booklets go? We usually specify a specific place, such as, Food Pantry, etc. On a Wenger/Pagel motion it was passed to give it to the Food Pantry. Our next open meeting will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business:** Our profile is just about done. Fundraising and where the money from them should go: A lengthy discussion about a form being filled out and where the money should go and address. Judy suggested that the Ad Board be the deciding factor as to where the funds should go—not just the committee doing the fundraiser. We will have a new format for fundraising, and it will give people notification if they want to participate in the fundraiser, too. Bring this back to all boards to discuss, they are out of touch as to how the money is spent. We will talk about it at our next Ad Board meeting.

Next Ad Board is Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm on a Cunningham/Pagel motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Madeline Zindrick—Clerk

## ***Administrative Board Minutes May 24, 2010***

Moderator Peter Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:34pm, on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Present in addition to Peter: Becky Merwin—Assistant Moderator, Lucy Abell—CE, Andy Pearce—Trustees, Judy Gildemeister—Music, Gary Ruskell—Treasurer, Richard Rasmussen—Stewardship/Benevolence, Madeline Zindrick—Clerk, and Pastor Jeannie opened with a prayer.

**Minutes:** Were approved on a Pearce/Merwin motion.

**Treasurer:** We ended April with a balance of \$2,514.42. All of our benevolences have been paid

in full. The treasurer's report was accepted on a Pearce/Merwin motion.

**Financial:** Was accepted as presented.

**Trustees:** We're getting an industrial dehumidifier for \$400 for a factory second with a full year warranty. The parking lot will be sealed in June sometime. We've switched from Verizon to Charter telephone, and we no longer have to dial 9 before making a call. There will be a new sign for the Food Pantry at their entrance.

**Deacons: No Report.**

**CE:** We talked about the fundraising issue. We would like the Kids of the Kingdom to perform sometime this summer too. We would like to set up an "In House Scholarship" for college. We will discuss this more at our next meeting on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Music:** The young kids have sung, bells have played and we've had beautiful music this month. We're thinking about having another music Sunday and working on summer music.

**Stewardship:** Strengthen the Church offering was last Sunday. Neighbors in Need is our next one and the Blanket Project will maybe in September. The Endowment interest we will disperse at the end of the year. We're operating with 2 vacancies on the Board.

**Pastoral Relations: No Report.**

**Immanuel Cares:** Has Meals on Wheels this week.

**Pastor:** Did a couple of hospital visitations. Did her Boundary Training that's required. The quilts will be dedicated on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** A continuation of discussion of the fundraising form—name of the event, group or persons in charge, and where the funds are designated to go. Peter presented a standard for designation of church fundraisers. A goal of what the intentions of the fundraiser are for and having it listed in our annual report every year. The more people know, the more they can participate and take ownership of it. Here is the proposal:

**Proposed standards for designation of funds raised in church fundraisers.**

**For the year 2010 all will proceed as has been done in the past with the one addition being the Committee or Chairperson will file the one page form prepared by the Financial**

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officers to specifically designate where the funds raised will go. At the end of this year and in years to come, a list of fundraising events and the designation of the funds will be made part of the Annual Report. At this time any questions, concerns, or objections can be raised for the designation of funds raised in any specific event. This should become part of all Annual Reports going forward in time.

During the year if a committee decides to make a change, they should give a copy of the fundraising form with the new designation for funds raised to Trustees, to bring to the next Ad Board meeting for discussion (not approval).

At the end of that year the new designation of funds raised will be part of the Annual meeting and can then be addressed by the entire congregation.

A form will continue to be filled out and filed with the Trustees for all fundraisers so the Financial Officers will be able to assign the funds raised in an efficient manor.

**New Business:** The Confirmation service was so powerful and meaningful for our confirmands. Next Ad Board meeting is June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The meeting was adjourned on an Abell/Ruskell motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Zindrick—Clerk

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**Hand Bell Director:** Melany Christenson  
**Organist:** David Rasmussen  
**Lydia's Helpers:** Wednesdays—9am-Noon

