



Immanuel United Methodist Church

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open hearts... open minds... open doors...

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

May 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 June/July
newsletter is
****May 20****

UP FRONT

It's up to me to come up with an Up Front article for this newsletter.

So I wake up, open up the computer and write up the topic that comes up. The elevator is up for a vote. We don't want to be mixed up about what to do. So call up your friends, fix up the car, clean up the kitchen, dress up, lock up the house and go up to church. Then listen up. Will somebody stir up trouble by thinking up excuses and clouding up the issue? Or will they speak up, be up front about the plan and lift up the cause? Some can't get up the stairs to worship. Costs are up. Can we come up with the money?

It is up to you on Sunday, May 4. The building committee will raise up the proposal and we'll vote it up or down. It will take up some of your time, and you may work up an appetite deciding what to come up with.

The time is up, so I'll shut up. Let's lighten up, wise up and wrap this up.

"Jesus gave up his divine privileges ... so God elevated Him to the place of highest honor". Phil. 2:7 & 9

Rev. Nulton

MAY EVENTS

Saturday May 3

Spring Clean Up organized by Trustees at 8:00 am. Please come help us spruce up the church yard. Bring a rake. A few wheelbarrows are also needed. Your help is welcome.

Sunday, May 4

All members are invited to come to church at 9:15 am to vote on the Elevator/Entry Project.

Friday, May 9

All women of the church and their daughters and female friends are invited to a Mother/Daughter Potluck Celebration at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, May 11 is Mother's Day

Thursday, May 15

Ripon Medical Center invites us to the "Healthy for Life" Fair at Royal Ridges of Ripon from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dozens of exhibitors give the latest in healthcare information on cholesterol testing, blood pressure and diabetes checks and much more. Keynote speaker Gregg Brewer tells of "The Healing Power of Humor". Cost is \$8.00 which includes lunch.

Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18

Our Middle School youth and their leaders will spend the weekend at Lake Lucerne Camp, working on projects to help get the camp ready for the summer camping season.

Saturday, May 17

- Congratulations to Cassie Henning and Ronnie Kreuziger on their wedding. Cassie is the daughter of Vance and Mary Henning.
- Father Wally Day – Watch for community activities raising money for Father Wally Kasuboski's ministry and dam building project in Wacuco, Panama.

Sunday May 18

Last Day of Sunday School

At the 10:30 am Worship Service:

- Sunday School Attendance Awards
- Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
- Awarding of 1st & 2nd year Confirmation certificates
- Awarding of the Elmer Heft Higher Education Scholarship(s)
- Graduates' Recognition

Potluck dinner and Worship at Lake Lucerne Camp beginning at 12:30 pm.

Thursday, May 22

Baccalaureate Service at Immanuel UMC, at 7:30 pm. For the Ripon High School Class of 2008.

Sunday, May 25 - Memorial Sunday

We miss those who have died and graduated to their eternal home. Gifts have come to the church in memory of some of them over the past year. Those gifts and the ones in whose memory they are given will be dedicated and honored in our worship on this day, the day before our national Memorial Day holiday.

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day – Church office closed.

Summer Sunday Worship Service

Last summer, with one worship service, people enjoyed meeting those they didn't see at the time they attended other months of the year. So again, we will have one worship service during the summer months of June, July and August.

- Worship 9:00 am June 1 through August 31
- Coffee fellowship and adult Sunday School will follow at 10:00 a.m. most Sundays.

The worship style will again be most like the present 8:00 am service with some guitar and praise choruses. Our schedule will return to 8:00 and 10:30 on September 7.

2nd Quarter Mission Project

Our 2nd quarter (April – June) mission project for 2008 is giving to **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Because of the need at this time, we will be designating our offerings to go to help people affected by natural disasters that happen at this time of the year, like storms and flooding. Giving to this project makes a world of difference for these people in their time of need. Money given to this project so far this quarter is: \$42

Library Donations

We the library workers want to thank all who recently have donated books to our church library. Your donations are appreciated, and are available for people to enjoy.

At this time, we would appreciate it if no more be donated until after our elevator/entry construction is completed, as the library will be moved, and reorganized, in a new location in our church building. Thank you. *Phyllis Huggett and Betty Eichstedt*

Camp Lucerne Sunday

Green Lake Circuit
United Methodist Churches
May 18, 2008

Join with Immanuel and United Methodists from other churches in our circuit for a potluck meal and fellowship at Dellwood Lodge at Camp Lucerne. It is one of our Conference's beautiful camps, located on Hwy YY, just east of Hwy 73, South of Wautoma. We will eat at 12:30 pm. Bring table ware and a dish to pass. Beverages will be furnished.

