



Immanuel United Methodist Church

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the people of the United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
THROUGH LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 2

Worship Service at 9:00 am

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Soup and Sandwich Supper 5:00 p.m.

Praise 1 Service 5:30 pm

Praise 2 Bible Study 6:30 pm

The mission of Immanuel United Methodist Church is making and being disciples for Jesus Christ.

August newsletter

This newsletter is for the family and friends of the IUM Church of Ripon, WI. Everyone is welcome to worship and/or join this church. If this is your first time here, we hope that you enjoyed your time worshipping with us and will come back again soon.

The deadline for the
September newsletter is
****August 20****

Up Front

Elevator

The time for dreaming and planning has been long enough. Now it's time to do something.

Soon after our building was built 50 years ago, we found that most people treated the west entrance off the parking lot as our front door. People began talking about the need for an elevator and have been giving for it ever since. Seventeen years ago an accessibility committee identified ways to help people with physical challenges. We built a useful ramp and made room in our sanctuary for wheelchairs. This church wants all persons to have access.

Especially since we are living longer. Two generations ago, people didn't live in the immobile stage of life as long as we do now. That stage will be even longer in the next two generations. With medical technology, those of us with handicapping conditions are living with them for decades, rather than a few years. More of us will need an elevator longer because we are living longer. Isn't that wonderful? God is good!

As a long established congregation, we do not aim ministry just to young adults, but to all ages. We want to continue to provide for the spiritual needs of older adults and include them in our ministries. As other Ripon churches are finding, an elevator is not only necessary now, but will be even more so for the next generations.

When I came to Ripon as pastor two years ago, I came into our planning and uncertainty about an elevator. In those two years, I've seen too many of us die without the chance to get into worship as often as they wanted to come. It's time for the planning and uncertainty to be done and an elevator to add to our ministry. Read of our plans in this newsletter. Let's seek God's will together.

Rev. Nulton

Worship Schedule through Labor Day, September 2

We will have one Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 am, through September 2.
Coffee Fellowship follows at 10:00 am.

On July 29 Steve Quigg, missionary pilot, will speak. Steve flew missionaries in Nigeria during the '80's and Congo in the '90's. Now he is based in the U.S., providing support for United Methodist mission aviation throughout Africa. He also works with Mission Safety International, providing safety and security services to various mission organizations worldwide.

On August 5 Rev. Nulton continues his series of sermons on God's miracles. It began with the story of his brother, Randall Nulton's vision that led him across the country for his role in the National Center for Fathering. We have a copy of the book that records it. Communion will be held in the sanctuary, after the service.

On August 12 Roger Kindschi will lead worship.

Our schedule will return to 8:00 am and 10:30 am services on September 9.

IUM Church Staff

Senior Pastor
Administrative Assistant
Equipping Ministries Director
Senior High Youth Director
Middle School Youth Director
Visitation Ministries
Organist
Choir Director
Custodian

Rev. Paul Nulton
Carol Schwark
Roger Kindschi
Shannon Rogers
Krista Sperger
Patti Quinn
Gen Stellmacher
Shelley Nulton
Stan Brink

Youth News

An awesome time was had by nearly 50 Middle School Youth in our community at the Ripon Youth Connection Lock In on June 15th. It was a fun-filled night of games, food, movies, and praise and worship!

Krista Sperger took a group of High School and Middle School Youth for an exciting evening at Lifest. All who attended had an incredible night of music and faith filled experiences!

The youth are off to cheer on the Timber Rattlers Friday July 27th at 5pm. There will be a tailgate party, baseball game, and fireworks after the game. The cost is \$8 per person.

The Middle School youth are bursting with anticipation to go tubing on the Crystal River on Tuesday July 31st. They will also spend part of their day at Pastor Paul's cottage on Stratton Lake at Waupaca.

Both the Sr. High Youth and the Middle School Youth are busy wrapping up details for their summer Mission Trips! The Sr. High Youth will be going to downtown Chicago August 5th-10th to serve the people of that community through soup kitchens, working at homeless shelters, and working at inner city daycares. 9 youth and 3 adult leaders are thrilled to have this opportunity to serve. The Sr. High will leave the church at 1:00 pm Sunday August 5th and return at noon Friday August 10th.

