



# Immanuel United Methodist Church

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Ripon, WI 54971

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

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

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9**

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

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

**September 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  
October newsletter is  
\*\*September 20\*\*

## Up Front

### **The Elevator Plan**

Over the past years, our trustees and other committees have spent hours trying to find a place for an elevator in our building. Why? We knew it would be expensive. We've got a ramp. We've got the radio broadcasting our services to shut ins. Isn't that enough? We saw people struggling with the steps to get to worship and funerals and weddings. It had become a long hard climb, but they came anyway. Worship was that important. So we kept working toward an elevator. Why?

As with everything else, we start with the Bible for our guidance. We hear "let my people go!". We hear "the stone is rolled away!". We hear Jesus say "Come to me all who are weary with heavy burdens and I will give rest for your souls." When John's friends asked Jesus if he were the messiah, Jesus gave as proof, "the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the Good News is preached to the poor."

And so we are here to help people overcome barriers to faith. One of those is the physical barrier to worship and other spiritual growth events. People who are less mobile don't need worship any less than they did when they could get around better. As we live longer, more of us will need barrier free church.

After several years, our building committee has proposed an elevator, changes to our access on the west side of our building and some room changes. Please prayerfully consider the proposal which has come in the mail. If you haven't seen it, call us. We'll discuss it after worship on August 26 and September 9. Ask others how they feel about the plan. Talk to one of the committee members about reasons for the plan. When you do, the Holy Spirit can best lead us in a direction most of us can support.

We cooperate with the Holy Spirit in Christ's work of undoing the barriers to God. Is this the best way for our building?

Rev. Paul Nulton

## FALL SCHEDULE TWO SERVICES RESUME SEPTEMBER 9

The good news of Jesus Christ is proclaimed in two services on Sunday mornings, but we use different styles.

### 8:00 am Traditional Worship

The songs, pace and order of worship are those that have been popular for at least two generations at Immanuel Church. Organ accompaniment.

### 10:30 am More Contemporary Worship

The songs, pace and more informal order of worship are those that have become popular within the last 10 years. Guitar and piano accompaniment.

## SUNDAYS

August 26 9:00 am Worship

- 9 Sr. High youth had a rich time of hard work and inspiration in Chicago this month. You'll hear them tell and show pictures of their trip.
- We'll hear of the plan to rebuild our entry from the west parking lot and add an elevator. After the service, we'll re-gather in the sanctuary for questions and comments.

September 2 9:00 am Worship

- Communion will be served at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

September 9 8:00 am and 10:30 am Worship

- Sunday School classes resume at 9:15 am
- There will be a time at 9:15 am in the sanctuary for questions and comments about the building plan.
- Sunday School Teachers will be recognized at the 10:30 am service

September 16 8:00 am and 10:30 am Worship

- Small group opportunities will be highlighted
- Bibles will be presented to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at the 10:30 am service.

October 7 8:00 am and 10:30 am Worship

- Communion during the worship services
- CROP Walk in the afternoon

## Youth news

Our Middle School and High School Youth have been busy this last month of summer! The Middle School and Sr. High youth had a blast swimming, fishing, and canoeing at Pastor Paul's cottage followed by some incredible food and tubing down the Crystal River Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Sr. High Youth enjoyed an amazing week of spiritual growth and fun serving through their Mission Trip in Chicago August 5-10. We humbly served in a soup kitchen, at a Catholic Charity, and at a boys and girls club for inner city children. 9 youth and 3 adult leaders shared in the awesome experience. We are excited to share our pictures and stories at the 9:00 am service August 26<sup>th</sup>. Six of our Middle School youth served through Mission Work Thursday August 13 at Paul's Pantry in Green Bay from 9-11am, and then they had tons of fun at Bay Beach. What a wonderful opportunity to serve this was! Shannon and Krista are busy planning the fall youth calendar! All youth will receive a calendar in the mail before school starts. But...before then...mark your calendar with these dates:

Sunday September 9 at 9:15 am – First day of Sunday School  
Sunday September 9 at 5 pm – Bonfire, Games, Fun at Prellwitz's  
Wednesday September 26 at 8 am – See You at the Pole  
Sunday September 30 at 5 pm – Annual Church Hayride at the Meyer's Farm  
Sunday October 7 - Crop Walk  
Sunday November 11 - Sock Wars and Pizza Party at Federated Church

We welcome any suggestions and new ideas for our fall and spring youth events!

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 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

## Our 2007 – 2008 Sunday School year begins on Sunday, September 9.

We invite everyone, age three through adult, to join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15 am to learn more about the wonderful love of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. The following people are members of the 2007-2008 Sunday School Ministry. The members of this team will be recognized at the 10:30 am worship service on September 9.

