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### I Met Jesus And Things Didn't Get Better!!!

John 9:8-9- "The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'"

I read a devotional a number of years back by a pastor named Tony Robinson. I knew Tony back when I was a pastor in Seattle, where he also served. This meditation has always niggled at the back of my heart, and so now I'm going to let it niggle you as well.

"What happens to someone who is touched and changed by Jesus? When I watch a religious TV show or listen to some personal testimonies, it seems that after meeting Jesus everything is better. "Jesus came into my life and now business is great, my wife and I are super in love, and the kids, who were on drugs, are getting straight A's. Thank you, Jesus."

It may be that way for some people.

But I'm struck by what happened to the blind beggar, in John 9, who was touched and healed by Jesus. He got healed and his neighbors no longer knew him. His parents disowned him. And he was kicked out of the church. If he'd given a testimony it might have been, "Yes, I was healed by Jesus and my life turned into a mess. People I'd known for a long time acted as if they didn't know me, my family didn't want anything to do with me, and the authorities threatened to arrest me."

I imagine his testimony might continue. "Yes, since meeting Jesus my life is harder in many ways. But, you know, I wouldn't have it any other way. Because now I see. I see how afraid many people are, how afraid I was. Afraid to tell the truth, afraid to live, afraid to take any risks. It's like we're blind. It makes me sad. But I don't want to go back."

Being touched and blessed by Jesus may not mean our lives are suddenly successful, as society defines success. Jesus may make life harder, but in ways that matter. He gives us problems worth having. And when we experience hard things on his account, that is when we come to really know him.

In Christ's love,  
 Pastor Hawkins

#### HEADS UP FOR FALL!

- **Sept 15- Church School kick-off!**
- **Sept. 17, 10am- Adult Study resumes**

# The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2019

## September at a glance...

### September 1

**Luke 14:1, 12-14** **RSVP**

*Prayers for the Pakula/Schultz & Perez families.*

- Holy Communion
- Food Pantry Sunday...remember, your donations help those in need at the local Kettle Moraine Food Pantry!
- Place SCRIP orders.
- Tues.-Fri. Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals.

### September 8

**Luke 14:25-33** **Give It ALL???**

*Prayers for the Carol & John Pfalz & Jeannie Phelan*

- 9:00am Trustees meeting
- 10:45am- Council
- Mon., Sept. 9: Blood Drive at the Community Center, 1:30-6:30 PM.

### September 15

**Luke 15:11-32** **The Lost Family**

*Prayers for the Phelps family & Fran & Ken Pike*

- CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF!
- Coffee Hour in fellowship hall after Worship.
- Tues, Sept. 17, 10am: Adult Bible Study resumes with Acts

### September 22

**Luke 15:1-10** **Parables of the Lost**

*Prayers for Karen, John Sr., Jo & John Jr. Quaden*

- Seminarian Jim Langreder preaches

### September 29

**Luke 16:19-31**

**On The Other Side Of The Fence**

*Prayers for the Rivera family & Julia Starbuck*

- Neighbors in Need mission offering Mission Moment
- Mon.-Fri. Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals



# ADULTS

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We will resume our study of Acts on Tuesday, September 17 at 10 AM! Please join us.

**Communion Preparation for September 1:** Kristen Voskuil  
**Communion Assistants:**

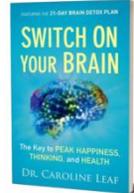
**Coffee Hour Committee for Sept. 15:** Connie Motelet, Laurie Buckett, Nikki Fritsch, Amanda & Tyler Walczak, Betsy & Bill Welch, Joanne Szymanski, Steve Thompson

**Church Cleaning Team:** Laurie Buckett, Sherri Krantz, Connie Motelet & our friends from the Easter Seals Adult Day Center

**Book / Bible Study starts Thursday, October 3, 6:30 PM.**

**The group will meet weekly until Thanksgiving and will be lead by Jim Langreder**

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Scripture Readers</b>
<b>1</b>	Sharon Logemann	Kristen Voskuil	
<b>8</b>	Carol Pfalz	Sarah Erickson-Bhatt/ Shirlene Hazelberg	
<b>15</b>	Sue & Tom Stelling	Nancie Gryske/ Debbie Morgan	
<b>22</b>	Jeannie Phelan	Kris Davidson/ Charlotte Voigt	
<b>29</b>	Kris Davidson	Linda Berlin/ Sharon Logemann	



What would you do if you found a switch that could turn on your brain and enable you to be happier, healthier in your mind and body, more prosperous, and more intelligent? Dr Caroline Leaf will show you how to find and activate that switch.