The Middle School youth are also excited to be serving through Mission Work Thursday August 16th at Paul's Pantry in Green Bay from 9:00-11:00 am. This will be followed by a picnic lunch and fun at Bay Beach. The Middle School Youth will leave the church at 7:30 am and return at 4:30 pm.

We are eagerly looking forward to planning more fun and faith filled opportunities for the fall! We welcome suggestions and new ideas!

The Middle School EDGE group on Wednesday night will resume meeting in September. 15-20 Senior High Youth continue to meet at Shannon Rogers house on **Mondays, July 23 until school starts. Once school starts, we will return to Wednesday nights.**

Blessed through the lives of Youth-
Krista Sperger and Shannon Rogers
Middle School and Sr. High Youth Coordinators

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-“GREAT BIBLE REEF, DIVING INTO GOD’S WORLD”

Everyone who attended VBS as a student or volunteer had a great time! Pastor Paul taught us new songs related to caring, helping, trusting, believing and listening. We participated in the open house for the Little White School House to reinforce the meaning of community. Each night we sang, listened to lessons prepared by the teachers, made crafts, participated in outdoor or indoor activities and of course had some snacks.

I wish to thank those who volunteered:

Jennie Zahnow	Tom Zimdars
Vickie Hughes	Pastor Paul
Jean Woolley	Allie Hughes
Julie Kahn	Alyssa Wittchow
Lucille Leatherberry	Andrew Wittchow
Sandy Page	Ashley Himebaugh
Beth Pugh	Amanda Himebaugh
Betty Eichstedt	Mary Jo Cartier
Ashley Zahnow	Sue Wetzal
Mark Krueger	

2007-2008 SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 9, 2007. Stay tuned for more information pertaining to our kick off day. The roster of teachers is looking great!

Currently there are openings for the following opportunities:

Kindergarten teachers
First & Second grade teacher
Third & Fourth grade teacher
Missions Coordinator

Please contact the church office or myself if you are interested.

Student registration forms will be distributed in bulletins and email during the month of August.

TEACHERS MEETING

A Sunday School teachers meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 7 pm in the church lounge. Please bring any requests for curriculum or supplies to that meeting so orders can be placed.

MISSION PROJECT

We will be collecting school supplies for the Northcott Neighborhood House throughout the month of September. As you are shopping for your children, please pick some additional supplies that can be sent to the Northcott House.

Deb Kaiser, Sunday School Superintendent

SHARE & CARE & PRAYER TIME

Come and fellowship for a time, then spend time in prayer for our families, our church, our community and our world. Experience God for an hour on Wednesday mornings, from 9:00 – 10:00 am, in the Disciple Room. We will meet on August 8 and 22.

Hats off to our youth! Recently, at a concert on the Village Green, several youth turned an opportunity into a mission. They were asked to provide refreshments to our community, and turned around and donated all the profits to Labor of Love, a Christian maternity home in Oshkosh. It is heartwarming to see our youth show so much concern and compassion at their young age. Even with summer activities and vacations in full swing, they are still thinking of others first. Their parents should be proud of the young adults they have become. **What are you doing to make the world a better place?**

Other Religions and Denominations Adult Sunday

School Class continues... July 29 and August 5... What do they believe and why do they do what they do? Rev. Paul Nulton will teach a study Sundays at 10:15 am in the Christian Service Room. He will make a presentation and time for questions and comments.

July 29 Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons

August 5 Other Christian Denominations

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Greetings to all men,

In August the United Methodist Men are taking a recess from activities. On September 8, we'll have our Fall "Kick Off" Steak Fry event in the fellowship hall. Side dishes will be provided. Bring your own meat to grill. Erin Oakley, Ripon College student from Madison, will bring us the program and music. More details will be given in the September newsletter. Come, and bring a friend!

