

October 2007 Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Coffee Hour: 9:15 a.m.

More Contemporary Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Soup and Sandwich Supper 5:00 p.m.

Praise 1 Service 5:30 pm

Praise 2 Service 6:30 pm

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

The deadline for the December newsletter is November 20th.

Up Front

WHO ARE WE?

Immanuel United Methodist Church makes and lives as disciples of Christ. Two years ago I said we do that by spiritual growth, right living, and reconciling ourselves and others to Christ. Sermons over the past two years have celebrated how we do that:

Spiritual growth is getting healthy spiritual food in prayer, bible study, fellowship and worship, and service. It is seeking knowledge of what we believe and why. It is growing together in small groups.

Right living is treating each other with compassion, caring for the world, personal morality, judging only with facts, and wise use of money.

Reconciliation is managing conflict well, forgiving, careful respect of those who are different, making peace, evangelism, serving in the community and the church.

Sermons lately have been about morality, miracles and invitations to commitment to Christ. We are a church with an emphasis on personal commitment to Christ, preparing people to stand for their faith at home and in the world. We start with the basics and go deeper into personal maturity and further into a world where our children will need to work and witness.

One of the strong ministries of our church is ministry with and for Senior Citizens. We pray we'll be one someday, if we are not already. You'll be hearing in some upcoming sermons about the ways God leads us in that stage of life.

Rev. Nulton



The Survey Report

Three people from the Wisconsin Conference Foundation interviewed 39 of us from 26 households to get our feelings about the proposed building project. It was called a “Pre-Campaign Survey” and helps our building committee determine whether it should present its proposal to the congregation for a vote. We thank you for sharing your honest feelings with them. Their preliminary findings were that we have reason to be optimistic and hopeful that this project can work. Lenore Geisthardt will present their complete report at 6:30, Monday, Oct. 15 in the lounge. All who were interviewed are invited. Building Committee and Administrative Council is asked to come. Anyone in the church is welcome. This will be an Administrative Council meeting in case we are ready for decisions to move forward toward fund raising or how to choose a contractor.

Immanuel United Methodist Men will meet in the Immanuel UMC fellowship hall for breakfast at 8:00 am on October 13. Rik Ridders will lead a Bible Study. Our program will be a “field trip” to the refurbished Little White School House, and Sue McConnell, lead docent, will conduct the tour. Plan to attend and bring a friend or relative.

Tom Worrall, chairperson
United Methodist Men

Bible Study - Led by Rik Ridders on Wednesdays, will meet weekly from noon to 1:00 pm, at Ripon College in the Mihaly Room located in the Commons. For information on this study, contact Rik at 748-6111(work) or 748-3185 (home).

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YOUTH NEWS

WOW...we can hardly believe that there were nearly 100 people at the Bonfire, games and fun at the Prellwitz's Sunday September 9th! It was an amazing time of every type of game being played, singing around the campfire, eating delicious Prellwitz corn, and eating hotdogs and every other type of snack brought by the 80 youth that attended! A HUGE thank you Chuck and Diane Prellwitz and their entire extended family for so graciously hosting us! We are very excited about the See you at the Pole Rally, that was hosted by Ripon Youth Connection on Sunday Sept 23rd at Ripon High School. This was an incredible time of singing, an amazing message and more that 20 FREE See You at the Pole T-shirts were given away! The rally was an opportunity to get the Middle School and Senior High students excited about See You at the Pole. See you at the Pole was held at 8AM at the Middle School and High School Flag poles on Wednesday, September 26. This was a time for students to take a stand for God and pray for their schools, their friends, their community, and their government. Various churches had members donate breakfast food items for a “tailgate” type breakfast around 8:30am hosted by Ripon Youth Connection.