After dinner, there will be a Time of Singing in the Chapel, led by Rev. Paul Yoder of Markesan UMC, using the "Faith We Sing" songbooks purchased by our circuit for Camp Lucerne. Or we can join in family games, led by Rev. Laura Yates of Brandon UMC.

Hike the paths of the camp and enjoy the peaceful beauty of the woods and the lake. Camp Lucerne is just 40 miles from Ripon.

Immanuel Church will have both 8:00 am and 10:30 am services in our church building in Ripon.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

**Praise 2 Bible Study: 6:30-7:30pm
on Wednesday Nights**

In January we started the study of the 12 Apostles where we had the opportunity to learn about Peter, Andrew and James. Our study was put on hold due to the Wednesday Lenten worship services, but we resumed this study the Wednesday after Easter, March 26, learning about John. In April we learned much about Philip, Nathanael, Matthew, Thomas, and James the Less.

We would like to invite everyone to join us on this adventure of learning about the lives and ministries of the other Apostles and Paul. The following is our ministry schedule:

- May 7th – Judas
- May 14th – Judas the Traitor
- May 21st – Paul

If you have any questions about our Bible study, please contact the church office or call me at my toll free telephone number: 1-800-725-5276.

Ministering together,

Roger Kindschi

Take a Kid Fishing

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Meet at Immanuel UMC by 8:00 am.

**Leave Immanuel UMC by 8:15 am to go
to Stellmacher Lake.**

Return to Immanuel UMC by Noon.

Bring your fishing gear and bait.

**A fishing license is not needed as this day is
part of the DNR's Free Fishing Weekend.**

This is a Catch and Release fishing event.

**Children and students who do not have a parent
participating in this event will need to complete
a permission and medical release form.**

**Call the church office at 748-6695, or Tom
Worrall at 748-7531 by June 1st if
you would like to participate in this event.**

Sponsored by Immanuel United Methodist Men

The spring **Sing-alongs** will be held at 4 Ripon area care centers on Tuesday, May 6. All are welcome to sing along with the residents. Song folders are furnished. We sing at:

1:30 pm at Michalenes
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 9:00 am Bible Study Group**, that meets in the church lounge, will meet through May 14th, and then will recess until Wednesday, September 10th.

The **Wednesday Morning Book Study Group** has finished their study, but will continue to meet in the Disciple Room at 9:00 am every Wednesday in May, for a Prayer and Fellowship Time. Everyone is welcome to join them! This group will continue to meet, for Prayer and Fellowship, over the summer months. Check the June/July church newsletter for their summer meeting schedule.

Help Needed: Before we begin the construction phase of our elevator and remodeling project, there is much we need to do. Moving the Library, moving tables and chairs from affected classrooms and moving the office are just a few of the tasks. If you can help, contact the church office at 748-6695, Pastor Paul, or Dick Stellmacher at 748-3051

Ripon Relay for Life

\$93,000 was raised by 34 teams for the American Cancer Society at Ripon's Relay for Life on April 18 & 19. Our church team raised \$1846 of that amount. Shannon Rogers was Ripon's coordinator this year. Last year, \$83,000 was raised.

Youth News

Did giggling, enthusiastic Middle School and High School Youth come banging on your door Wednesday April 9th? If so, you got a chance to give to the Ripon Community Food Pantry! Our Middle School and Senior High Youth collected an entire TRUCK load of food for the food pantry then enjoyed Culvers treats together afterward!

Our Middle School and High School Youth, along with some church staff members joined together to form a team to help raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life that was held April 18-19th. Final numbers haven't been totaled, but we estimate that we contributed over \$1500 towards the total \$93,000 that was raised! What an amazing cause to be a part of!

Our Middle School Youth were so excited about going to the Oshkosh YMCA the morning of Friday April 25th. They had the opportunity to swim, ice skate, and play just about any sport imaginable! What an incredible way to spend their day off school!

The Middle School youth are anxious for the May Work Camp at Lucerne May 16-18! This will be our fourth year helping prepare Camp Lucerne for the summer campers. It will be a weekend full of fun, enjoying God's beauty in the woods. To top off the weekend, we'll get to enjoy Sunday afternoon with our circuit church families for the annual Lucerne Sunday, prior to heading home.

The Senior High Mission trip is scheduled for July 13-16th. We are going to Cass Lake Minnesota and spending the week at Leech Lake Indian Reservation! We even get to participate in a Pow Wow! We reserved 12 spots through YouthWorks and ALL spots are filled! We are so excited about the incredible week we have to look forward to! Jeff Kahn and Shannon Rogers will be the adult leaders joining our Sr. High Youth on this trip!