Tom Worrall, chairman
United Methodist Men

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Led by Rik Ridders on Wednesdays, will meet weekly from noon to 1:00 pm, at Ripon A & W Restaurant, throughout the summer. For information on the location of this study, contact Rik at 748-6111(work) or 748-3185 (home).

EQUIPPING MINISTRIES

During one of our July Praise 2 Bible study lessons, we spent time reading and discussing Acts 6. As we talked about this section of the Bible I thought about the church of 2007 as it related to our pastors and the laity of our churches.

In verse 2, the apostles stated that they should spend their time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. Then in verse 4 we read, "then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word". Then we read in verse 7 "So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too."

As I read and reflected on these verses, the following became very clear to me, and the ministry that is before us:

- Globally, the responsibility of our pastors is that of praying and teaching the word of God - spiritual leaders of our churches, while it is the responsibility of the laity to lead and take care of the ministries and business of our churches.
- In verse 3 the apostles told the laity to select people who were full of the Spirit and wisdom to lead the food program. I believe that God wants the laity who are leading the various programs and ministries of the churches in our country and world to be people who are Christians that are maturing in their Christian faith who have wisdom.
- Once our pastors are focusing on teaching the word of God and prayer and once the laity of our churches who are in leadership are maturing Christians who have wisdom, then we will again see the number of

believers greatly increased in our churches, communities and world.

The growth of our churches is not about large numbers of people attending worship; rather, it is about large numbers of people becoming believers/Christians who are maturing in their faith, using their spiritual gifts in ministry, and helping their neighbors. This kind of growth will take sacrifices by the clergy and laity of our churches – it will be hard yet very satisfying. Through all of this God will be glorified.

Ministering together,
Roger Kindschi
Director of Equipping Ministries

Praise 2 Bible Study

Wednesday nights starting at 6:30pm in the Church Lounge

During the summer months the Praise II Bible study will be studying the book of **ACTS**. This is an incredible book written by Luke as a continuation of the gospel of Luke. We will be looking at the acts/ministry of Peter and Paul. The primary emphasis in the book of Acts is the activity of the Holy Spirit. Come join us!

August Sunday Worship Volunteers

USHERS-*Coordinator, Mike Wuest*

9:00

August 5	Bob & Cheryl Schrader, Dave & Kathy Daye
August 12	Chet & Ardys Fenner, Deb Kaiser, Daryl Bly
August 19	Iver Leatherberry, Erv Beilke, Bob & Pat Henning
August 26	Steve & Kim Michaelson, Don & Joyce Jorgensen

COFFEE HOUR-*Coordinator, Kathy Hilscher*

At 10:00 am

	9:15 Set-Up	10:45 Clean Up
August 5	Kathy Hilscher	Kathy Hilscher
August 12	Bob & Marge Burling	Bob & Marge Burling
August 19	Kathy Hilscher	Kathy Hilscher
August 26	Pat & Nancy Himebaugh	Pat & Nancy Himebaugh

The Worship Committee is grateful for your help.

Attention Parents:

At this time, we do not have nursery service during either service. Please feel free to use one of the quiet bags available in the foyer.

Or You may also sit in the lounge with your child and listen to the service, as there are toys in the southeast corner of the lounge. ☺ ☺

August Sponsors

August 2007
A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

ALTAR FLOWERS - \$12

August 5 Joe & Judy Barnett
August 12 Sam & Yvonne Holmes
August 19 Gerald & Carol Schulz
August 26 Annagene Priske

BULLETINS - \$10

Ilah Morgan
Sam & Yvonne Holmes
Gerald & Carol Schulz
Bryan & Connie Kautzer

RADIO BROADCAST - \$50

August 5 Keith & Bonnie Bartig
August 12 Sam & Yvonne Holmes
August 19 Betty Kuehn
August 26 Bryan & Connie Kautzer

2007 sign up sheets to sponsor all items above have been posted on the bulletin board between the coatroom and restroom on the main floor. Please sign up today!

Radio Broadcast

Our Sunday 8:00 am service broadcast is on WRPN Radio, 1600 AM, at 9:30 am every Sunday.

