



Immanuel Wisconsin Synod 

# Lamplighter

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“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105



## Crossroads

*Traveling with Our Savior*

Have you ever noticed how much time you spend traveling? We spend a lot of time traveling in cars, airplanes or simply walking from one place to the next. Traveling is a time of anticipation as we look forward to where we are going. Can't wait to see Grandpa and Grandma. How much longer? Are we there yet? While we are thinking about what lies ahead, we also must keep watch about what's going on as we travel. Throughout the last weeks of Jesus' life, we see him going from one place to the next. Did you ever wonder what Jesus and his disciples were thinking

about? Let's put ourselves on the road with Jesus, traveling roads that would eventually lead him to the cross. "Crossroads: Traveling with Our Savior" is the theme for our Midweek Wednesday Lenten Services:

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| Feb. 6   | From Galilee to Judea             | Mark 10: 32-34        |
| Feb. 13  | From Bethany to Jerusalem         | Mark 11: 12-14, 20-25 |
| Feb. 20  | From the Upper Room to Gethsemane | Mark 14: 26-31        |
| Feb. 27  | From Gethsemane to the Sanhedrin  | Mark 14: 42-52        |
| March 5  | From the Sanhedrin to Pilate      | Matthew 27: 1-2       |
| March 12 | From Pilate to Herod and Back     | Luke 23: 4-12         |
| March 20 | From Pilate to Golgatha           | Luke 23:26-31         |
| March 21 | Dead End?                         | Mark 15: 37-39        |
| March 23 | To and From the Tomb              | John 20: 1-8          |

Did you ever take a good look at our stain glass windows in our church? They are indeed beautiful. Did you ever note how they relate to Lent, to our Savior's suffering, death and resurrection? During the Sundays of Lent we will have a series of sermons that study our beautiful stain glass windows.



Pastor and Gloria Pagel thank the members of Immanuel for their generous Christmas gift, as well as your cards and gifts. May the Christ of Christmas richly bless

our new year.

## Special Christmas Offering

We received \$1,024 for our special Christmas offering. The offering was used to reduce the principle on our building loan. By reducing the principle, we reduce the interest and shorten the length of the loan. At present the balance of our building loan from Thrivent Financial totals \$101,747.42 and the final payment is scheduled for March, 2015. Thank you to all our members who supported our special Christmas offering.

Unable to come to church because of the cold weather or the snow? Because of



sickness or a disability? If you are unable to attend church for an extended period of time, please call the church office. Pastor Pagel would be happy to visit you with a short devotion and privately serve you the Lord's Supper. Also remember that video tapes of our worship services are available from our church office.

## Financial News

In 2007 we ended the year over \$13,000 in the black. In addition to this \$13,000 we were able to prepay our Thrivent Loan with a principle payment of \$5,571 and transfer \$3,235 to savings to complete the landscaping of the front of our church. We are truly thankful for all the members who so faithfully support our Lord's work here at Immanuel. But most of all we are thankful to our gracious Lord for all the blessings given to our congregation, as well as to each of us.

## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, following our Worship Service. All members of our congregation are invited to this special meeting. At this meeting we will review, with the assistance of our annual report, our 2007 blessings as well as our 2008 goals. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



## District Congregational Workshop

Our WELS District Congregational Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 8th at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thirty different seminars will be presented. Congregational members can choose any three of these workshops to attend. A list of workshops and registration forms are available from the church office and are due by February 27th. Lunch will be served at Fox Valley Lutheran High School at a cost of \$5. The seminars themselves are free.

## Our Lenten Fellowships



On the Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, a fellowship hour will be held in our fellowship hall, immediately following the service. Cookies and bars, as well as volunteers, will be needed for our fellowship hours. Sign-up sheets are located by the bulletin board sign-up table.

## Bible Study

All members are encouraged to attend our Tuesday morning Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. We are discussing the Book of Romans. It is an informal discussion of God's Word, where you are encouraged to ask your questions as you apply God's Word to your lives.

## Ladies' Guild

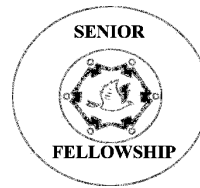
Please join the Ladies' Guild on Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. for their congregational guest night. The evening will feature a presentation by our own Hazel Drebus who will be sharing her experiences with Polar Bears from one of her trips to Canada. Hostesses for the evening will be Barb Luft, Marian Pepler and Kathryn Martell.