Here are more exciting events to add to our calendars:

Sunday September 30th - Senior High Usher at 10:30 Service
Sunday September 30th at 5PM - Annual Church Hayride at the Meyer Farm

Sunday October 7th - Crop Walk at 1:30PM

Thursday October 11th - Senior High Taco Dinner, Movies, Sleepover at Shannon Rogers' house

Friday October 12th - Middle School Funset Boulevard in Appleton

Sunday November 11th - Sock Wars and Pizza Party at Federated Church

The Middle School EDGE group has resumed meeting on Wednesday nights. The Senior High Youth are meeting for Supper Club (pizza, faith, and relaxing) Wednesday nights at 6:30.

Blessed through the lives of Youth-

Krista Sperger and Shannon Rogers

Middle School and Sr. High Youth Coordinators

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2007-2008 SUNDAY SCHOOL
Deb Kaiser-Superintendent

We had a great first day of Sunday School on September 9th! We met in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and were introduced to the teachers for this year. Everyone received a multi colored rubber bracelet, in which each color symbolized our Christianity. Teachers were dedicated at the 10:30 service.

We still have some openings and I know YOU would be a great fit.

The openings include:

Third & Fourth grade co-teacher

Missions Coordinator

Coordinators for the Christmas program in December.

Each one of these roles needs to be filled in order for our program to be successful this year.

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

Parents-

If you have not already done so, please fill out the paperwork that was sent to you prior to Sunday School and bring to church. It is crucial that we have this information.

Also, teachers, if you have not filled out the paperwork that was handed out or sent to you, please fill out and either mail to church or place in the Superintendent mail slot in the south coat room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECTS

Northcott Neighborhood House

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.

UNICEF

Collection boxes will be handed out to your child in October. When your child goes Trick or Treating, please make sure to send along with them. We had a great response last year.

BIBLE SUNDAY

The 3rd and 7th graders were presented Bibles on September 16 at the 10:30 service by their teachers. Those who have or are entitled to receive Bibles include:

Third grade:

Samantha Timm

Mason Gellings

Chelesa Grahn

Josua Sperger

Daniel Prellwitz

Calista Callegari

Seventh grade:

Trevor Bender

Emily Grahn

Michael Lauber

Ashley Zahnow

Kyle Erdmann

Congratulations to each of you! Please make sure to bring your Bibles with you to your Sunday School class each week.

Deb Kaiser

Sunday School Superintendent

Beyond 50's Ministry – A New Ministry at Immanuel UMC

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to attend the Tapestry II Conference held in Orlando Florida, sponsored by the Florida United Methodist Conference – Beyond 50's Ministry. This was an incredible conference relating to the development of and leading a ministry for and with people who are over 60 years of age. Since returning home from Florida, I have wanted to develop such a ministry in a local church, but was not sure where.

Last Wednesday (Sept 19th) I had the opportunity to meet with Pastor Paul where he encouraged me to develop such a ministry here at Immanuel. I am excited about all that is before us! During the next few months I would like to meet with a few people from Immanuel who will help me develop such a ministry at our church for the members of our church and people who are living in the Ripon area.

If you are interested in being a part of the "Beyond 50's Ministry Task Force" who will help me develop this ministry over the next few months (mid October – mid December), please contact the church office or me at my toll free telephone number (1-800-725-5276). The ministry I would like to put together could include the following:

- Ministry of offering hope – people making a difference regardless of age
- Meeting the real needs of this age group, such as health care, meal programs, and house maintenance.
- Grief and loss issues, such as the loss of a spouse, health, finances, home, independence, driver's license, and influence/power.
- Ministry events/opportunities for people in the following mobility groups
 - No – go
 - Slow – go
 - Go-go
- Resource guide for this age group

Ministering together,
Roger Kindschi, Director of Equipping Ministries

Praise 2 Bible Study

Wednesday nights 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Over the summer months we began studying the book of Acts and will continue to explore the depth of each chapter through the end of December. Even though we are studying the Book of Acts, each time we are together will be a time of discovering truths in each of the chapters we are studying and exploring.