ACOLYTES-Coordinator, Carol Schwark

9:00 am

August 5 Crissi Felix, Emily Johnson
August 12 Rachel Schulz, Allie Hughes
August 19 Hunter Gellings, Melissa Smit
August 26 Brendan Conlon, Colby Schultz

"Giving is Fun!"

"God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7b)

Rev. Stan Strosahl, former executive director of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, often adds the words "Joy and Peace" to the end of his letters and emails to family and friends. Recently he and his wife Phyllis established a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation to celebrate the joy and peace they experience in various aspects of their life together.

Based on their ages, (87 and 85) Stan and Phyllis will receive a joint annuity payment of 8.1% of their gift every year for the rest of their lives. At the time the second of the two of them dies, 10% of the remainder in their annuity account at the Foundation will go to the Foundation's annuity reserve account and 90% will be distributed to five different charitable beneficiaries.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a form of charitable giving that gives donors the opportunity to make a gift to a particular ministry or local church and receive a fixed annuity payment for the rest of their lives. The payment is a fixed percentage of your gift, based on your age at the time the gift annuity is established. You also receive a charitable deduction for a portion of your gift. Examples of single life rates effective through June 30, 2008, are:

Age 55 - 5.5	Age 65 - 6.0	Age 75 - 7.1	Age 85 - 9.5
Age 60 - 5.7	Age 70 - 6.5	Age 80 - 8.0	Age 90+ - 11.3

Charitable Gift Annuities can be established at the Foundation for \$2,000 or more. For more information, including a personalized sample illustration, please call our office.

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
750 Windsor Street Ste 3053590-0620
1-888-903-9863 or wumf@wumf.org

BAPTISM: On June 3:

Avalon Sage Ziemba, daughter of Edward Ziemba and Amanda (Kunkel) Ziemba. Grandparents are Steve and DeAnna Kunkel.

MARRIAGES:

We congratulate Jack Altwies and Kristine Hageman who were married on May 26, 2007.

We congratulate Peter Stitzel and Maria Ramos who were married on June 16, 2007.

We extend our sympathy to:

- the family and friends of **Alice Buchholz**, age 92, who passed away on June 19. She is the wife of Herbert Buchholz and the mother of Joann (Melvin) Ingram.
- the family and friends of **Ruth Straw**, age 89, who passed away on Sunday, July 8 in Carrollton, Texas. She is the sister of Ray Brasch.
- The family and friends of **Kristy Roeder**, age 16, who passed away on July 15 as the result of an automobile accident. She is the daughter of David and Robin Roeder, sister of Brad (Tina) Roeder and Kelly Roeder, granddaughter of June Kehl and niece of Michael and Jane Kehl.

THANKS YOU'S

Dear Christian Friends,

I so deeply appreciate the support that you have offered to me during my convalescence. Your prayers, visits and cards mean so much to me. As God has blessed me, it is my prayer that you will be blessed as well. Many thanks to Rev. Paul Nulton, Rev. Virgil Nulton, Louis Bock, Roger Kindschi, Dana Bourland, and any others who gave their time to fill in for me in ministry at the local nursing homes and at Russell Manor apartments.

In Christian Love, **Tom Morgan**

An infection can creep up so fast, especially when one is traveling. Some time in the hospital, really slowed it down. The month since then has been one of recovery. I wish to thank those who visited, kept me in their prayers, called and sent cards.

Harold "Hal" Aberg

Thank you to all who helped with the spring clean up, and to spread the new mulch at our church.

Howard Goeden, Trustees chairman

Thank you for all your prayers on my father, Howard Hayes. All tests are showing that the treatment is working on his cancer. We praise God for His many blessings. Thank you for all your kindness, concern, and prayers for my family during these past few months.

Krista Sperger

Dear Rev. Paul Nulton and the rest of the thoughtful people who gave towards the Carter Moore fund. We are so grateful for all of you. The special offering to honor Dawn is greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to have all of you caring people.

