

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

*Immanuel*

**United Church of Christ**

**111 Fremont St.**

**Walworth, WI 53184**

**Worship services 8:30 a. m.**

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

***May 2023***

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## **Moderator’s Moment**



The trees are beginning to bud, the daffodils, tulips and hyacinth are blooming, and for that we are glad. Early Spring is always such a lovely time of year; everything has a fresh new look. Some of us even look forward to the sound of our lawnmowers. Imagine that!

On behalf of Immanuel I would like to extend a very special “Thank You” to Dave and Sue Zick for delivering an amazing and thought provoking Easter Sermon.

Mother’s Day is just around the corner. My love and best wishes to all our mothers for a Happy Mother’s Day. I hope you know you are loved and appreciated by your families and by everyone whose life you touch in some way.

And, of course, we celebrate the wonderful men and women who serve or have served in our military. We would not be the great nation we are today if it were not for the sacrifices made by our soldiers (and their families). Thank you for your service!

See you in Church!

God Bless,  
Lucy

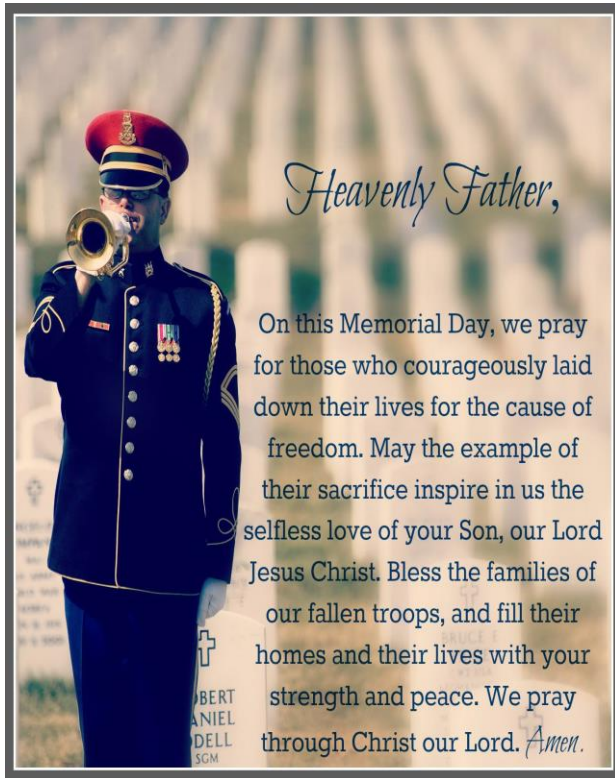
P. S. Our weekly services are now on our Facebook Page: Walworth Immanuel Church

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## **Upcoming Events**

- May 1**—Bible Study—9:30 am
- May 3**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- May 7**—Communion
- May 8**—Bible Study—9:30 am
- May 9**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- May 15**—Bible Study—9:30 am
- May 16**—Trustees—5:30 pm
- May 17**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- May 22**—Bible Study—9:30 am
- May 24**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- May 29**—**Memorial Day—Office closed**
- May 31**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- June 4**—Communion

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## Words from a past minister

It wasn't long ago images of the Notre Dame Cathedral aflame filled our media outlets. How very sad the images made us feel. We were reminded, again, how devastating and destructible fire can be.

Several years ago, I woke in the middle of the night to an orange sky. Being half asleep, I was trying to figure out what I was seeing. I pulled the bedroom curtains back only to find my neighbor's house completely engulfed in flames. I quickly grabbed my robe and went outside with several from the neighborhood and watched the house go up in flames, eventually caving inward. Luckily, my neighbors were out of town and the house and all of its contents were totally lost.

We often have wild fires in our country. These bring devastating destruction and too

many times a loss of human life. Fire can be very powerful and dangerous.

In the scriptures, we are taught the evil will suffer for their wrongs in, "a lake of fire." The Bible also speaks of anger being a fire that can consume us. Interesting, to me, anyway, is that we also learn fire can bring about much good. The Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah decided he would no longer speak of and for God! The he penned these words; "But His word was like a fire burning in my bones. I could not help but speak." Jeremiah 20:9.

Jesus said, "He came to send a fire on the earth." Luke 12:49.

We also know from scripture that Christian fellowship lights the fire of brotherly love in our hearts. "Were our hearts not burning within us?" Luke 24:32, Psalm 39:3, "My heart burned within me and then I spoke."

Fire, handled properly can accomplish much good. Fire out of control or handled improperly can be dangerous and devastating.

When was the last time you had an inward fire? What would it have produced if you had acted upon it? Maybe it would have been good deeds for others or a task done to honor God and accomplish much good for His work.

Fire's good or devastation is largely determined by how one chooses to use it. May your heart burn within you for God's will and work. Let's think about that with Pentecost approaching.

Pastor Roger

# KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

OUR CLASS YEAR IS RAPIDLY COMING TO END. THAT BEING SAID, OUR LAST CLASS WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>.

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, FOR "PROMOTION SUNDAY". WE WANT TO SHARE OUR YEAR WITH YOU.

## KIDS OF THE KINGDOM LUCY



## May Anniversaries

3—Ken & Joyce Pagel  
19—Neil & Wanda McKinnell



## May Birthdays

12—Charlene Kelley  
14—Jack Cunningham  
15—Neil McKinnell  
23—Marty Swanson  
27—Sue Zick

## "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 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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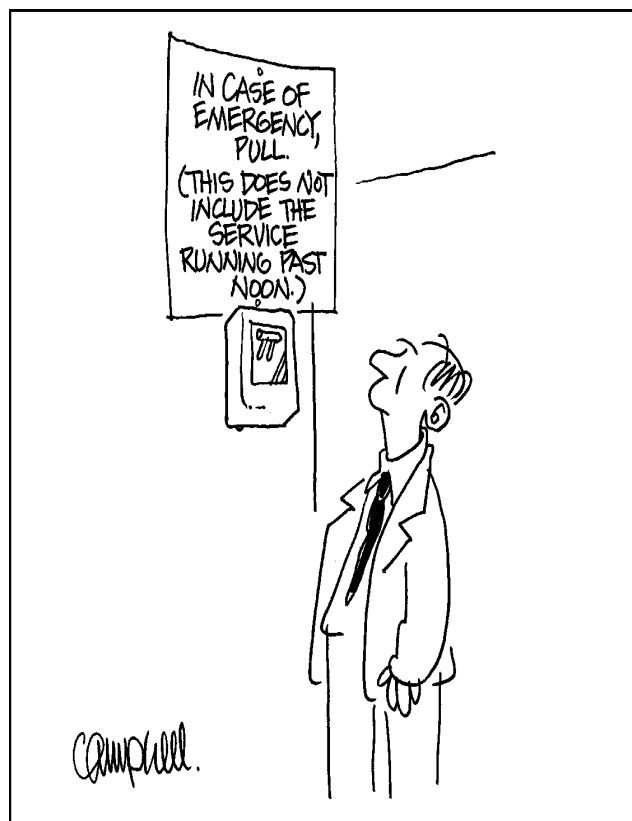
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