We will continue to study Paul's ministry as found in Acts 13 – 28. We will be meeting every Wednesday night for about an hour in the Church Lounge through December 19th. If you have any questions please contact the church office or call me at my toll free telephone number: 1-800-725-5276.

Ministering together,
Roger Kindschi
Director of Equipping Ministries

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Sing-alongs will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd 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

Song folders are furnished. Come join us and help lift the spirits of the care facility residents.
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY-OCTOBER 7TH

We will be having communion in the pews.
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October Sunday Worship Volunteers

USHERS-*Coordinator, Mike Wuest*

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Oct. 7	DeForest Bandt Al Hermes Dennis Valstad Russ Skurr	Jeff Pick Jim Hoth Mike Penke Bob Thom
Oct. 14	United Methodist Women	United Methodist Women
Oct. 21	DeForest Bandt Al Hermes Dennis Valstad Russ Skurr	Carol Thome Stan Brink Bob & Cheryl Schrader
Oct. 28	DeForest Bandt Al Hermes Dennis Valstad Russ Skurr	Senior High Youth

COFFEE HOUR-*Coordinator, Kathy Hilscher*

At 9:00 am

	<u>8:15 am Set-Up</u>	<u>10:30 am Clean Up</u>
Oct. 7	Mary Ellen Grahn	Mary Ellen Grahn
Oct. 14	United Methodist Women	United Methodist Women
Oct. 21	Joe and Deb Gonyo	Joe and Deb Gonyo
Oct. 28	Louie and Shelby Bock	Louie and Shelby Bock

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.

October Sponsors

ALTAR FLOWERS - \$12

Oct. 7	Kevin & Deb Kaiser
Oct. 14	Iver & Lucille Leatherberry
Oct. 21	Elton Wetzel family
Oct. 28	Aldon & Anita Keplin

BULLETINS - \$10

Open
Open
Betty Kuehn
Aldon & Anita Keplin

RADIO BROADCAST - \$50

Oct. 7	Lori Hahn
Oct. 14	Andy & Darlene Witkowski
Oct. 21	Virginia Lehman
Oct. 28	Aldon & Anita Keplin

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*

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Oct. 7	Melissa Smit Alicia Abraham	Megan Sperger Michelle Zimdars
Oct. 14	Krystal Tetzlaff Alexandria Prellwitz	Brendan Conlon Emily Grahn
Oct. 21	Kyle Erdmann Trevor Bender	Amy Lauber Michael Lauber
October 28	Amanda Coehoorn Ashley Zahnaw	Amanda Page Marlie Page

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OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Joyce Schenke**, age 82, who passed away on September 21, 2007 at Markesan Resident Home. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Scott and Catherine Schenke of Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you Sam and Yvonne Holmes and Nick Revello for donating a coffee table to the middle school youth room! It will be a wonderful addition!

Krista Sperger, Middle School Youth Coordinator

Dear Everyone,

I am Carrie Hoppe (Eichstedt) and I would like to send you all a Huge THANK YOU!!

My grandmother has informed me that I was on your prayer list while I was gone serving in IRAQ this past year.

I am home now and very happy, spending time with my daughter and family. And very much appreciating life in America.

Thank you again to everyone at IUMC. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

SSG Carrie Hoppe

The United Methodist Men wish to thank Cheryl Coburn and CJ's Catering for donating all the side dishes for our annual Steak Fry.

Tom Worrall, chairman, United Methodist Men

NEW BABY

Congratulations and best wishes go to:

- Pat and Tami Conlon on the birth of their son, **Spencer Ronald Conlon**. He was born on September 20, 2007.
- Deanna (Henning) Timm on the birth of her son **Timothy Conner Henning**. Timothy was born on September 23, 2007.

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 October bring: powdered milk; evaporated milk; dish detergent; laundry detergent; bathroom soap bars; boxed scalloped potato mix; instant mashed potatoes; tomato juice; non-frozen grapefruit juice; Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper; canned spaghetti; canned beef stew; canned vegetables (mixed vegetables, carrots, beets); canned fruit.