Love,

Brock and Heather Stellmacher

Thank you so very much to all of the generous ladies who baked and donated items for the Ripon Youth Connection Middle School Lock In Friday June 15th. The youth were thrilled with the yummy treats and thought they were delicious! We were excited to have 45 youth attend this event so all of the baked goods were much needed! Thank you again for sharing your talent of baking and your time with us!

Shannon Rogers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Tool Box Ministry for the Annual Conference's In-Gathering (missions giving). Thank you for the tools and for the \$190 given to support this ministry project. We were able to put together one toolbox full of tools plus money used for shipping. This was a new project for our Annual Conference with great success as churches from all over Wisconsin provided 161 toolboxes and tools. These tools will be used to retrain Liberian soldiers and youth for peacekeeping jobs.

United Methodist Men

We would like to thank our church family for their cards, visits and prayers during Erv's recovery. We have felt your love and concern. He has reached a plateau where we are looking at assisted living.

The Erv Zamzow family

A huge thank you to the Chuck Prellwitz family for donating strawberries, and to Don and Joyce Jorgensen for donating ice cream toppings, for our Sundae Sunday. Also, a huge thank you to everyone that helped clean and slice strawberries, serve ice cream, set up and clean up.

Ann Mijatovich, Nurture Committee Chairperson

A most heartfelt thank you to all of you who gave so generously to the India Orphanage Volunteer in Mission project. Your generosity helped purchase all of the school supplies needed and more. We were able to buy tote bags to put their school kits in, too. Bless you for enriching the lives of over 100 Indian orphans.

You are loved,
Annagene Priske

Dear Friends at Immanuel UMC,

I thank you for the donation of \$500 toward a mobility van. It will be the transportation for my son, Tom Morgan, as he gets to lead worship at local assisted living homes. He has regular monthly services as part of the Ripon Clergy Association at American House, Michalenes, Maplecrest Manor and Fountainview Care Center. He also leads services at Sheltered Village, Russell Manor, and Towerview Villa in Rosendale. My previous van burned, and trying to get him on time to those places with the city taxi van didn't work. They are too busy to fit the schedule of those homes.

With insurance payment from the previous van and your help, I was able to find a suitable replacement for \$10,000. Your gift from the Helping Hands Fund helped make it possible. I'm thankful for your contribution.

Sincerely Yours,
Maurice Morgan

We are extremely grateful to everyone who donated clothing for our Spring Clothing Drive, and to Sam Holmes for delivering the used clothing and the Campbell labels, to Northcott Neighborhood House. Thanks Sam!

United Methodist Women

We want to thank everyone who supported the Baby Blanket Project. The 15 donated blankets were taken to the In-Gathering at the Wisconsin UMC Annual Conference. They will go to needy women in the Wisconsin Women and Infants Project (WIC). Some of the blankets were crocheted, knitted, and some purchased. They were gorgeous! The donation of \$1.00 per blanket to cover the cost of shipping was also appreciated.

United Methodist Women

OUR CONDOLENCES GO TO: the family and friends of **Kristy Roeder**, age 16, who passed away on July 15 as the result of an automobile accident. She is the daughter of David and Robin Roeder, sister of Brad (Tina) Roeder and Kelly Roeder, granddaughter of June Kehl and niece of Michael and Jane Kehl.

FOOD PANTRY

As an Outreach Project to our community, we continue to donate items to our local Food Pantry. We ask that you bring the following items as these items are in low supply at this time.

In August bring: non-frozen fruit juice concentrate, cake mix, cereal, powdered sugar, Jello and pudding mixes, canned baked beans, spaghetti, crackers, soup, powdered milk, evaporated milk, tuna, canned meats, canned or boxed potatoes, bathroom soap bars, and laundry detergent. Please place your donations in the shopping cart that is located on the main floor in the west (parking lot entrance) stairwell.

3rd Quarter Mission Project

Our 3rd quarter mission project (July - September) is giving to Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. Offerings will be used to support programs and for building projects. Money given to this project this quarter through July 15 is \$80.