What you think with your mind changes your brain and body, and you are designed with the power to switch on your brain. Your mind is that switch. You have an extraordinary ability to determine, achieve, and maintain optimal levels of intelligence, mental health, peace, and happiness, as well as the prevention of disease in your body and mind. You can, through conscious effort, gain control of your thoughts and feelings, and in doing so, you can change the programming and chemistry of your brain.

Science is finally catching up with the Bible, showing us the proof that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7). Breakthrough neuroscientific research is confirming daily what we instinctively knew all along: what you are thinking every moment of every day becomes a physical reality in your brain and body, which affects your optimal mental and physical health. These thoughts collectively form your attitude, which is your state of mind, and it's your attitude and not your DNA that determines much of the quality of your life.

Based solidly on the latest neuroscientific research on the brain, as well as Dr Caroline Leaf's clinical experience and research, you will learn how thoughts impact our spirit, soul, and body. You will also learn how to detox your thoughts using her practical, detailed, and easy-to-use 21-Day Brain Detox Plan. The application is for all walks of life. You won't forgive that person, get rid of that anxiety or depression, follow that essential preventative healthcare, strive to that intellectual level you know you are capable of, follow that dream, eat that organic food, do that diet, be that great parent or husband or wife or friend, get that promotion, or make other changes to create quality, positive lifestyles—unless you first choose to get your mind right and switch on your brain. After all, the ability to think and choose and to use your mind correctly is often the hardest step, but it is the first and most powerful step.



### BIRTHDAYS

Allie Brisk	1	Vivian Hazelberg	20
Ashley Kinney	1	Beau Murray	24
Christy Lui	2	Ron Blaschuk	25
Egann Stack-Vaughn	3	Debbie Morgan	26
Christine Lang	5	Mary Fran Roberts	26
Ruchir Bhatt	20	Katie Brisk	27
Caitlin Hawkins	16	Mary Branson	30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Samantha & Tim Murray	17	Vera & Don Ortmann	23
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### MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Ellen Jondle	1 year
Jeannie Phelan	13 years

# KIDS



Sunday School Rally day on September 15 starts our year with a bouncy house and snow cones!!! Register your kids for the year and get to know other families! This year we have nursery class, middle/high school class, and every age in between! \*\*\*New this year: Green screen movie making with our favorite bible stories!

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS WELCOME!

### JOIN THE CHOIR



Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings to accommodate everyone's schedules beginning **Sunday, September 8.**

Sundays: 8:15 AM

Mondays: 5:00 PM

In the Sanctuary!!



### Singing Bowl FOR SEPTEMBER



Sue & Tom Stelling have come across a wonderful organization that provides children who are being detained with short term emergency relief, and long-term legal accountability to end this disaster. It is a solid charity, and the timing could not be better. Every dollar

donated goes directly to the on-site helpers. Together Rising focuses on donations of \$25 or less because they believe that it is small amounts from lots of people that are the way to change. You can learn more about them at [togetherrising.org](http://togetherrising.org)

### MISSIONS OF EMMANUEL



Emmanuel's next Family Promise hosting week begins Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> with set-up after worship and families arriving late that afternoon. Our classrooms will be converted into sleeping quarters and fellowship hall into the dining and entertainment room for the families and our wonderful volunteers will provide hot dinners each evening. Families will pack up and leave the following Sunday by 7 AM. Volunteers will be needed for set-up, providing evening meals, staying overnight (2 per night), and clean-up at 6:30 AM on Sunday, October 27. To be a Family Promise volunteer, it is necessary to attend a training session. For a schedule of upcoming training, please contact the office in Wales: 262-968-2321 or email

them at [director@familypromisewaukesha.org](mailto:director@familypromisewaukesha.org). Our Emmanuel Family Promise Volunteer Coordinators are Charlotte Voigt and Sue Stelling.

Family Promise of Waukesha County is a non-profit organization that assists local homeless families and their children. Families are provided with overnight shelter, meals, and support services with the goal of achieving permanent housing and sustainable independence.

Our local host and support congregations provide families with meals and overnight shelter. Our Day Center provides one-on-one case management to create individual plans towards self-sufficiency, and connect them with existing community services to find job training, employment, daycare and affordable housing. *\*Families generally work through the program in 45-60 days.* Our Program Values:

~We believe in the dignity of all persons and that they should be treated with equality, respect and compassion.

~We believe in the potential for change and growth and that families with support and guidance, can determine their needs and future.

~We strive to be wise and effective stewards of all of our resources (finances, time, people, property).

~We believe in a holistic, creative and responsible approach as we collaborate with others to meet the needs of each family.

*Family Promise of Waukesha County is an affiliate of the national organization Family Promise. We serve families with children without regard to race, religion, gender, or age.*

### 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 cell phones and chargers are sold on eBay with proceeds benefiting our bottom line.
- 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.