## LWMS

It is time to mark your calendars for the LWMS Spring Rally. St. Matthew in Appleton will host the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally on April 12, 2008, and all ladies are invited. More information will be available soon, and a sign up sheet will be posted as the Rally approaches. The national convention will be held in Tucson, Arizona, and a group tour will leave Appleton June 25 and return June 29 or 30. Contact LWMS reporter, Joan Radtke, if you are interested.

~Joan Radtke, LWMS Reporter



## Grace Forever Young

Grace Forever Young is an organization of people from WELS churches (55 or over) that meet twice a month (1st & 3rd Thursday) at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Qually Room) at 11:00 a.m. for a fellowship program and lunch.

On **February 7th**, Tara Hastings, a meteorologist from Fox 11, will be the guest speaker. A Swiss steak dinner will be catered in from LaSure's. The cost of the meal is \$7.00.

**February 22nd's** lunch will be your choice of chili or chicken soup and dessert. The program will feature several foreign exchange students sharing their experiences.

There will be no meeting on March 6th.

~Juanita Oaks

## Women's Retreat

The Christian Woman Today Retreat, sponsored by Christ the Lord in Brookfield, will be held April 4-6 at the Olympia Spa and Resort in Oconomowoc. Registration deadline is Friday, March 7th. More information can be found at the CTL website: [ChristTheLordBrookfield.org](http://ChristTheLordBrookfield.org), or by calling Maureen Sertich at 262-784-0412. Brochures are available on the bulletin board.


**New Church Officers:**  
 Randy Montgomery - Vice President  
 Mark Juedes -Chairman, Board of Property and Grounds



*Join us in extending  
 a warm welcome to  
 the newest member of  
 our church family.*

*Beverly  
 Neumann*

**Welcome  
 Our New  
 Members**



**THANKS  
 FOR YOUR HELP!**

**Larry Stowe for assisting with the  
 snow removal.**

**Mary Troudt for her Lenten bulletin  
 board.**

**The Kilsdonk family for donating  
 this year's website.**

**Kindergarten Round Up**

Grace Lutheran School's kindergarten round up has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 6th from 7:50 - 10:00 a.m..

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>					
Date	Attendance	Communion	Sunday School	Bible Class	Offerings
01-06	139	NA	NA	22	\$ 5,598.75
01-13	134	125	8	20	\$ 2,860.20
01-20	107	NA	10	NA	\$ 2,353.56
01-27	145	122	7	21	\$ 3,807.00
TOTALS	525	247	25	63	\$14,619.21
AVERAGE	131	124	8	21	\$3,654.80

**Monthly Report of Offerings**  
 From 01/06/2008 - 01/27/2008

Description	Amount
Sunday Offering	\$ 12,722.00
Plate Offering	\$ 144.21
Initial Offering	\$ 365.00
Forward In Trust	\$ 245.00
W.L.C.F.S.	\$ 23.00
Flowers & Bulletins	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 1070.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,619.21</b>

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## Altar Guild and Usher Schedule for February 2008

<b>Date</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Altar Color</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
February 3	Bethany & Katelyn Andersen, Barb Luft	Non Communion White	Larry Pfaffenroth, Kevin Kilsdonk, Ron Wenzel & Larry Stowe	
February 6 Ash Wednesday Communion	Marian Pepler, Lorraine Freiberg & Kathryn Martell	Purple	Harley Joslin, Neal Meltz, Karl Luft & Phil Mittelstaedt	Randy Montgomery
February 10 Communion	Kathy Wenzel, Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer	Purple	Randy Montgomery, Jim Dobish, John Hornig & Marvin Schwebke	Larry Pfaffenroth
February 13 Lenten Service	Kay Kohfeldt, Ruth Mauritz & Bernice Schreiber	Purple	Doug & Erik Zellmer, Mike & Zak Stowe	
February 17	Juanita Oaks & Connie Frederickson	Purple	Jim Martell, Phil Mittelstaedt, Gary & Mitchell Trout	
February 20 Lenten Service	Ann Mittelstaedt & Muriel Schmunk	Purple	Larry Pfaffenroth, Kevin Kilsdonk, Ron Wenzel & Larry Stowe	
February 24 Communion	Edie & Rachel Nieman, Karen Cudnohoske	Purple	Harley Joslin, Neal Meltz, Karl Luft & Mike Stowe	Doug Zellmer
February 27 Lenten Service	Carol Fairbairn & Carrie Mutsch	Purple	Randy Montgomery, Jim Dobish, John Hornig & Marvin Schwebke	