The **Merry Friends Circle** will meet on Tuesday, August 14 at 11:30 am at Faris' Restaurant in Ripon. After enjoying a delicious lunch, we will have a short business meeting at the restaurant.

The **Priscilla Circle** will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 13 at the home of Anita Keplin. The leader will be Ardys Fenner and the hostess will be Anita Keplin.

The **Koinonia Circle** will not meet in August. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10 and will include an election of officers.

Widowed Before Retirement – Growing Through Grief

Agnesian HealthCare Hospice Hope has scheduled its sixth annual “Widowed Before Retirement – Growing Through Grief” program for August 17 – 19 at the Cedar Valley Campus in West Bend. Sponsored by St. Agnes Hospital Foundation, “Widowed Before Retirement” is a free weekend retreat for those who have lost their life partner to death before the age of retirement. It is a program where men and women, ages 18 to retirement, can work through the grieving process after a loved one has died. To register, call Agnesian HealthCare Journeys – a health resource center at (920) 926-4960. Registration deadline is Thursday, August 9. For more information, contact S. Joyann Repp, Hospice Hope bereavement coordinator at (920) 924-4660.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group

First Thursday of each month

Immanuel Church Lounge 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Organized by Tim & Sandy Page, led by a trained counselor.

WALK TO EMMAUS

A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

Luke relates the story of two disciples of Jesus who were going along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. As these two friends were walking together, they shared their heart's deepest concerns about the death of Jesus. An unknown person joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked. Toward the end of the day's travel, they urged the stranger to eat with them. As the stranger took bread, blessed, broke, and shared it with them, their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ. Then they rushed back to Jerusalem to share the good news with others. (Luke 24:13-35)

WHAT IS THE WALK TO EMMAUS? It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as He is revealed to you through other believers. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with prayerful discernment and an invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation, an application is completed. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity. Following the three days, participants are given an opportunity to join in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE WALK TO EMMAUS WEEKEND?

The Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation. You will enjoy three busy days singing, learning, laughing, praying, worshipping, and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. The theme of each talk is God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community, and how it expresses itself in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and bring grace to others. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to understand more fully the body of Christ. You will experience God's grace through the prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Emmaus community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTERWARD? You are invited to walk with Christ for the rest of your life. Those who attend a Walk to Emmaus are encouraged to servant-leadership and to:

- Expand their own spiritual lives through worship, study, and active participation in their local church.
- Become more active disciples of Christ in service to the world.

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus movement offers specific opportunities. First, groups of four to six people meet weekly to reflect on their spiritual journey and encourage one another in accountable discipleship. Second, there are monthly community gatherings where Emmaus participants meet for fellowship, and instruction. Third, through a newsletter, members become aware of support needs for upcoming Walks and other opportunities for servant-leadership.

THE PURPOSE OF EMMAUS... The purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church. Emmaus will inspire, challenge, and equip participants for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

WHO SHOULD GO TO EMMAUS? Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church;
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives;
- May have unanswered questions about their faith;
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility;
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner.

DATES AND COST OF FOX VALLEY WALK TO EMMAUS...

Men's Walk to Emmaus #3 is offered October 11-14, 2007 and **Women's Walk to Emmaus #4** is offered October 18-21. Both walks will be held at Imago Dei Village in Clintonville, Wisconsin. The cost of these events are \$135 each, which includes a non-refundable deposit of \$35 that must be sent in with the application form. The balance of \$100 is due at registration. Space is limited, so register soon! For more information and application form, talk to Pastor Paul or Roger Kindschi.

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL KITS

Campus Crusade for Christ has created a unique way to point students to the real solutions for their needs. They've developed an attractive assortment of thought-provoking materials and fun items to reach students for Christ. It's a valuable and useful gift for incoming college freshman students. It's called the "Freshman Survival Kit".

Once again, as in past years, our church has made the commitment to help Campus Crusade for Christ by sponsoring Survival Kits. The kits we sponsor will be given to Ripon College freshman students. We have made the commitment to sponsor 50 kits. The cost is \$10.00 per kit.

