

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."

February 2026

Moderator's Moment



Greetings to my Friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our Annual Meeting on January 18th. Coming together to reflect on the previous year and collaborate on decisions for the upcoming year is essential for our Immanuel's continued success.

I also want to express my gratitude to each of you who have volunteered to serve on a Board. Your dedication and willingness to contribute your time and effort are truly valued by all.

At this writing, the weather is snowy and cold, very cold. However, we do have a few events coming up in the near future which hopefully will warm your heart.

Valentine's Day. Over the centuries, Valentine's Day has been a religious feast day and a secular day of romance. In the beginning, it was even a ritual celebrating fertility and springtime. Given how much it's changed over time, the meaning of Valentine's Day can be whatever you want. Choose to make it a day to express your love and appreciation for the people in your life, whether they're coworkers, romantic partners, friends, or family members.

Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the 40-day Lenten season—a time in which we are called to prayer, fasting, and repentance before celebrating Easter. Lent is a time for us to reflect on our thoughts, actions, and attitudes that separate us from the life God intends for His children.

I would be remiss if I did not include the upcoming sports events. The Winter Olympics will commence on February 6th and run through February 22nd. And, of course, the Super Bowl on February 8th.

Each of the above occasions are made even more special when we can share that time with the people we love.

Happy Valentine's Day!
I hope it brings you the same happiness
You create for everyone around you.

Love,
Lucy

Upcoming Events

Jan 26—Bible Study—9:30 am
Ad Board—5 pm
Jan 28—Kids of the Kingdom 3:30 pm
Feb 1—Communion
Feb 2—Bible Study—9:30 am
Feb 4—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
Feb 8—Deacons—after church
Feb 9—Bible Study—9:30 am
Feb 11—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
Feb 16—Bible Study—9:30 am
Feb 17—Trustees—5:30 pm
Feb 18—Ash Wednesday—7 pm at Como
Feb 23—Bible Study—9:30 am
Feb 25—Kids of the Kingdom—3:30 pm
Mar 1—Communion
Mar 2—Bible Study—9:30 am

If you have a new address, phone number or e-mail address, please let the office know. Thank you.

Dave & Sue Zick's new address
Grand Hills Castle
13050 West Cleveland Avenue, Apt. #116
New Berlin, WI 53151



February Anniversaries



February Birthdays

13—Renee Burns
16—Bruce Swanson
17—Randy Lewis

Ad Board News

Ash Wednesday Service, February 18th, will be at Como Church at 7 pm, Good Friday Service April 3rd will be at Immanuel at 5 pm. For Easter Sunday, April 5th, you have the option of going to the early service at Como or our service at Immanuel at 8:30 am.

In other news, we'll be getting an electric sign to replace the one we have on the corner. It will be paid for out of Memorial funds. I'm sure you've seen all the markings along our street for utility work that is being done. Some of our sidewalks will be torn up, so please be aware of where you are walking.



Dear Immanuel UCC,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000 in December to the Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter.

We pray that God will bless you as much as you've blessed us. We thank Him for your gift, shared from a heart of love. We pray that God would touch you in a very special way, and fill you more with His love each and every day.

Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter

Dear Immanuel Family,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. It's very much appreciated.

Love,
Lucy

To My Church Family,

Thank you for the gift I received at Christmas. It was very kind and appreciated!

Thanks, again,
Joyce

Dear Immanuel Family,

I want to sincerely thank you for the Christmas gift I received. It was very much appreciated. God bless you all.

Love,
Madeline

Dear Friends & Supporters,

On behalf of the Walworth Children's Foundation and the support from the Walworth Guidance Department, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the organizations and individuals who so generously donated to the Walworth Family Holiday Gift Card Project.

Because of your kindness and compassion, Walworth students and their families experienced the warmth of the Christmas season in a very meaningful way. These loving gifts were deeply appreciated and made a lasting impact during a special time of year.

Your support reminds us of the strength and care within our Walworth community. You truly make a difference in the lives of our students and families, and your generosity means more than words can express. We are grateful for your continued commitment to helping our school community thrive.

Thank you for being such an important part of Walworth. Your kindness reflects the heart of our community and the spirit of giving.

With sincere appreciation,
Walworth Children's Foundation with
support from the Walworth Guidance
Department

Dear Immanuel UCC,

Coming together to give -- it's one of the most powerful ways to show our vulnerable neighbors they matter. Your compassionate gift is making a lasting impact on the families served by Twin Oaks Shelter for the Homeless.

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000.00 on January 5, 2026.

Twin Oaks served 199 people during 2024, 90 of whom were children. 181 of our residents were situationally, not chronically, homeless. Our staff remains committed to reaching out to those who face a state of uncertainty, unsure of where to turn when they cannot afford rent, utilities, or food.

Your contribution makes this possible. As we build towards the future, thank you for being there for our neighbors in need and for the hope they are now able to feel.

With gratitude,

Lexi Tintlemann
Public Relations Manager
Community Action, Inc. of Rock
And Walworth Counties

Dear Friends of Immanuel UCC,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors near and far. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can—and will—change lives.

Sincerely,
Rick Santos
President and CEO
Church World Service

CROP WALK NEWS

The 2025 Lake Geneva Area CROP Hunger Walk is pleased to present to this donation of \$696.33 to support the work of your Food Pantry. The CROP Walk money raised by our many churches is divided with 75% going to the national organization of Church World Service and 25% to our local area. We then divided that 25% between 8 area food pantries/organizations.

We value your ministry to help people in need in our area and want to thank you for the good work and faithful ministry you are doing. We pray God's blessing to you and the people you serve.

Sincerely,

Jim Pfeil

2025 CROP Hunger Walk Coordinator

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