## Order SCRIP September 1st



Don't forget to put in your monthly SCRIP order on September 1st.

When ordering, remember Pastor Nansi's Congregational Care Mission... \$25 KwikTrip, Pick n Save or Walmart cards are appreciated.



### Ladies' Fellowship

We thank all the ladies who donated food, baked goods, soda, etc. for the Rummage Sale and worked the day of the sale.

The group has purchased 12 small spatulas for the kitchen.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Beginning September 10, the Ladies Fellowship will be meeting on the second TUESDAY of each month, 1-3 PM in fellowship hall.



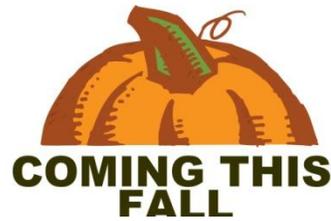
- Have you signed up to be a Sunday Greeter lately? Greeters arrive by 9 AM and stand in the Gathering Area, just inside the front entry doors welcoming worshipers as they arrive.

- Our church building is also cleaned by volunteer labor each month. Have you volunteered this year? 2 or 3 hours twice a year is all we need from you! Please help keep the church looking nice.
- We always need more volunteers to deliver the Dousman Area Home Meals. Emmanuel delivers every four weeks. You would need a vehicle and be available from 11:15 AM to about 12:30PM during the week. We deliver Monday through Friday, but our drivers choose the days they want to drive. As winter approaches, we'll again be losing a good number of our 'regulars,' so new faces would be wonderful!!
- Upcoming opportunities...September or October all-church workday to complete outdoor projects before the snow flies...date to be announced; Oct. 19th Trivia Night Fundraiser; Blue Jean Sunday (Oct. date TBA) when we'll do our fall clean up of the church grounds and Hwy. 18; Nov. 2 Vendor/Craft Fair...stay tuned for future announcements.



### Precious Metals: aluminum (cans and other), brass, copper

Place your donations (in plastic bags) in front of the garage. Ron Blaschuk and Tom Stelling are kind enough to take them in for recycling, which benefits Emmanuel.



**Saturday, October 19....**  
(stay tuned for details)



## Emmanuel United Church of Christ Holiday Shopping Delight

**Saturday, November 2nd 2019**

10:00am-4:00pm

36821 Sunset Drive (Hwy 18),  
Oconomowoc, WI

Join Us for Stress Free  
Holiday shopping!

- ⇒ Find unique gifts
- ⇒ Support local crafters and independent businesses
- ⇒ Enjoy a bite to eat

**Bring the whole family!**

**Tickets:**  
\$1 in advance  
\$2 at the door  
Kids=Free  
(12 and under)

For ticket info  
leave a message for Ryan  
at 262-719-8246  
rdockstader17@gmail.com

**Vendors:** Contact Melanie Laur  
for booth info 262-744-1214  
holidayshoppingdelight@gmail.com



**The August 18th Blessing of the Pets Service held inside due to threatening weather!**

## Treasurer's Report for July 2019

### PLEDGED Income received

(July 2019)	\$7,945.00
(July 2018)	\$7,222.00
Difference	\$723.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received	
(July 2019)	\$1,299.00
(July 2018)	\$1,323.87
Difference	-\$24.87
Total INCOME for (July 2019) *	\$10,256.75
Total INCOME for (July 2018)	\$9,525.92
Difference	\$730.83
Total EXPENSE for (July 2019)	\$11,776.64
Total EXPENSE for (July 2018)	\$14,458.85
Difference	-\$2,682.21
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2019	-160.65
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2018	-\$619.79
Difference	\$459.14

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

Singing Bowl	\$75.65
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$240.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for July 2019	\$171,692.72
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A New Common Ground	\$ 4,648.55
Income	\$ 14.00
Expenses	\$ -
Interest	\$ 0.21
TOTAL	\$ 4,662.76

Capital Funds Campaign	\$ 9,510.02
Income	\$ 2,570.00
Expenses	\$ (2,289.90)
Interest	\$ 0.43
TOTAL	\$ 9,790.55

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



### This n That...

♥ John Lui moving all the tables & chairs back after our July blood drive AND for repairing the leg on our foosball table and repairing the kitchen faucet and one of our toilets!

- ♥ Jim Langreder & Jeannie Phelan for filling in for Pastor Nansi with worship and pastoral care.
- ♥ our Fundraising Team who are doing a bang-up job planning and carrying out events.

