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# The Messenger

January 2019



## Birth and Death

The old man brought the Babe to the gate of the New Year, and said: "I am done. Behold, the future is Yours, Child." And 2019 is born. But not until 2018 dies. With every new beginning there is an ending; with every new life, there is a death. And in the hand of God, neither is to be feared- neither death nor life, nor any change which may come upon us. Pearl S. Buck wrote a story about a little boy and his father, and the Great Wave which threatened to engulf them.

"What is death?" Kino asked.

"Death is the great gateway," Kino's father said. His face was not at all sad. Instead, it was quiet and happy. "The gateway- where?" Kino asked again. Kino's father smiled. "Can you remember when you were born?" Kino shook his head. "I was too small." Kino's father laughed. "I remember very well. Oh, how hard you thought it was to be born! You cried and you screamed."

"Didn't I want to be born?" Kino asked. This was very interesting to him. "You did not know anything about it and so you were afraid of it," his father replied. "But see how foolish you were! Here we were waiting for you, your parents, already loving you and eager to welcome you. And you have been very happy, haven't you?"

"Until the big wave came," Kino replied. "Now I am afraid again because of the death that the big wave brought." **"You are only afraid because you don't know anything about death,"** his father replied. **"But someday you will wonder why you were afraid, even as today you wonder why you feared to be born."**

To which we intone with the eighth chapter of Romans: "All things come together for good for those who love God and are called according to God's purpose... For I am convinced that neither death, nor life... nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:28, 38-39)

Happy New Year, dear friends. For you are held in the hand of God.

In Christ's love,  
 Pastor Hawkins

### January 6

**Matthew 2:13-23** **Where Is The Child?**  
*Prayers for the Quaden families*

- Holy Communion.
- Food Pantry Sunday.
- Place SCRIP orders.
- Coffee Hour in fellowship hall.
- The Christmas Trees and decorations will be taken down after worship.



### January 13

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** **The Baptism**  
*Prayers for the Rivera family & Mary Fran Roberts/Gail O'Malley*

- after worship: Dementia Friendly Training in the Sanctuary.
- Family Promise hosting begins; set up after the Training Session.



### January 20

**John 2:1-11** **The Wedding**  
*Prayers for Julia Starbuck & the Stelling family*

- 10:45am- Council



### January 27

**Luke 4:14-21** **The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Us**  
*Prayers for the Stenson/Bensing family & Fran Szymkowski*

- Annual Meeting of the Congregation after worship.

# JANUARY COMMITTEES

**Communion Preparation for January 6:** Kristen Voskuil

**Communion Assistants:** Emily Pakula & Egann Stack-Vaughn

**Coffee Hour Committee for Jan. 6:** Jan/Jim McGraw, Corrine Mayer, Pat Doering, Mary Branson, Evelyn Faircloth & Julia Starbuck

**Church Cleaning Team:** Jan/Jim McGraw, Corrine Mayer

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Scripture Readers</b>
<b>6</b>	Frieda Goetsch	Debbie Morgan/ Kristen Voskuil	Emily Pakula
<b>13</b>	Connie Motelet	Brunch/No Ushers	Dick Hawkins
<b>20</b>	Donna Newland	Sue & Tom Stelling	Egann Stack-Vaughn
<b>27</b>	Nancy Edwards	Sarah Erickson-Bhatt/ Shirlene Hazelberg	Sarah Erickson-Bhatt

## WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY MAVEN!!

We welcomed Maven Grace Laur into God's circle of love and care through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations mom and dad, Melanie & Mike and BIG sister, Mira!



## Order SCRIP January 6<sup>th</sup>!



Using the SCRIP/Gift Card system is a GREAT way to help Emmanuel raise revenue...and it costs you no extra \$\$.

Orders are taken the first Sunday of the month and delivered to you the next. A wide variety of gift cards are available for most anything you need!



## Singing Bowl for JANUARY and beyond...

The Singing Bowl for January and February will go to Women's Literacy and the establishment of women's

businesses in Serbia through Church World Service. Women are largely the stable center of families in need, and their success means the success of their children. Let your spare change make a difference in the lives of Serbian women and their families!

The Singing Bowl for March and April will go to the establishment of water sources and wells in South Sudan. Many living in remote areas have to walk hours every day just to find a water source, which is often contaminated water bearing diseases. Since its inception in 2003, Water For South Sudan has drilled 349 wells, with the capacity to serve 600 people. In 2018, they completed their first latrine at a primary school in Way, serving 800 students.

