



Immanuel United Methodist Church

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the people of the United Methodist Church

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship Service at 8:00 am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 am

More Contemporary Worship Service at 10:30 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

January 2008 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 February newsletter is **January 20**

Immanuel UMC staff

Senior Pastor

Administrative Assistant

Equipping Ministries Director

Senior High Youth Director

Middle School Youth Director

College Ministry Coordinator

Organist

Choir Director

Custodian

Rev. Paul Nulton

Carol Schwark

Roger Kindschi

Shannon Rogers

Krista Sperger

Ryan Gustafson

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Stan Brink

Praise 2 Bible Study "Twelve Ordinary Men"

January 9 – 30, 2008

6:30-7:30pm in the Church Lounge

In December we completed the Praise 2 Bible study on the book of Acts. We are now preparing for a four week Bible study about the Twelve Disciples and Paul that we will have the opportunity to experience together. Our primary texts will be the Bible and a book titled: Twelve Ordinary Men written by John MacArthur.

Study description:

Contrary to popular belief, we do not have to be perfect to do God's work. Look no further than the twelve disciples whose many weaknesses are forever preserved throughout the pages of the New Testament. Jesus chose ordinary men – fishermen, tax collector, political zealots – and turned their weaknesses into strength, producing greatness from utter uselessness. Join John MacArthur as he draws principles from Christ's careful, hands-on training of the original disciples for today's modern disciples – us!

I would like to invite everyone to this Bible study as we learn and grow together.

Ministering together,
Roger Kindschi
Director of Equipping Ministries

MISSION PROJECTS

Filled mugs

On Sunday, December 9, the younger Sunday School classes, Nursery through Fourth grade collected 100 mugs and filled them with coffee, hot chocolate or tea and crackers, granola bars or cookies. The High School class helped us to wrap the mugs in festive paper. The mugs were taken to the Solution Center and Salvation Army in Fond du Lac and Father Carr's in Oshkosh.

Food Pantry

The Sunday School classes will collect non perishable items for the local Food Pantry during the months of January through April. Please send these items along with your child to Sunday School during these months. We need to remember that food is needed throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School Christmas program was a great success! It was held on Sunday, December 16th during the 10:30 church service. Pastor Paul did a great job compiling and directing the program, thank you so much! Julie Bock made sure there were students assigned to every part and Bailey Kaiser organized the birthday party potluck that followed the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday School classes will be held as normal during the month of December.

TEACHERS MEETING

A teachers meeting was held on Thursday, November 8, with 8 teachers and helpers present. Our next teacher's meeting will be held on March 13th at 7 PM in the church lounge.

Deb Kaiser

Sunday School Superintendent

Youth News

What an incredible and BUSY December the youth had with Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, Going Door to Door Collecting a car FULL of food for the Community Thrift Store food pantry, and hosting a Cookie Walk Fundraiser!

Speaking of the Cookie Walk Fundraiser. A HUGE thank you to Chris Worrall and the UMW ladies for helping to coordinate the event and for hosting youth in their home to make cookies and candies. A great time was had by both the ladies and the youth. What an amazing time for generations to connect! We raised \$444 with \$390 of that being profit to help pay for the Middle School Winter Retreat and Summer Mission Trips for the Senior High and Middle School Youth.

The Senior High were excited to be a part of the Children's Christmas program by making the props and ushering! What an awesome opportunity for the older youth to mentor the younger kids of our church. The Middle School celebrated Christmas with a party Wednesday December 19th. The Senior High will celebrate with a breakfast together at Red Apple Sunday December 30th.

We are looking very forward to Sat, Jan 5, when we will once again be making our yummy pizzas! DID I MENTION THAT WE ARE HOSTING A PIZZA FUNDRAISER! ORDER YOUR PIZZA'S TODAY!! The order forms are out and will be available through Dec 30. So, mark your calendars now and come and join us in the fun! Thank you for your support!

Tons of winter fun are planned for the Middle School Winter Retreat Jan 18-20 at Camp Zion in Door County. We have six youth attending. The youth are eagerly anticipating having a blast Snow Tubing at SunBurst Saturday January 26th.

The Middle School Continue to meet for "Edge" on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the Church. The Senior High meet Sunday mornings for "Breakfast Club" at 9:15am at the church and Wednesday's at 6:30pm for "Supper Club" at Shannon Rogers' home.

Krista Sperger and Shannon Rogers
Middle School and Sr. High Youth Coordinators

United Methodist Men

Immanuel United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, January 12, 2008 in the fellowship hall. Pastor Paul Nulton will bring us the program. Rik Ridders will have devotions and we will have some special music. We invite all men age 18 – 100 to join us.

Tom Worrall, U.M.M. chairman

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study led by Rik Ridders on Wednesdays, will meet weekly from noon to 1:00 pm. We are currently doing a study on 1 Corinthians. For more information on this study and for January locations, contact Rik at 748-6111(work) or 748-3185 (home).



The **Koinonia Circle** will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 14, 2008 at Donna Schulz's home. Donna will be the leader and hostess.

The **Merry Friends Circle** will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 8, 2008 in the church lounge. Joan Volbright will be the leader and Alice Prellwitz will be the hostess.

The **Priscilla Circle** will meet at 9:30 am on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 in the church lounge. Joyce Jorgensen will be the leader and Yvonne Holmes will be the hostess.

UMW Reading Program

Winter days are great reading days. Read four books, one in each category, for credit for the unit. Check out the selections available on the UMW Book Cart in the church library. Each year 9 or 10 current books are purchased. You may also read books dated 2003 – 2008 for credit. Be informed! Read!