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL KIT SPONSORS FORM

I would like to make a difference in the life of a Ripon College Freshman by sponsoring a Freshman Survival Kit.

Name_____

Number of kits I want to sponsor at \$10.00 per kit_____

Ripon College

Welcome Back Students

Potluck

Thursday, August 23rd

5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Great Hall

We need to donate enough food for 120 people in the form of hot dishes, jellios, salads, or desserts. All food should be in disposable containers (preferred) or marked with the name of the person and church (if they want non-disposable containers back).

Food should be taken to the Great Hall between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. (not earlier, as they have no cooling facilities).

We also need to have volunteers: 2 people from 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. to bring food in from cars into the Great Hall; 2 people from 4:45-7:00 pm to help with the food; 2 people from 4:45- 7:00 pm to mingle with and visit with the students; and 2 people from 6:45-7:45 pm to help with the clean up. We will send around clipboards with sign up sheets the first 2 or 3 Sundays in August. Or, you can drop us a note through e-mail at riponumc@dotnet.com.

Elevator Addition Proposed

Immanuel Church has sensed the need for an elevator for years, and people have been giving so we could have one. The Trustees discussed several plans over the last 3 years. A Space Needs Committee met last fall to identify changes in the building that would help us better use our space for ministry, now and in the future. The Church voted last December to establish a Building Committee. The Building Committee has been meeting since January to come up with a design to include an elevator. Based on the needs identified by the Space Needs Committee, they worked to find a place for an elevator that would also increase fellowship with a better traffic flow pattern and add another first floor restroom.

After advice from a planner on Conference staff, discussions at several meetings with an architect, and about 10 meetings, the committee is ready to propose a plan. It does not just add an elevator. It rebuilds the entrance from the west parking lot, the entrance most people use. It uses our present lounge and the narthex as part of fellowship space between entrance and worship, offices, meetings and restrooms. It also changes classroom space downstairs to include a lounge/meeting room and choir gathering space near the elevator, and adds another permanent Sunday School room. The elevator will take people from the parking level to the sanctuary level and down to the dining hall level but not upstairs to the second floor Sunday School rooms. It will be big enough for a casket.

Costs: We asked Donald Diedrich of Capelle Bros. and Diedrich to give us an estimate of the construction cost of our project. From his experience as a builder he told us it would cost \$508,000. With contingency costs, architectural and state fees, fund-raising costs, etc., our project is likely to run nearly \$600,000.

Our Elevator Building Committee is: Chris Worrall, Eric Ratering, Emily Sensenbrenner, Rick Erdmann, Julie Bock, Dick Stellmacher, and Rev. Nulton.

Our project Finance Committee is: Rik Ridders, Barb Steele, Steve Michaelson, Mike Wuest.

The committee decided to hire fund drive leadership from Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation to organize a survey of our congregation. They will interview about 25 individuals or couples to hear attitudes about the project, likes and dislikes, possible blocks and problems, enthusiasm, giving and leadership possibilities. They will report back with a recommendation about whether to proceed or change our plans, and project an amount we could raise.

Then the whole Immanuel Church membership will be asked to vote on a preliminary architectural and financial plan. It also needs to be approved by our United Methodist District committee on building. If it is approved by a majority of the church, the building committee will proceed toward choosing a contractor and getting final architectural plans and costs. It will also decide whether to hire the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation people to lead us in a capital funds drive. After a fund drive and final plans are received, the congregation will need to vote again on whether to proceed. If a majority approves it, we'll build.

All of this process will take months. So now, it is time to see the floor plan posted during upcoming weeks. Talk to committee members about reasons for this plan. See the questions and answers sheet. Find out why the committee is proposing an elevator as part of a fellowship and ministry space project.

To fund the project, we would need to have at least one third on hand, at least one third in 3-year pledges, and borrow the remainder. After discussions with our Trustees and Immanuel Church Foundation, we've identified \$249,000 in money designated for an elevator and investments that could be used for it.

Let's learn the project, so the Holy Spirit can lead informed minds to find God's plan for our building.