- ♥ Thank you to all who worked at the Derby Days hospitality table including Melanie Laur and Kristen Voskuil (who coordinated the event), Ryan Dockstader, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Shirlene Hazelberg and Sherri Krantz.
- ♥ our Dousman Meals drivers for August: Shirlene Hazelberg, Kathy Zebrowski, Charlotte Voigt, Kris Davidson, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Sue Stelling, Francine Langlais, Ron Blaschuk and Mary Opiela from the community.
- ♥ Joanne Szymanski, Jim Langreder and our friends from the Easter Seals Adult Day Center for cleaning the church in August.
- ♥ Tom and Sue Stelling, Ken Pike, Michael Clark for mowing the lawn and sprucing things up!
- ♥ Everyone who helped move rummage items to fellowship hall after worship on August 18<sup>th</sup> and during Rummage week setting up and pricing all of our treasures...AND thank you to all who donated treasures!!



- ♥ Ann & Bill Carpenter
- ♥ Nick Marheine, Lorna & Jere's son
- ♥ Marian Speerless & Stephen Turley

- ♥ Sharon Logemann
- ♥ Jeanette Collins
- ♥ Julia Starbuck
- ♥ the Laur family
- ♥ Erin Harmann
- ♥ those dealing with cancer: Shirlene Hazelberg's mother, Marie; Fran Szymkowski; Leanne Harmann's father, Bob Granzow; Rev. Dick Hawkins' brother-in-law, Arthur; Steve Thompson's brother, Wayne; Pastor Nansi's friend, Bonnie.

Fran Szymkowski will be moving to Three Pillars Compass Point on September 1. Her new address will be 365 Sunset Drive, Apt. 1011, Dousman, WI 53118



**Monday, September 9**  
**Dousman Community Center**  
**on Main Street**  
**1:30-6:30 PM**

**Make an appointment:**  
<http://bit.ly/dousmansept2019> or call 877-232-4376



## Who do I contact?

Choir/Music Ministry	Jim Langreder	309-5086
Christian Education/Church School	Peggy Hazelberg	470-2181
Council	Kristen Voskuil	608-698-3777
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
Ladies Fellowship	Corrine Mayer	431-4046
	Donna Newland	965-4022
Prayer Requests	Pastor Hawkins	965-2429
	Donna Newland	965-4022
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
Trustees	Jere Marheine	361-2942
Ushering Team- same info as Deacons		

## 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...



**Worship each Sunday at 9:30am  
Nursery Care Provided**

Thurs	3	Switch On Your Brain Bible/Book Study begins 6:30 PM (will meet weekly until Thanksgiving)
Sun	6	Holy Communion Food Pantry Sunday / Place SCRIP orders Special mission offering for Neighbors in Need
T-F	1-4 and	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
M-F	28-Oct. 1	
Sun	13	9 AM Trustees meeting Council meets after worship
Sat	19	Trivia Night fundraiser- details to come
Sun	20	Set-up for Family Promise after worship
Sun PM- Sun AM	20-27	Emmanuel hosts Family Promise guests Clean-up 6:30 AM Oct. 27
M-F	30-Oct 4	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals



Worship & Nursery Care 9:30 AM each Sunday  
 Sunday School resumes with KICKOFF DAY  
 September 15<sup>th</sup> and meets during Worship each Sunday  
 thereafter (kids begin in Worship before going to  
 classes).

August 2019						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> HOLY COMMUNION Food Pantry Sunday Place SCRIP orders	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM A New Common Ground Gathering in fellowship hall	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>CLEAN THE CHURCH</b>						
<b>EMMANUEL DELIVERS THE DOUSMAN AREA HOME MEALS (TUES.-FRI.)</b>						
<b>8</b> 8:15 AM Choir rehearsal  9 AM Trustees mtg.  10:45 AM Council meeting ( <b>BUDGET            INFO DUE</b> )  2 PM PFLAG meeting at Ocono. Mem. Hospital	<b>9</b> 5:00 PM Choir rehearsal  1:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive at Dousman Community Center	<b>10</b> 1-3 PM Ladies Fellowship meeting in fellowship hall	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM A New Common Ground Gathering in fellowship hall	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:15 AM Choir rehearsal  <b>RALLY DAY!            CHURCH SCHOOL            KICKOFF!            Coffee Hour</b>  October Newsletter Deadline	<b>16</b> 5:00 PM Choir rehearsal	<b>17</b> 10-11 AM Adult Study begins	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM A New Common Ground Gathering in fellowship hall	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:15 AM Choir rehearsal  Guest Preacher: Seminarian Jim Langreder	<b>23</b> 5:00 PM Choir rehearsal	<b>24</b> 10-11 AM Adult Study	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM A New Common Ground Gathering in fellowship hall  <b>FINAL EVENT</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:15 AM Choir rehearsal  Neighbors in Need Mission Moment	<b>30</b> 5:00 PM Choir rehearsal	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>EMMANUEL DELIVERS THE DOUSMAN AREA HOME MEALS</b>						

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