The January **Sing-along** will be held on **Wednesday, January 2nd** because of the New Year holiday. We will sing at:

- 1:30 pm at Michalene's
- 2:15 pm at Maplecrest
- 3:00 pm at Fountainview Care Center
- 3:45 pm at Sheltered Village

Come help us lift the spirits of the residents!

The **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will resume on January 9th at 9:00 am. We will meet in the church lounge. Chapter 7 of Kalas' book, "Longing to Pray" will be discussed.

New DVD Movies

Check out 3 new movies on DVD in our church library. They are:

- "Facing the Giants" – In 6 years of high school football, coach Grant Taylor has never led his team to a winning season. When faced with seemingly insurmountable professional and personal crises, the idea of giving up has never come easier. It's only after an unexpected visitor challenges him to trust in the power of faith that he discovers the strength to persevere, and things change.
- "Narnia – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" presented by Disney Studios – C. S. Lewis's timeless beloved adventure. Experience the exploits of Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter, four siblings who find the world of Narnia as they step through a magical wardrobe. The children find Narnia to be a charming, once peaceful land that has been turned into a world of eternal winter by the evil White Witch. Aided by the wise and magnificent lion Aslan, they lead Narnia into a spectacular climatic battle to be free of the witch's glacial powers forever!
- "Radio" – The real life story of Robert "Radio" Kennedy. Experience Radio's journey from a man no one understood to the coach no one could live without. Together with Head Coach Harold Jones, Radio inspired a football team to become champions and a town to open their hearts.

January Sunday Worship Volunteers

USHERS-Coordinator, Mike Wuest

8:00 am

Jan. 6 Howie & Jackie Goeden
Joe & Janet Vande Brink

Jan. 13 Howie & Jackie Goeden
Joe & Janet Vande Brink

Jan. 20 Howie & Jackie Goeden
Joe & Janet Vande Brink

Jan. 27 Howie & Jackie Goeden
Joe & Janet Vande Brink

10:30 am

John & Krista Sperger
Joel & Mary Jo Cartier

Cheryl Schrader Stan Brink
Joan Volbright Barb Steele

Jason & Beth Pugh
Bob & Kathro Taylor

Sr. High Youth

COFFEE HOUR-Coordinator, Kathy Hilscher

at 9:00 am Set Up at 8:15 am

January 6	Kathy Hilscher
January 13	Phyllis Huggett
January 20	Kathy Hilscher
January 27	Marge Burling

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. ☺

January Sponsors

ALTAR FLOWERS - \$12

BULLETINS - \$10

RADIO BROADCAST - \$50

All dates are open to sponsor altar flowers, bulletins, and radio broadcasts for January 2008.

The 2008 sign up sheets to sponsor all items above are posted on the bulletin board between the coatroom and restroom on the main floor. Please sign up soon, as dates fill up quickly.

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

8:00 am

January 6 Tim Hoffman
Tom Amend

January 13 Brendan Conlon
Kimi Kernen

January 20 Alexandra Prellwitz
Kyle Erdmann

January 27 Alicia Abraham
Krystal Tetzlaff

10:30 am

Amanda Page
Marlie Page

Tahlia Callegari
Colby Schultz

Emily Grahn
Allie Hughes

Megan Sperger
Brad Arnold

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes and prayers. I am doing as well as can be expected after my heart attack. A special thank you to Pastor Paul for his hospital visit and his much needed prayers.
Alice J. Briskie

THANK YOU to all of you who helped to make the Immanuel youth's first **cookie walk sale** a huge success!!! Eight women from our UMW circles volunteered to open up their homes and bake with youth. This was an incredible time of bonding and learning from each other! Many, many other women baked and donated the items for our sale. These donations were invaluable! Another huge thank you to Chris Worrall who helped organize this event and promote it with the UMW circle groups and the public! And, lastly, thank you to all of you who purchased a variety of cookies and candy. We hope you enjoyed eating your purchase! The youth raised \$380 which will all go towards funding the senior high summer mission trip to Minnesota and the middle school winter retreat.
Krista Sperger and Shannon Rogers

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 January bring: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper; powdered milk; evaporated milk; laundry detergent; bathroom soap bars; boxed scalloped potato mix; instant mashed potatoes; canned fruit. Please place your donations in the shopping cart that is located on the main floor in the west (parking lot entrance) stairwell.

4th Quarter Mission Project

Our 4th quarter mission project (October – December) is giving to Immanuel United Methodist Church's Helping Hand Fund and the Ripon Food Pantry. Offerings given to this project will help people in our church and in our community, all year long, when they have emergency needs. Money given to this project this quarter so far is: \$1,904.

To Give is ... to Obey Responsibly. "...you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ." (2 Cor. 9:13)

It's January – time to make, break, and remake our new year's resolutions. As we begin a new year it's time to renew our membership vows to support the church with our prayer, our presence, our gifts and our service. Taking our faith seriously means putting God first in our lives. Four ways to live these vows and to "obey responsibly" the gospel of Christ includes:

Prayers: I will start each day praying: "God, thank you for this day!"

Presence: I commit to Worship _____ time(s) per month.

When I eat bread, I will remind myself that Christ is present with me.

Gifts: I will write the first check, following each paycheck, back to God.

Service: I will do service for God before I take vacation time this year.

Or, send us your ideas on how you might put God first.

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Breaking Bread Fellowship Meal

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
227 Houston St., Ripon, WI
Friday, January 25

There is no charge for this meal.

Everyone, regardless of circumstance, is welcome. Free will donations will be received with appreciation, and will be used for the continuation of this mission. Reservations aren't required, but are appreciated to help them plan the meal. Please help them by calling 748-2422 by 1:00 pm on January 21 if you plan on attending.