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.

Richly blessed with the lives of our youth!

Krista Sperger and Shannon Rogers

Middle School and S. High Youth Coordinators

WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS

The **Koinonia Circle** is meeting on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm at Terri Arnold's home. The leader will be Kathy Hilscher and the hostess will be Terri Arnold.

The **Merry Friends Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 1:30 pm church lounge. Lorraine Wetzal will be the leader and Lois Marquart will be the hostess.

The **Priscilla Circle** will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 12 at 1:30 pm in the church lounge. Elaine Reilly will be the leader and Bonnie Bartig will be the hostess.

Attention all women of the church...Please join your friends and church family for our **annual Mother and Daughter Celebration**, on Friday, May 9th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to pass. You will not need to bring a beverage or table service, and the dessert will be provided. Please bring your mother or daughter, or any special female friend, and join us for fellowship and fun. After our potluck dinner, we will be entertained by "Four Bits of Fun". They are a barbershop style group of men who sing and tell jokes. We know you will enjoy them.

May Friendship Day

Church Women United of the Ripon area will sponsor **May Friendship Day: "God's Wisdom inspires Hospitality"**. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend if you wish. It will be held at the St. Catherine of Siena Parish, St. Wenceslaus Church site (corner of E. Fond du Lac and St. Wenceslaus Streets). Registration and Welcome: 11:00 am to noon. Lunch at noon (cost: \$6.50), followed by worship, music and discussion. Make lunch and child care reservations by Monday, April 28 by calling Lois at 748-6313.

UMW Reading Program

Looking for a book to complete the 4 that are needed for reading credit for the unit? Two new books have been added, thanks to Lois Marquart.

"The Dispossessed" – Chronicles of the desterrados of Columbia by Alfreda Molano. 2007 Social action category.
"Just Wives?" – Stories of Power and Survival in the Old Testament and today, by Doob Sakenfeld. 2007 Spiritual Growth category.

Read 4 books – 1 from each category, for reading credit for the unit. Or those who would like to be better informed, may opt to read 10 books, at least 2 in each category.

Please complete the reading brochure on the UMW book cart in the church library, by August 1st, so it can be sent to the UMW district, for reading credit. Be informed! Read!

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 2 Corinthians. For more information on this study, and for meeting location, contact Rik at 748-6111 or 748-3185.

The **United Methodist Men** will meet at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 10 in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome to join them for good food, fellowship, music and a program. Check the bulletin announcements on Sunday, May 4 for an update on our program speaker.

May Sunday Worship Volunteers

USHERS-Coordinator, Mike Wuest

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
May 4	Don & Joyce Jorgensen Keith & Bonnie Bartig	Hal & Greta Aberg Tim & Sandy Page
May 11	Jon & Donna Schulz Keith & Julie Bock	Kathy Hilscher Sandy Scamehorn Sue Thompson Brenda Hollatz
May 18	Jean Harms, Barb Tress David Fox Jerry Stellmacher	Barb Steele, Tami Conlon Mike Penke, Jim Hoth
May 25	Daryl Bly, Roger Bly Bob & Marge Burling	Eric & Deb Jansen Tom & Shannon Rogers

COFFEE HOUR-Coordinator, Kathy Hilscher at 9:00 am Set Up at 8:15 am

May 4	Don & Joyce Jorgensen
May 11	Kathy Hilscher
May 18	OPEN
May 25	Deb Kaiser

There is a sign up sheet on the refrigerator in the lounge, if you are able to be the host/hostess for an OPEN Sunday.

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. ☺

May Sponsors

ALTAR FLOWERS - \$12

May 4	OPEN
May 11	Julie Bock
May 18	OPEN
May 25	OPEN

BULLETINS

May 4	OPEN
May 11	Julie Bock
May 18	OPEN
May 25	OPEN

RADIO BROADCASTS - \$50

IUMC Foundation
Julie Bock
Ed Kuehn
OPEN

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.

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

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
May 4	Trevor Bender Kimi Kernen	Emily Grahn Michael Lauber
May 11	Amanda Coehoorn Brendan Conlon	Michelle Zimdars Allie Hughes
May 18	Melissa Smit Tim Hoffman	Amanda Page Marlie Page
May 25	Alexandra Prellwitz Krystal Tetzlaff	Brad Arnold Tahlia Callegari

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 May bring: jars of baby food, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, cereal, tuna, Spam, soap bars, paper towels, toilet paper, and dish detergent. Please bring the items listed above, as they are in short supply at the food pantry at this time. Please place your donations in the shopping cart that is located on the main floor in the west (parking lot entrance) stairwell.

