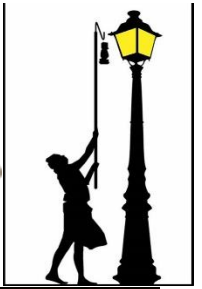




# THE Lamplighter



"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE  
DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS  
HAS NOT OVERCOME IT."  
JOHN 1:5

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee/Board/Council Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 21<sup>st</sup> WIS
- 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tall Cedars
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ascension Thursday

### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> Trustee/Board/Council Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 18<sup>th</sup> WIS
- 24<sup>th</sup> Tall Cedars
- 28<sup>th</sup> Garage Sale



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*The friendly church with a vision and a  
future.*

## Pastor's Letter

To all the members and friends of Immanuel Union Church,

I write this letter on behalf of IUC to extend an invitation to join us for our traditional rally around the flagpole on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to honor the sacrifice of all who have served and lost their lives in defense of our nation.

Jesus said in John 15:13: ***“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”***

Other than our Lord's death on the cross, can there be any greater sacrifice or expression of love than for a Soldier to be willing to put their life on the line so that others may enjoy freedom? We, as a church and nation, should always stand ready to remember and give honor where honor is due.

George Sweeting, former President of Moody Bible Institute writes the following: *“When we come to the end of life, the question will be, “How much have you given?” not “How much have you gotten?”*

While we will never be able to thank the person directly who gave their life, at least we can share our appreciation as we gather for a brief time of memorial in honor of the many sons and daughters, children and grandchildren who gave their life so that we can freely worship our God. It is our hope that this tradition never falls by the wayside and that this legacy of appreciation carries on to the future generations of our congregation.

We will be meeting at Flagpole at 9:45 AM immediately before the Sunday worship time. Join us as we pray together and raise a new flag in cameration of their service to our country.

We'll see you then.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Charlie

# Sunday Worship & Bible Studies



Sunday Church Service is will be via zoom at 10:00 AM. Check IUC's Facebook page for current topics. Like us on Facebook.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held via zoom at 6:30 PM.

How to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service:

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<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

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# Milestones



## Birthdays

5/1	Jeffrey Brannigan	5/17	Diane Pillarella
	Timothy Neis	5/21	Jerilyn Franzreb-Smith
5/11	Michael Fichtl	5/24	Muriel Van Cleaf
5/12	Keith Herron	5/27	Erik Henningsen
	Ruth Michie		George Michie
5/16	Meghan Jerlin	5/28	Nancy Wagner-Wetzel
		5/31	Katherine Blitz

# Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2025 are available.
- Bonnie Rogers will be mailing the Upper Room daily devotional booklets to those who are interested. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the church office.
- Electronic tithing is now available. Please visit the church's website at [immanuelunion.org](http://immanuelunion.org) and click on the donate now button. You can send your donation through PayPal or use your debit/credit card. You can also donate using Venmo our user name is @ImmanuelUnion-Church.
- Information for the June Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at [iuc1@verizon.net](mailto:iuc1@verizon.net).

## Zoom & Social Media Instructions

Please check out our Website as well as our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. We ask that you share the information, especially to your Facebook friends, by Liking and Reposting on Facebook. This is a great way to publicize our worship services, Bible Study and any special events coming up. We can all make a difference!

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## Order Your Geraniums



The color of Pentecost is red. This year, we would like to have a profusion of red geraniums on the Altar to make Pentecost Sunday even more special. If you normally plant red geraniums in your garden, could you wait? The Worship & Music Committee would like to pick yours up at the nursery and put them on the altar for June 8<sup>th</sup>. You would then take your plants home after

the Service. It is your responsibility to take your plants home! The cost would be \$5 per plant. Please let the Church Office know if you might be willing to participate in the red geranium altar flow display this year.

Mention how many you would like to order then submit payment for the cost. Order must be received by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

# Council Update

Happy May! The Council wants to let you know about a couple of events coming up. We will be resuming our ceremony at the flagpole with the Scouts on 5/25 at 9:45 am. Please come early and join us!

Also, our garage sale is Saturday June 28th. Church members get their first table free, a second table is \$30- the cost for the public. We will need help in the kitchen and at our tables. Setup will be Friday 6/27 at 9 am. Pastor Charlie will be making BBQ (pulled pork and ribs) and we look forward to seeing you!

# Mark Your Calendars



## Immanuel Union Church

**Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



June 28<sup>th</sup> We will be hosting a Garage Sale indoor and outdoor. Contact the church office if you are interested in getting a table. First table is free for church members.



September 27<sup>th</sup> We will be hosting a Vendor Craft and Flea Market. Contact the church office if you are interested in getting a table.

May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Council Trustee/Board Meetings	2	3
4 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	5	6 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	7	8	9	10
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### **Sunday Prayer List**

#### **New**

- † Eds friend Brian had a major stroke. Pray for healing.
- † Naomi having cataract surgery on May 5th. Pray for her and the eye surgeon.
- † Yazmine- losing her job in June, pray she finds a new job.



#### **Continued-**

- † Ed's Son Christopher doing much better.
- † Naomi- having headaches again and other medical problems- pray for healing.
- † Baby Hazel- has neuroblastoma. Pray for her family- and doctors as far as treatment.
- † Warren- Ann Haakonsen's brother- was at Clove Lakes now he's home.
- † Gerd- Lyn's friend- doing well and is home. Pray for his continued healing.
- † Michael- Dorothy's son having medical problems.
- † Roland- his health.
- † Mauro- Roland's friend in ICU with heart problems. Pray that he has opportunities to talk about Jesus.
- † Tom- cancer is growing again. Pray for the treatment change and that his body can tolerate it.
- † Eric- Roland's best friend- has only 1 kidney and now it's not working. It's only working at 25%.
- † Jennifer & Omar- pray that God reveals to them the "what's next".
- † Donnamaries mom (Mary) put is now in hospice. Pray God opens her heart and doesn't allow her to suffer.
- † Marilyn Pederson- cancer in her ankle.
- † Jimmy- Dorothy's grandson. Living with her (and Michael) but needs an apartment.
- † Sonja's cousins - Michael Johnson and Ron Mazzaeo both have cancer. Pray for them, their families and the doctors for wisdom in treatments.
- † Don- Eugene's Cousin has stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has spread to his liver. Pray for the treatment, doctors and he and his family as they go through this.
- † Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- † RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is recovering
- † Liz Iken- at Eger. Pray for her health
- † Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- † Anne Haakonsen's mom- for health and strength.