Pre-Kindergarten: Debra and Eric Jansen  
Kindergarten: Bailey Kaiser, Anita Keplin, Diana Amend  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Sue Wetzel, Mindy Gellings  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Emily Sensenbrenner  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Julie Kahn, Jeff Pick  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jean Woolley, Eric Ratering  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tom Worrall, Russ Skurr  
Breakfast Club (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade): Shannon Rogers, Jeff Kahn, Stan Brink

Christian Service Class: Lorraine Wetzel, LaVerne Kenas  
Faith Comes by Learning Class: Terri Arnold, Chris Worrall  
The Shepherd's Class: Greta and Hal Aberg, Velma Seidl  
Substitute Teachers: Kathy Hilscher, Vickie Hughes, Claudia Thom, Jody Amend  
Sunday School Ministry Team Leader: Deb Kaiser  
Sunday School Recordkeeping Coordinator: Jim Hoth  
Sunday School Supplies Coordinator: Vickie Hughes  
Children's Opening Time Leaders: Deb Kaiser, Anita Keplin

We are still in need of someone to serve as:

- co-teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class
- Sunday School Missions Coordinator

We also need at least 2 people to serve as Sunday School Christmas Program Co-Coordinators.

If you are able and willing to fill any of these positions, please contact Deb Kaiser at 748-7775 or the church office at 748-6695.

Ministering together,

**Deb Kaiser**- Sunday School Superintendent

# United Methodist Men

## Steak Fry

Immanuel United Methodist Men's Ministry is sponsoring it's annual Steak Fry, for everyone (not just men), on Saturday, September 8, 2007. This is to be a Green Lake Circuit event, and all churches in the circuit are invited to participate.

When: 6:00 pm Steak Fry

Bring your own meat to grill, and your own tableware. Side dishes and beverages will be provided courtesy of CJ's Catering.

7:00 pm Program

Erin Oakley, Ripon College Senior from Middleton will share music and her personal testimony.

Where: Ripon Immanuel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Come rain or shine – you won't want to miss this.

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 College in the Mihaly Room located in the Commons. For information on this study, contact Rik at 748-6111(work) or 748-3185 (home).

## Background Checks

During my time here at Immanuel UMC, I have been impressed with the quality and character of the adults who are ministering to and with our children and students. These are men and women who love Jesus Christ and those they are ministering to.

During the first part of each year we have asked everyone working with our children and youth to complete a Background Check form so that we could do a background check on everyone in order to protect the children, youth, parents, adult & student volunteers, Sunday school ministry, youth ministry and the church.

Our Background Check ministry has been an ok process of screening, but not great until now. Starting in August 2007 we will be screening everyone through "Group's Volunteer Central – Lexis-Nexis" Background Check program. Everyone will have a package one Background Check that will include a **National Criminal Indicator Database Search, Sexual Offenders Registry Search and Social Security Verification**. We will also be requesting a **Motor Vehicle Report** on adults who will be driving our children and students for church-related activities.

We have upgraded our Background Check screening to protect everyone. We are not so concerned about the people who are currently ministering to our children and students but for adults who we do not know, that are new to our church and ministry. If you have any questions regarding our new Background Check screening process feel free to contact me at the church office.

Ministering together,  
Roger Kindschi  
Director of Equipping Ministries

## Praise 2 Bible Study

**Wednesday nights 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

During the summer months we have been 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.

Starting on September 5<sup>th</sup> we will begin 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 until December 19<sup>th</sup>. 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

The **Women's Wednesday morning Bible Study** will meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the church lounge. "Honey in the Lion", chapter 7 from *Old Testament Bible Stories* will be discussed.

The **Fall Sing-alongs** will begin Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at Michalenes; at 2:15 pm at Maplecrest manor, at 3:00 pm at Fountainview Care Center, and at 3:45 pm at the Sheltered Village.

If you enjoy singing you are invited to join us on the melody.

## September Sunday Worship Volunteers

USHERS-*Coordinator, Mike Wuest*

**9:00 am**

Sept. 2 Al Hermes, DeForest Bandt, Tim Lubinsky, Dennis Valstad

**8:00 am**

Sept. 9 Al Hermes, DeForest Bandt  
Dennis Valstad, David Fox

**10:30 am**

Dennis & Marilyn Keplin,  
Joel & Mary Jo Cartier

Sept. 16 Iver Leatherberry  
Dick Stellmacher

Bob & Kathro Taylor,  
Jason & Beth Pugh

Sept. 23 Al Hermes, DeForest Bandt  
Howie & Jackie Goeden

Barb Steele & Richard Thiel  
Phyllis Huggett, Joan Volbright

Sept. 30 Al Hermes, DeForest Bandt  
Randy & Gwen Steffen

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

COFFEE HOUR-*Coordinator, Kathy Hilscher*

**Set-Up**

**Clean Up**

Sept. 2 Kathy Hilscher

Kathy Hilscher

Sept. 9 Julie Bock

Julie Bock

Sept. 16 Phyllis Huggett

Phyllis Huggett

Sept. 23 Ann Mijatovich

Ann Mijatovich

Sept. 30 Mike & Jan Dickerson

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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. ☺