## MISSIONS OF EMMANUEL



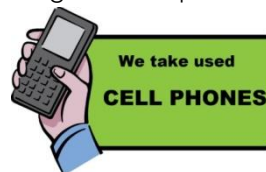
Long after the glitter of Christmas and New Year's is over and January has us in a deep freeze, the needs of our Family Promise guests continue.

JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> begins our next Family Promise hosting week. We are looking forward to seeing all of our faithful Emmanuel volunteers. In the meantime, have a blessed holiday season.

## Kiosk Collections

The kiosk in the church foyer has drawers labeled for different things we collect on an ongoing basis. It's a great way to get rid of unneeded items and help out at the same time:

- Grocery receipts from Albrecht's Sentry store in Delafield. We receive a rebate of the total receipts we submit. Those rebates help our bottom line!
- Empty printer ink cartridges are turned in at Office Max to earn credit for Emmanuel purchases.
- First Aid items/new toothbrushes/OTC pain meds (unopened) are given to the Free Clinic in Oconomowoc.
- Used eye glasses are given to the Dousman Lions Club: throughout the year, Lions, Leos and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact.



Please place them in the kiosk drawer (in the foyer) marked for cell phone collection. THANK YOU Bill Welch who turns those old phones into dollars for Emmanuel by selling them on Ebay.

*Our little systems have their day,  
They have their day and cease to be  
They are but broken lights of Thee,  
And Thou, O Lord, art more than they.*



## KIDS

- Jan. 6** No Church School
- Jan. 13** Special People of the Bible: Gideon Defeats the Enemy
- Jan. 20** Special People of the Bible: Samson's Great Strength/Doing What is Right
- Jan. 27** Special People of the Bible: Brave Queen Esther/Esther Helps God's People

## ADULTS

### TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE 10:00-11:00am, (resumes Tuesday, January 8)

We're entering into a six-week the book of Numbers, "Learning Contentment In a Culture Of More." It will be a lively and interesting series, with discussion and coffee (of course!)



**THANK YOU!**  
for your support

The Board of Stewards would like to thank all of our members and friends of Emmanuel for their financial support for the upcoming year, we appreciate all that you do to make our Church a great place for all of us!

God Bless!

Sherri Krantz	Steve Thompson	Charlotte Voigt
Sue Stelling	Frieda Goetsch	

### Council Highlights December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting

- Beginning February 17, 2019 our worship services will be more friendly to people who are experiencing dementia. Please plan to attend the January 13<sup>th</sup> training session that will be held following worship. The Waukesha County ADRC will get the word out that Emmanuel is a dementia-friendly community!
- We will once again have cookies available with our Sunday coffee in the gathering area. They will be on a hidden shelf on the coffee tray and the ushers will take them out if we do not have Prader-Willi guests with us that Sunday. If we do have PW guests, no cookies will be served.
- A Mystery Dinner has been tentatively scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The script has been purchased and dinner plans will soon be underway. This will be a fundraiser, so the congregants will be asked to sell tickets.
- Council members are seeking officers and board members for 2019.

- Our building is now over 20 years old and upgrades and repairs are on the horizon. At the January 2019 annual meeting Trustees will share information on how we hope to fund the projects.
- Another idea for a fundraiser was presented...a Christmas Cookie Walk. Other churches have wild success with this, but it would take LOTS of cookie baking, likely throughout the year (and freezing until December). More information will be shared as plans are discussed and developed.
- A New Common Ground is hoping to increase their visibility by holding a fundraising event in 2019. A Vision Team will also be formed.

### LET'S MAKE EMMANUEL A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CHURCH!



Over and over again, we have striven to open ourselves to ALL of God's people.

We are being given another opportunity to open our hearts! People with dementia have special needs that we might not immediately think of. When a person with Alzheimer's sees a dark rug going into a light tile floor (like our front entry), they will often stop and refuse to go over it. Why? Because it looks like an abyss. It looks like if they step from the light tile into that dark space, they will fall into a hole. Who would have thought?

In February, we would like to open our doors as the only Dementia-Friendly Church in Waukesha County. At this point, there just aren't any other churches who have consciously, intentionally made it comfortable for people with dementia to attend. But to do this, we need to know what it takes to be a dementia-friendly congregation.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY. 13 AFTER WORSHIP, WE'LL HAVE A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY TRAINING** by Randy Kohl, the Dementia Care Specialist for Waukesha County. We need **EVERYONE** to participate, so we can open our doors to people with dementia.

**ESPECIALLY, WE NEED ALL THE GREETERS AND USHERS TO BE THERE, SINCE IT WILL BE YOU WHO HAS THE FIRST CONTACT WITH OUR GUESTS.** But not just the Ushers and Greeters, it's important that our Communion Assistants be trained as well. In fact, we ALL need to know what to do if one of our guests runs into trouble.

