

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.”*

March 2023

Moderator’s Moment



Happy Spring!

What comes to mind for you when you think of Spring? Is it the appearance of the crocus and daffodils and tulips that have been dormant for so many months? The sighting of your first Robin? Or perhaps it’s the arrival of much warmer days ahead? Maybe it’s your renewed spirit and enthusiasm because you know that Spring is the season of “rebirth.”

It is good to have Pastor Bob back with us. Our prayers and best wishes for a full recovery.

I would like to say “Thank You” to Diana Bromeland for preparing such wonderful services in Pastor Bob’s absence.

I would also like to extend a special “Thank You” to Bill Horn for bringing the Voice of Praise Choir to Immanuel on February 19th. It was such a wonderful performance.

Many families will be leaving on vacations during Spring break. I wish you safe travels to and from those destinations.

Try planting seeds of happiness this Spring.

Love,
Lucy

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 1**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- Mar. 5**—Communion
- Mar. 6**—Bible Study—9:30 am
- Mar. 8**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- Mar. 11**—**Turn Clocks ahead**
- Mar. 12**—Deacons meeting after church
- Mar. 13**—Bible Study—9:30 am
- Mar. 15**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- Mar. 20**—Bible Study—9:30 am
- Mar. 21**—Trustees meeting—5:30 pm
- Mar. 22**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- Mar. 27**—Bible Study—9:30 am
- Mar. 29**—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
- Apr. 2**—Communion

What does it mean to *listen*?

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What does it mean to ***listen to God***?

In order to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking, we must maintain a posture of listening, staying open and curious instead of calloused and closed off. In our scripture readings this Sunday, we see two different examples of listening. Seeking the fruit of the garden, Adam and Eve allow the snake's manipulative voice to become louder than God's voice. In the wilderness, Jesus defies the deception of the tempter by listening intuitively—to God, to his inner moral compass, to the teachings of his faith. And so, who will you listen to? What sources do you seek for news, information, and media? Whose voices—and what messages—take up too much space in your head? From the onslaught of messaging we receive, we are invited to choose carefully. Faith practices can help us listen and filter what we're hearing to discern God's voice.

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Dear Immanuel UCC,

Thank you for your donation of \$25 to the Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter. We appreciate it and we couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

Lynn Curtis
Executive Director

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is March 19th. Every year at this time, the members and friends of this congregation open their hearts to help people around the world with our gifts.

Our gifts help people to improve their living conditions through long-term giving we offer shelter, food, bedding, and other assistance to people who must flee their homes, and our gifts provide emergency relief for people caught in catastrophic circumstances.

When you make a gift to the offering you become a partner in the refugee, disaster relief, and community development efforts of the United Church of Christ. Envelopes will be in our bulletin on Sunday, March 12th, for the offering taken on Sunday, March 19th.



**Don't forget to turn your
clocks ahead before you go to
bed on March 11th.**

A look back at our history

A little comical thank you from years ago! Some special fun “tag” names for our members, all in getting the parsonage ready for Rev. Bill & Dee Zopp to arrive.

Thank you—August 27-29—1980 something? The following people painted 15 rooms, buffed and sealed the hardwood floors, cleaned, removed old carpet, and did yard work at the parsonage: “Multi-Gallon Man,” Ernie Merwin, “Neat & Trim,” Tom Beci, “Whitefoot,” Art Anderson, “Storyteller,” Jack Cunningham, “Rush’n & Brush,” Jack Meredith, “Holy Roller,” Neil McKinnell, “Floor Man,” John Blow, “I don’t need masking tape,” Sandy Cunningham, “Yard & Repair Man,” Craig Utesch, “Cupboard Queen Gloria Jean,” Gloria Ruskell, “Window Wonder Woman,” Roxanne Baker, and “Too Fussy for Farmers,” Gary Ruskell. Many thanks from everyone at Immanuel and from the Whip Crackers, Gary Ruskell & Craig Utesch.

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Maple Fest Covenant Harbor March 19th,

7:30 am—2 pm

**Pancake Breakfast,
Outdoor Market, Family
Activities, and more!
Come see us at Camp!**

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