Immanuel's 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
 Gen Stellmacher
 Shelley Nulton
 Stan Brink

To Give is to Share Abundantly “Zaccheus said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor.’” (Luke 19:8a NRSV)

Don't miss your opportunity to get a great rate!

A year ago, Stan and Phyllis Strosahl established a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Based on their ages at the time (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.

Rates for Charitable Gift Annuities started after June 30, 2008 will be slightly lower. On July 1, 2008, the rate for a couple ages 87 and 85 will drop from 8.1% to 7.6%. If you would like a personalized illustration for a charitable gift annuity, be sure to call our office soon, toll-free at **1-888-903-9863**. Either Bill Helwig or Jean Nicholas will take your personal information and help you see how you can take advantage of these great rates while they last.

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 the **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

A Charitable Gift Annuity may be established at the Foundation for \$2,000 or more. For more information at no obligation, including a personalized sample illustration, please call our office. Be prepared to share your birth date and your income tax bracket (10%, 15%, 25%, etc.), as well as whether your gift will be made with cash or appreciated stock. Call us today!

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 Sun Prairie, WI 53590
 1-888-903-9863 or wumf@wumf.org

I want to thank the following people who assisted in leading our April 12th All Church Banquet:

- 46 people who attended this event who made it successful by your attendance
- Ann Mijatovich who coordinated the pot luck meal
- Shelby Bock, Nancy Himebaugh and Alice Uecker and others who helped Ann in the kitchen
- Pastor Paul who coordinated the sound board
- Ashley Himebaugh who played the piano and Rachel Schulz who played the violin during opening worship
- Greta Aberg and Pat Himebaugh who led us in the Hymn Sing.
- And Daryl Christensen our featured speaker

Ministering together,
Roger Kindschi
Director of Equipping Ministries

BAPTISM

Trent Alan Tetting the son of Dwayne Jr. and Susan (Daye) Tetting, was baptized at the 10:30 am service on April 6, 2008. Sponsors are Debbie Daye and Luke Sina. Trent's grandparents are Dave and Kathy Daye.

Kimi Kernen, one of our Confirmands, was baptized at the 10:30 am service on April 20, 2008. Her parents are Kermit and Holly Kernen.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Earl Jansen** who passed away on March 30, 2008. He is the father of Eric (Debra) Jansen, and grandfather of Derek and Devon Jansen.

Faith and Politics with Professor Brian Smith

Thursday, May 1

Ripon College Commons

Presidents' Room

Noon to 1 p.m.

Brian Smith's recent sabbatical semester was spent gathering research for a book on Faith and Politics in America and the World. He will give us his lessons gathered about ways people apply their faith to political decisions, not only in our country but in other cultures as well.

May 1 is Law Day and National Day of Prayer. More and more of us find that faith and politics are interrelated as we approach another national election this year.

Get a tray by 11:50 am and eat lunch, or come to listen and learn. The Presidents' Room is to the left of the cafeteria entrance.

Professor Smith's lecture is for campus and community, and is sponsored by:

- Ripon Area Clergy Association
- Noon Kiwanis Spiritual Aims Committee
- Immanuel United Methodist Campus Ministry

Immanuel United Methodist Foundation

Our Church has a Foundation that manages investment funds. The money has come from wills, bequests, and donations over the past 16 years. It enables us to do ministry beyond the general budget.

It oversees:

Baker Fund of \$132,000. Income is to be used for charitable purposes.

Amy Block Fund of \$12,000 for Young Life scholarships
Foundation Fund of \$110,000. Income is from interest and donations. Immanuel Foundation has used \$6000 in the past three years for choir music, campus ministry, Camp Lucerne songbooks, radio broadcasts and ministerial training and an electrical phase converter for the organ. \$20,000 is designated to help pay for the elevator/entry project.

These investments are managed along with funds from other churches through our Conference's Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Some is in stocks, some in less volatile investments. So while the Dow Jones stocks index lost 11.7% from October through March, these three funds only lost 3.9%.

It also oversees:

Arlene Fenner Fund, invested in American Funds through the Ripon Edward Jones office. It is for youth programs.

Carter Moore Fund at Ripon M&I Bank. It helps with the childhood care of Carter Moore.

Members of our Foundation are Keith Bock chair, David Fox, Keith Bartig, Helga Ridders, Hal Aberg, Barb Steele, Steve Michaelson.

The church also has other investments, managed by the Trustees.