Waukesha County, through the ADRC, will begin to advertise us as a Dementia-Friendly congregation in February, when we hope to open our doors to this ministry.

**So, look forward to Feb. 17 as our kick-off date!**

# January Celebrations



## BIRTHDAYS

Jere Marheine	5	Gregg Jarrett	17
Sherri Krantz	6	John Quaden, Sr.	19
Gary Scherper	10	Joanne Szymanski	20
Pat Doering	13	Aaron Kinney	22
Bill Welch	13	Mike Laur	22
Nansi Hawkins	15	Ashton Kinney	31
Kirk Bonestroo	16		

## ANNIVERSARIES

Carole & Dan Milos	19
Marjore & Mark Thompson	31

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

Shirlene Hazelberg	27	2008
Sherri & Bob Krantz	27	2008
Charlotte Voigt	27	2008
Christine Lang	30	2011
Sharon Logemann	31	2010



A New Common Ground	Pastor Simone Nathan	262-497-0784
Adult Fellowship	Corrine Mayer	431-4046
	Donna Newland	965-4022
Christian Education/Church School	Peggy Hazelberg	470-2181
Council	Christy Lui	337-1646
Deacons	Kristen Voskuil	608-698-3777
Financial Secretary (counts offering & keeps records)	Laurie Buckett	965-2545
Family Promise	Charlotte Voigt	646-2701
	Sue Stelling	965-3498
Pastor/Parish Relations Committee	Marian Speerless	262-593-8087
	Kerry Alaimo	608-432-8253
	Robert Zondag	414-218-3254
Prayer Requests	Pastor Hawkins	965-2429
	Donna Newland	965-4022
Programming ideas (at church- check calendar (\$\$ needed- check w/ Council))	GO FOR IT!	
	Donna Newland	965-4022
	Christy Lui	337-1646
SCRIP program	Laurie Buckett	965-2545
Singing Bowl- same info as Social Concerns		
Social Concerns	Pastor Hawkins	965-2429
Stewards	Sherri Krantz	968-5504
Treasurer (issues checks)	Kathy Zebrowski	646-8882
	Shirlene Hazelberg	392-2818
Trustees	Jere Marheine	361-2942
Ushering Team- same info as Deacons		



Tom and Sue Stelling have had a number of ash trees cut down on their property.

Please contact them if you would like to take some of the firewood....they ask that in lieu of

payment for the wood, you make a donation of your choosing to Emmanuel. Their phone number is 262-965-3498.



*Ladies' Fellowship*

The Ladies Fellowship will have its monthly meeting in fellowship hall on Wednesday, January 9 from 1-3 PM. Jan McGraw and Donna Newland will be the hostesses.



## DRIVERS NEEDED!

It's that time of year when we lose many of our faithful Dousman Meals drivers to the warmer climates! We have ten regular drivers...6 of them go to the sunshine for all or part of the winter...won't you say "thank you" to them by filling their spots this winter? We deliver meals to the homebound once every four weeks. You would need to be available between 11:30am and approximately 1pm Monday through Friday or at least one or two of those days and have your own vehicle. **PLEASE** speak to Donna to volunteer for the winter months. Thank you.

**Church Cleaners** are needed for December. Joanne Szymanski is the only brave soul who has signed up so far!

## 2019 Needs...

- **Church Cleaning**...we need several each month to help keep the building clean.
- **Sunday Greeters**...arrive by 9 AM and greet worshippers as they arrive...how simple is that??



THANK YOU to all who regularly leave bags of aluminum cans and other precious metals outside the garage door. A reminder to everyone, our recycling of these Precious Metals helps Emmanuel's bottom line, so please save them, bag them up and

leave them in front of the garage. Thank you to Ron Blaschuk and Tom Stelling for taking them to the recycling center throughout the year.

Learn from the mistakes of others.  
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

## Treasurer's Report for November 2018

### PLEGGED Income received

(November 2018)	\$7,937.00
(November 2017)	\$8,411.32
Difference	<b>-\$474.32</b>
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received	
(November 2018)	\$1,440.00
(November 2017)	\$1,299.25
Difference	<b>\$140.75</b>
Total INCOME for (November 2018) *	\$9,623.68
Total INCOME for (November 2017)	\$11,892.56
Difference	<b>-\$2,268.88</b>
Total EXPENSE for (November 2018)	\$9,348.62
Total EXPENSE for (November 2017)	\$13,414.87
Difference	<b>-\$4,066.25</b>
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2018	\$1,165.70
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2017	<b>-\$434.73</b>
Difference	<b>\$1,600.43</b>

\*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received that are designated funds for:

Singing Bowl	\$174.60
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$398.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
RBC Investment Account Growth for November 2018	\$1,793.28

A New Common Ground	\$ 15,096.36
Income	\$ 55.00
Expenses	\$ -551.60
Interest	\$ 0.60
TOTAL	\$ 14,600.36

Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski (262-646-8882).