## September Sponsors

**ALTAR FLOWERS - \$12**

Sept. 2 Rick & Christian Erdmann  
Sept. 9 Theresa, Jim, Kayla Miller  
Sept. 16 Daryl Bly  
Sept. 23 Robyn Neubauer  
Sept. 30 Andy & Darlene Witkowski

**BULLETINS - \$10**

Open  
Norm & Linda Penke  
Lorraine Wetzel  
Virginia Beilke  
Open

**RADIO BROADCAST - \$50**

Sept. 2 John & Brenda Hollatz  
Sept. 9 Open  
Sept. 16 Lorraine Wetzel  
Sept. 23 Virginia Beilke  
Sept. 30 Open

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*

Sept. 2 **(9:00 am)** Megan Sperger, Krystal Tetzlaff

**8:00 am**

Sept. 9 Kyle Erdmann  
Emily Grahn

**10:30 am**

Amy Lauber  
Michael Lauber

Sept. 16 Trevor Bender  
Amanda Coehoorn

Amanda Page  
Marlie Page

Sept. 23 Ashley Zahnow  
Tim Hoffman

Brad Arnold  
Kimi Kernen

Sept. 30 Tom Amend  
Hunter Gellings

Allie Hughes  
Colby Schultz

**Acolyte Training will be held on Sunday, September 30 at 9:30 am at the front of the sanctuary. Please attend if you have never been trained, or if you would like a review of the acolyte duties.**

We extend our sympathy to:

- the family and friends of **Erv Zamzow** who passed away on July 31. He is the husband of Fern Zamzow, father of Kathy (Robert) Peschke, and grandfather of Tyler, Karl, Erik and Nikki Peschke.
- the family and friends of **Erwin Beilke** who passed away on August 2, 2007. He is the husband of Virginia Beilke and the father of Mike (Nancy) Beilke.

THANK YOU...

My appreciation,

After a summer of rehabilitation, therapy and care I am now settled in at 50 Sunset Avenue room #16, in a new venture of assisted living started by Fountainview Care Center.

I want to thank the congregation for their cards, concerns, visits and prayers.

God bless you all,  
**Edna Jennings**

We would like to thank our church family for their cards, visits and prayers during our loss. The support you have given during this time is greatly appreciated.

**The Roeder Family:**

**Robin, Dave, Kelly, Brad, Tina and Jason**

**June 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 September bring: In September bring: canned milk, powdered milk, cake mix, muffin mix, cookie mix, laundry detergent, dish detergent, bathroom soap bars, crackers, cookies, paper towels, toilet paper, hamburger helper, tuna helper, tuna, Spam, canned beef stew. Please place your donations in the shopping cart that is located on the main floor in the west (parking lot entrance) stairwell.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Mission Project

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 August 19 is \$163.05.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 7, 2007

## WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETINGS

The **Merry Friends Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the church lounge. Betty Eichstedt will be the leader and Annagene Priske will be the hostess.

The **Priscilla Circle** will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 10 in the church lounge. We will have our election of officers. The leader will be Esther Krueger and the hostesses will be Joyce Kahl and Carol Schulz.

The **Koinonia Circle** will meet on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm at Kathy Hilscher's home. We will have our election of officers. The leader is Beth Pugh and the hostess is Kathy Hilscher.

The **United Methodist Women 2007 Reading Program** concluded with 9 participants completing at least four books, one from each mission category. Those completing the four book level are Yvonne Holmes, Joyce Kahl, Barbara Meyer, Elaine Reilly, Lorraine Wetzell and Chris Worrall.

The UMW members who have read at least 10 books (two from each category plus two additional books) are Betty Eichstedt, Carol Meyer and Carol Schulz.

Congratulations to these participants.

The United Methodist Women hosted Oktoberfest Salad Luncheon and Bazaar is on Friday, October 5, 2007. Mark your calendar now! Work on crafts to sell and look for treasures for the treasure table. 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 will be available for purchase soon.

## A MISSION REPORT

Dear Immanuel Church Family,

Once again I want to say, "Thank you for making a difference in the lives of over 100 orphans in south India."

I saw the happiness on their faces as they received their school kits in bright colored tote bags!! They thanked us by singing songs in their native language, Tamil, and reciting Scripture. It was a great blessing and joy to be a part of that moment in their lives.

The girl's orphanage is not quite finished, even though they held a dedication celebration the last Saturday we were there.

The Wisconsin work team had three projects to work on...

Project 1 was digging a trench by hand 4 feet deep, 4 feet wide and 6 feet long, for the sewer system.