GRADUATING?? Please contact the church office if you or a family member will be graduating from High School, College, or Technical College, so we can recognize them on Graduate's Recognition Sunday, May 18, 2008. We need photographs and information that includes the graduate's name, their parents' names, the school they are graduating from; degree earned, and future plans. Please have this information to the office by Sunday, May 11th. Thank you.

Baccalaureate...The Ripon Area Clergy Association invites the community to attend the Baccalaureate service to honor the Ripon High School Class of 2008. The service will be at Immanuel United Methodist Church at 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 22, 2008. The service will include musical numbers from the Ripon High School Band and Concert Choir. Various clergy and community students will be involved.

Tests that Can Help Save Your Life

Life Line Screening is America's leading provider of quality health screenings. They will be at Immanuel United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 to do Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening; and Osteoporosis Screening. These screenings are non-invasive, completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology. The cost of all 4 screenings is \$139. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851 to reserve a time.

Sharathon 2008

WEMI (101.7 FM Ripon) & WEMY Christian Family Radio stations are family-friendly and listener supported. They're live, local, and dedicated to helping families build healthy relationships through faith in Jesus Christ. Their annual Sharathon will be held May 6-8, 6:00 am – 7:00 pm. Please call and pledge your support by calling toll free to 1-800-236-9364.

Steve Farina

Speaking on June 1

Steve and Martha Farina are one of the missionary teams supported by Immanuel Church. Steve will speak for 10 minutes in our 9:00 am morning worship, and then for a longer period during the 10:00 am hour.

Steve and Martha Farina are missionaries who, for the last 15 years, have served in Central and Eastern Europe with United World Mission (www.UWM.org). The Farinas were in Romania from 1993 to 1997 and have been in Budapest, Hungary, for the last 10 years. In June of 2007, the Farinas returned to Wisconsin for a one-year furlough. They return to Budapest June 13, 2008. Steve has helped local churches plant new churches in several countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Martha serves as a secretary at the International Christian School of Budapest.

Upon the Farina's return, Steve will join the UWM Hungary team, working for new churches planted around Hungary.

The Farinas have 4 children. Abigail is 21, and is a junior at UW-LaCrosse; Cassia is 18 and will be a college freshman this fall—though is unsure yet as to where. Anthony is 13 and Laurel 11, and both were born in Budapest. Since 2002, the Farinas have been attempting to adopt Alex Varga, a 9 year old Romanian boy, living in an orphanage in Sebis-Arad, Romaina.

This is the first Sunday of our summer schedule of one service, with fellowship and adult Christian education opportunities to follow.

Report on Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus #3

The Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus was held on April 10-13, 2008 at Imago Dei Village, Clintonville, WI. Walk to Emmaus is a unique, exciting, challenging, fun, 3 day journey of faith resulting in many rewarding insights, some expected, but many as total surprises.

The basic format is 15 talks by both clergy and laity, spread over 3 days, and interspersed with healthy doses of great food, worship services, and drizzled with dabs of singing, discussion, artistic expression, and loaded with lots of laughing, and tears of joy.

It is not a retreat, a conference, or a camp, but has elements of each – it simply has to be experienced; it is something that every Christian should undertake sometime in their lifetime, better sooner than later. Ask me about it!

Yours in Christ,

Russ Skurr (920)748-7214

The next "walks" are October 9 – 12, 2008 (men's walk) and October 16 – 19 (women's walk) at Imago Dei Village, Clintonville. See Pastor Paul for information.

76th ANNUAL WISCONSIN STATE GYMANFA GANU (An English Welsh Hymn Sing)

Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 2:30 pm at the United Presbyterian Church 730 Cedar Street, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Conductor: Rev. Joseph Corbin, Reedsburg, WI
Organist: Steve Jensen, Milwaukee, WI

For information contact: Mary Williams-Norton
Telephone: (608)635-4946 E-mail: NortonM@ripon.edu

Ripon Medical Center

Connecting you with quality care.

Drug Drop '08

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2008

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am

Location: Ripon High School Main
Entrance and Parking lot

**Here's your opportunity to safely
dispose old medications.**

Drive up to the collection area at Ripon High School and hand over old medications to volunteers, hazardous waste experts, and pharmacists from Ripon Medical Center.

Bring your medications in the original packaging or prescription bottle. You **CAN** cross off the name and address but **DO NOT** cover up the name of the medication.

You **CAN** Bring:

- Prescription Medication
- Over the Counter Medication

You **CANNOT** Bring:

- Illegal Drugs
- Needles/Sharps
- Any Biohazardous Material

Sponsored by Drug Free Communities Task Force and
Ripon Medical Center