## Thank you's & Prayers...

- ♥ our Dousman Meals drivers for November 26-30: Mary Opiela, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Kathy Thompson, Kathy Zebrowski, Sue Stelling, Lorna & Jere Marheine & Shirlene Hazelberg
- ♥ Joanne Szymanski and Kristen Voskuil for cleaning the church in December.
- ♥ Our Board of Stewards for running an excellent Pledge Program.



- ♥ EVERYONE who brought food and made our Holly Brunch a huge success.
- ♥ Jim Langreder and the Choir for all their extra work getting ready for presentation of their beautiful Christmas Cantata.
- ♥ All those who delivered the Angel Tree gifts and Vet Bags...Kathy Zebrowski, Sandie Horne, Shirlene Hazelberg...

## Prayers...

- ♥ Wendy Geier
- ♥ Julia Starbuck
- ♥ the Laur family
- ♥ Mary Fran Roberts and Gail O'Malley
- ♥ Marian Speerless
- ♥ Judy Stanek
- ♥ Jeanette Collins
- ♥ Erin Harmann
- ♥ those dealing with cancer: Leanne Harmann's father, Bob Granzow, Charlotte Voigt's sister, Marguerite (treatments have been discontinued); Rev. Dick Hawkins' brother-in-law, Arthur; Steve Thompson's brother, Wayne; Pastor Nansi's friend Bonnie.



We offer our sympathy....to Laurie Buckettt and her family.

Her niece, Sharon for whom we've been praying has passed away.

*"Beware of despairing about yourself: you are commanded to put your trust in God, and not in yourself." - Augustine*

## ADVERTISE YOUR CHURCH FOR FREE!



Have you **LIKED** Emmanuel's FB page? By doing this, information posted will appear on your timeline. You can help our church become better known by hitting the **SHARE** button when you see Emmanuel posts. **Share to your own timeline** and this will enable all of your FB friends to see our posts, thus increasing our visibility! The more people will know about our church....so Like and Share away!!



You can write a positive review of Emmanuel on Facebook, Google or other search engine sites. This improves our placement when people are doing searches for churches in our area!

Also, each Sunday we ask everyone with a smart phone to turn on their phone and check in on Facebook with your location (Emmanuel). This helps increase our exposure in the community!!



Pastor Nansi's sermons are available on Facebook Live! Check it out AND tell your friends!!



## Looking ahead to February

### Worship each Sunday at 9:30am

Fri.	1 - 9	Pastor Nansi will be gone, returning Feb. 10
Sun.	3	Holy Communion / Order SCRIP Church School Wake Up With God Souper Bowl Sunday Guest Preacher: Jeannie Phelan
Mon.	Each	Choir rehearsal, 5:30 PM
Sun	10	Valentine Worship Brunch
Tues.	12, 19, 26	Adult Bible Study, 10-11 AM
Wed.	Each	A New Common Ground, 5:30 PM
Wed.	13	Ladies Fellowship meeting, 1-3 PM
Sun.	17	Confirmation Round Table
M-F	18-22	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Home Meals
Sun.	24	Active Shooter presentation by Officer Ryan Lipovsek of the Village of Summit PD

### WHAT IN CREATION IS GOING ON HERE?



The loving and diverse people who come to A New Common Ground, the evening mission community of Emmanuel UCC, are having a good time planning to present some of their creative endeavors to their brothers and sisters in the Church. In order to do this, they need kind weather, willing hands, and the just right materials to produce their vision.

They were inspired by an English poem that has to do with gardens and the Spirit of Love, and they think what they produce together will offer year-around pleasure to the established body at Emmanuel, as well as to their weekly Wednesday night **Gatherings** that nurture **A New Common Ground**, a special place for

seekers and thinkers who came together **as a farm to table dinner community where people make spiritual connections together.**

These folks not only eat together, sing together, think out loud, write sometimes, laugh a lot and pray in their own unique ways—they also want to reach out to a much larger world and are planning ways to stretch their joint creativity. Pray for us to GROW! And thank you for loving us into being!



**Worship & Nursery Care**  
 each Sunday at 9:30 AM  
**Sunday School meets during worship following**  
**Time With the Young Disciples**

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