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 September 23 is \$278.05. This project ends on September 30.

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.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Merry Friends Circle will meet October 9th at the church in the lounge at 1:30 p.m. Alta Fischer will be the leader and Ilah Morgan will be the hostess.

The Priscilla Circle will meet at the church on Monday, October 8 at 5:45 pm for visitation night. After visiting, we will return to the church lounge for our meeting. Our leader this month is Carol Schulz and our hostess is Esther Krueger.

The Koinonia Circle will meet on October 8 at 7:00 pm at the home of Helga Rikkens. The program will be presented by Nancy Himebaugh. Members are reminded to bring their Thank Offering.

The United Methodist Women hosted Oktoberfest Salad Luncheon and Bazaar is on Friday, October 5, 2007. Mark your calendar now! The bazaar will be from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm and the salad luncheon will be from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm in the church basement. Salad luncheon tickets are available from Circle members and the church office. Adult tickets are \$6.75 and tickets for children under 10 are \$2.50.

United Methodist Women's Sunday will be observed October 14th, 2007 at both services. We are happy to have Gail Barwis, Chaplain at Taycheedah Women's Prison, as our speaker. Stay after the service to meet Gail and ask her questions.

The United Methodist Women's reading program for 07-08 may include books dated 2003 through 2008 from the UMW cart in the church library. Please begin reading now to prepare for the 07-08 August report.

Environmental Tip of the Quarter from the UMW Green Team

- **Reduce Purchases:** In general, think before you buy any product- do you really need it? How did the production of this product impact the environment and what further impacts will there be with the disposal of the product (and associated packaging materials)? When you are thinking about buying something, try the 30-Day Rule--- wait 30 days after the first time you decide you want a product to really make your decision. This will eliminate impulse buying.
- **Avoid Trash:** Avoid creating trash wherever possible when ordering food, avoid receiving any unnecessary plastic utensils, straws, etc. (ask in advance), buy ice cream in a cone instead of a cup, don't accept "free" promotional items, buy products with the least amount of packaging etc. Every little bit of trash avoided does make a difference.
- **Shopping Bags:** While shopping, if you only buy a few products, skip the shopping bag. For larger purchases, bring your own.
- **Simplify:** Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy on a regular basis. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/ create less waste in the future.

United Methodist Women Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering at Chula Vista Theme Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. Reservations are due by Monday, October 8, 2007. Cost for registration for the 2 days is \$35.00 (includes Saturday breakfast and lunch). Cost of the motel room is extra. If you plan on attending on Saturday only, the cost is \$25.00. Theme is "We are Nurtured as God's Vessels in Mission". Mission projects are Hope House, Baraboo, a shelter for abused women, and Mary House, Oxford, for families visiting Oxford Prison inmates. Additional information is on the UMW bulletin board in on the north end of the church lounge.

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Oktoberfest 2007

Bazaar and Salad Luncheon

Sponsored by Immanuel United
Methodist Women

Friday, October 5, 2007

10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Crafts, Bake Sale and Treasure Sale

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Salad Luncheon

Salad Luncheon tickets:

Adults \$6.75

Children (under age 10) \$2.50

Nursery available

For information call 748-5731

CROP WALK

There are some 15 million refugees worldwide — most in Asia and Africa — and another 20 to 25 million people displaced within their own countries. They are the worlds uprooted people. They are also the people that suffer the most from hunger.

What do disciples who have shelter and enough to eat do to help those who don't?

One thing we do is the CROP WALK.

- Get a walker's packet at church on Sunday morning or from the office during the week. These packets are now available in the church office.
- Get pledges and donations of money from others who care about world hunger. Join the walk, collect the money, and turn it in at church.

This year the Ripon Area CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 7. Registration is at 1:00pm. The walk begins at 1:30 pm and ends at about 4:00 pm. The walk will begin and end at Ripon High School. You will have the choice of walking a 2 mile or 5 mile route.

