

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.”*

October 2025

Moderator’s Moment



Greetings, My Friends,

As autumn settles in, the crisp air and changing leaves bring a sense of reflection and renewal. Reflection of the past Summer months that went by ever so quickly. It's a perfect time to reconnect with loved ones and friends, savor some hot cider, visit the apple orchards and pumpkin farms, and embrace the comfort of home.

October often invites us to slow down, appreciate the beauty around us, and prepare for the months ahead. The busy months ahead!

A reminder that the Turkey Dinner is coming up on November 8th. Hard to believe, but it's true. "Thank You" in advance for volunteering.

We appreciate all our Facebook followers. We are so glad that you can join in our weekly service. Whether near or far, your "presence" enriches our church family and brings warmth to each gathering. We value the connections we share and look forward to welcoming new faces and strengthening old friendships throughout this season.

Many of us will have the fun of passing out candy and goodies to all the Halloween Trick or Treaters. In addition to this fun gesture, let us also remember those in our community who may need extra support or a friendly word. Consider reaching out, offering a helping hand, or simply sharing a smile—it can make a world of difference. Together, we continue to build a caring and inclusive atmosphere that reflects the true spirit of our congregation. It just may be the "sweet treat" someone needs!

Have a Wonderful Month!

Love,
Lucy



If you or a family member is hospitalized and you'd like a pastoral visit, please let either the hospital or our church know. With privacy laws, this information is not shared without consent.

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

Upcoming Events

Sept 29—Bible Study—9:30 am
Oct 5—Communion
Oct 6—Bible Study—9:30 am
Oct 12—Deacons—after church
CROP Walk—12:30 pm
Oct 13—Bible Study—9:30 am
Oct 15—**Kids of the Kingdom begins**
Oct 20—Bible Study—9:30 am
Oct 21—Trustees—5:30 pm
Oct 27—Bible Study—9:30 am
Nov 1—**Turn Clocks back**
Nov 2—Communion

If you have information on your favorite hymns or Bible verses to share with me, I would be able to record them for your family members for your funeral. Many times when family members come in to plan the funeral service they say, "I don't know what hymns or scriptures were their favorite," so it's nice to have that info on my computer for them. Thank you.

Madeline



October Anniversaries

11—Craig & Brenda Utesch
12—Kelly & Charlene Kelley
20—Pastor Bob & Genise Kamps



October Birthdays

8—Kelly Kelley
9—Laura Kolnik
Lisa Nordmeyer
10—Craig Halma
25—Tasha Nordmeyer
29—Val Dudek



Kids of the Kingdom

Fall Classes begin on October 15,
2025 at 3:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday afternoons
for an inspiring journey filled with
laughter, learning, and friendship!

Our Kids of the Kingdom class
welcomes children of all ages to
explore stories, songs, and activities
that celebrate faith, kindness, and
the joy of growing together.

Come be a part of the Kids of the
Kingdom—where every heart
shines and every voice belongs. We
can't wait to see you!

Lucy Abell



Turkey Dinner is fast approaching,
Saturday, November 8th to be exact.
We'll have sign-up sheets out for
volunteers in a week.

Insights from Our Bible Study Group

Last Sunday in his message, Pastor Bob told us that Sunday, September 21, was “Back-to-Church” Sunday. I’m always looking for new and interesting ideas for our Bible study class on Monday mornings, so I thought we would take a break from our current study of the books of 1st and 2nd Peter to discuss some of the whys and why nots of church attendance. This is a bit of what we discussed:

Why do I go to church?

1. **To worship God.** Although we know God is present everywhere, there is something special about walking into a sanctuary, God feels close, making it easier to focus on worship.

Psalm 98:4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**2. To stop and catch my breath.
Reset for the new week.**

Life is busy, stressful, and filled with conflict. When you come into the church building, there is a separation from worldly problems. You have an opportunity to take your burdens, give them to God, and go back out into the world, renewed, refreshed, and ready to tackle new challenges.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

3. To connect with my church family.

Gathering together as believers allows us to put aside other differences and work together for the common good.

Hebrews 10:25 Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.

4. To remind me to be grateful.

We get busy with everything and forget that **everything** is a gift from

God; even the air we breathe. Everything we have accomplished is a gift from the giver who gave us the ability to work and earn and learn.

Psalm 107:1 O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

5. Because it is required of a Christian.

The apostle Paul spent a great deal of time encouraging the early church to be faithful in meeting together, so they would not fall back into their worldly habits.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

6. To remind me of God's love for me.

Sometimes we feel alone and unloved. At a church service, chances are, there will be one line in a song, one sentence in a prayer, or a portion of the message that reminds you of God's unconditional love for you.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

7. To find purpose for my life.

We all need to be reminded once in a while that we have value. That value comes from God's purpose for our lives.

Jeremiah 29:11 For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Micah 6:8 And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

8. To learn more about the Bible.

Knowing the Bible is so important in your relationship with God. Knowing Jesus' teaching and compassion, and about his death and resurrection are necessary for our salvation.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall be successful.

9. Fellowship and support.

Coffee hour! Sitting down with someone for refreshments after the service is an important part of church fellowship. While enjoying a snack, we share each other's joys

and learn of problems we may be able to help relieve.

Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are doing.

10. Family Support.

It can be a great comfort when you or a member of your family is ill or in crisis, to know that the church is praying for them.

Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

There are also many reasons that people **do not** attend church services on a regular basis; "It's my only day off"; "I'm too busy on Sunday"; "I've gone before, but I didn't get anything out of it;" "It's too early!" There are so many excuses. But remember. Christ Jesus established the church. This is what he wants us to do. It is the devil that wants us to pay no attention to church. God knows we need a day of rest, not only for physical well-being but also for spiritual renewal. We all have been given the same twenty-four hours in each day, it's up to us to set our priorities to best meet our needs, both physical and spiritual.

Mark 2:28 "Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.

Psalms 5:3 "O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you.

If it hasn't been a regular habit for you, come and join us next Sunday morning. And, if you found this discussion

interesting and would like to join in, come and join our Bible study group. We meet in the fellowship hall on Monday morning from 9:30 till 10:45. Everyone is welcome.

May the peace of Christ be with you,

Diana Bromeland and
The Bible Study Group

CROP Walk

Mark your calendars.....Crop Walk is just around the corner. The annual Crop Walk will be on October 12th, registration is at 12:30 @ Lions Fieldhouse in Williams Bay and the walk starts @ 1:00 at Kishwauketoe. You can either join a team or make a donation to one of the sponsors.

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