Project 2 was sanding and then priming all the window frames. I worked on this project. I also spent a half day helping prepare food for all of our work campers as well as the men and women contracted to build the orphanage, about 15 of them.

Project 3 was painting the outside of the 5000 square foot building. First – white wash it. Second – lime wash it. Third – paint it a lime green color. All projects were completed.

What a grateful praise to our Lord for helping us make a difference, and to help better the lives of these children. The \$755 given by Immanuel Church helped buy 50 school kits and building materials. We can all continue to make a difference in the lives of these beautiful children by contributing to the Wisconsin Conference India Mission project, soon to be Advance number 7940 on the advance mission list.

Let us continue to support the children of this world. For it is through them that we, people of this world, may find peace.

God bless you all with a grateful heart,  
**Annagene Priske**

## **Walk to Emmaus**

I would like to invite you to seriously consider attending one of the October Walk's to Emmaus in Clintonville Wisconsin. These are spiritual weekend experiences with people from Wisconsin of various denominations, many whom are United Methodist,

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.

In you are interested in experiencing a Walk to Emmaus please see Carol in the church office for a brochure and the "Reservation Request" form. Once the form is completed please give it to me or drop it off at the church with your \$35.00 deposit - I will then send it in for you and assist in finding your sponsor.

The Men's Walk is on October 11-14, 2007 and the Women's Walk is on October 18-21, 2007. Both Walks are held at Imago Dei Village in Clintonville Wisconsin. 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

**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.

# JOIN US ON A HAYRIDE!!!

**Church Fun Night Hay Ride  
Sunday, September 30, 2007  
5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Art & Barb Meyer Farm  
W514 Townline Rd, Ripon**

**All ages welcome!  
Come for a ride or just enjoy  
conversation in the barn!**

**Bring a snack to share.  
Beverages provided.**

**Come join the fun!!!!!!**

**Sponsored by the Nurture Committee**



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER UNITED METHODIST

October 5 – 7, 2007  
Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader Retreat Center  
Pine Lake Camp  
Westfield, Wisconsin

“Marriage Encounter” is a weekend away from home, family and responsibilities where in a comfortable, secluded environment a couple is guided in the discovery of new techniques of communicating and sharing with one another. It is not a retreat, but it is a program designed to give a couple the opportunity to examine their lives together, their weaknesses and strong points, their attitudes toward each other and toward their families.

Couples are given the opportunity to look at themselves, privately with their partner in an honest face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter.

Marriage Encounter is for couples who love each other and want to continue living together in the vows they made at their wedding. Marriage Encounter is for couples who desire a richer, fuller marriage. Since every marriage can be improved, even the best marriages can find new meaning and deepened joy through this weekend.

A non-refundable reservation fee of \$50 is required by September 20. A blank envelope contribution is taken during the weekend. Marriage Encounter is entirely self-supporting, and the couples are encouraged to help offset costs for lodging and meals. No one, however, is ever refused the opportunity to make a Marriage Encounter weekend because of lack of funds.

For more information contact Ron and Sharon Morishita at (262)554-0369 or [w1marriage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:w1marriage@sbcglobal.net) or Rich and Susan Batchelder at (414)963-0944 or [rsbatch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsbatch@sbcglobal.net).

A brochure with reservation form is available in the rack on the literature table in the lounge.

# MEET THE STAFF

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

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

## Evergreen Retirement Community

The Evergreen Retirement Community is offering an **Open House at Evergreen Village** on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-3:00 pm at 1020 N. Westfield Street. They have spacious homes that are ideal for independent individuals or couples 55 years or older. They offer one-level living with one or two bedrooms, sunroom, laundry area, attached garage, and storage space. Includes seven meals per month, aquatic and fitness opportunities, personal emergency response system, and more. Contact Allen Borgwardt at (920) 237-2122 for more information.

Vanessa Frank, COTA  
Jane Peters, RN  
Kristin Kluz, BSW

are presenting a seminar entitled:  
**“Aging or Alzheimer’s? How to Tell the Difference”**  
Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm  
in the Evergreen Retirement Community Chapel.

This is a free program and no prior registration is required.

## **BECOME A HOSPICE HOPE VOLUNTEER!**

Agnesian Healthcare is holding their next training session on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and then again on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The classes will run from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Application deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hospice is a specialized service for patients with a life-threatening illness who have chosen to receive palliative (comfort vs. cure) care in their own home, contracted nursing home/assisted living facility, or the Hospice Home of Hope. A team of health care professionals offers support, care, and symptom control for patients at the end of life and support for their families.

Volunteers are valued team members and play a crucial role in our services by supporting our patients and families in direct patient care, respite care, bereavement care, administrative work and more. Training is geared for this special type of volunteer service.

**For more information, call the Volunteer Services Liaison, Cathy Wolfe at (920) 924-4662 or 1-800-236-4156.**

Application and interview must be completed prior to the first class.