25% of the money raised will go to Ripon Food pantries. 75% will go to areas of need worldwide, through Church World service.

Walker forms are available in the church office. People are also needed to sponsor walkers!

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**“Equipped To Live By Experiencing The Holy Spirit”
15th Annual Holy Spirit Conference**

Saturday, October 20, 2007
Faith United Methodist Church
1025 Tullar Road, Neenah, WI

Featuring:
Pastor – Teacher – Evangelist – Author
Dr. Bob Tuttle

Bob is committed to Christ and Church. His understanding of the Christian faith has led him to a ministry of sharing the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit available through personal faith in Him. Bob pastored churches in North Carolina and Colorado before beginning his seminary teaching career.

As an author, Bob’s books include: “Can We Talk”, “Sanctity Without Starch”, “The Story of Evangelism”, “A History of the Witness of the Gospel”, and “Shortening the Leap, from Honest Doubt to Enduring Faith”.

A program for youth in grades 6 – 12 with speaker Jenny Peat from Vineyard Church in Columbus, Ohio is available. A program for children in grades 2 – 5 features fun-filled activities, crafts, games, special learning times, and videos. Childcare is available for children ages 0 – 3, and ages 4-1st grade. (Parents are responsible for their children’s care and supervision during the lunch hour.)

The conference begins with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 am, and ends at 4:30 pm.

Cost: If your registration is received by October 10th the cost is \$30 per adult and youth; \$20 per child; \$100 maximum per family. After October 10th the cost is \$35 per adult and youth; and \$25 per child. Lunch is included in the cost. A registration brochure and contact information is available in the church office.

**RIPON COLLEGE MINISTRY
COLLEGE FORUM**

Ryan Gustafson, our campus ministry coordinator has organized two programs on campus about faith and the natural world.

Our church and a campus organization “Environmental Group of Ripon” are cosponsoring a speaker on Thursday, November 1 at the College. Rev. David Steffenson is a retired United Methodist minister and leader of the Wisconsin Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign. He will present ways Christians and Churches are working to care for our world as God’s stewards. There will be time for comments and questions.

The other event is a presentation on campus later this month of a DVD “The Privileged Planet”. It is scientists with research findings that lead to believe our natural world needed a loving mind to organize its development.

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A Great Time of Singing

Hymns and Gospel Songs
Green Lake Circuit United Methodist Churches
(Kingston, Markesan, Brandon, Ripon, Green Lake,
Berlin, Neshkoro, Borth, PoySippi, Eureka)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

3:00 to 5:00 pm
at Green Lake Federated Church
489 Scott Street (across from the High School)
Listen and join in singing well loved and new songs.

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A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

“Command the rich to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” (1 Tim. 6:18)

As a small group gathered at the Osceola UMC for a Charitable Gift Seminar one cold January day, no one anticipated that the information shared during that meeting would turn the entire focus of the Osceola church around. One of the topics Bill Helwig shared was news of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and the possibility for persons 70-1/2 and older to make tax-free gifts directly from their IRA to the church, using any amount up to \$100,000 by December 31, 2007.

One couple who joined the church in recent years got excited about this possibility and started thinking and praying about the type of gift they felt called to make to their new church home. In May of 2007 they finalized their gift through their IRA Administrator and the church received \$18,000 in an undesignated gift for ministry and programming.

This \$18,000 gift came at just the right time! The church council determined this amount would allow them to keep their pastor full-time and hire a part-time person to facilitate children and family ministry.

The story doesn't end here, however. This first gift inspired another probable gift from a different member's IRA. Pastor Hagstrom said, "The congregation has gone from not being sure if they were going to be able to retain a full-time pastor, to knowing they now have the resources to reach out in new areas of ministry in order to grow. These gifts have been very encouraging."

If you're wondering if a gift from your IRA will make a difference to your local church, remember this story and remember to make arrangements to make your gift before December 31, 2007! For further information, contact us soon at:

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