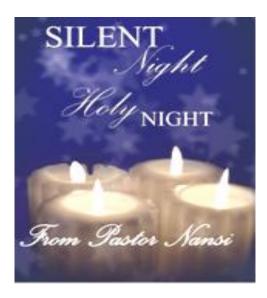


36821 SUNSET DRIVE, OCONOMOWOC, WI 53066 PO BOX 216, DOUSMAN, WI 53118 REV. NANSI HAWKINS, PASTOR (262) 965-2429



Silence is where peace can find a foothold.

We started the Moment of Silence in worship about 10 years ago; at that time we could only hang on for about 15 seconds before we started to get anxious and shuffling. We're now up to an easy 1 minute (and sometimes, even 1 minute and 30 seconds!!)

At first it was uncomfortable to find the endless chatter of our minds quieting (a chattering mind does not give up without a good fight!) But then, week by week, practicing the simple discipline of listening for the smallest sound we could hear (not thinking about, or commenting about it, but just focused listening) we found that the inner quietness became easier. And some of us even began to treasure this time in our week when the chatter could be stilled.

A number of people have told me that this is their favorite part of the service (Hey! what about my sermon!!!) And interestingly, that is what a good number of our confirmands wrote in their weekly worship notes: that what they enjoyed most was the time of quiet. It was something they needed and looked forward to. I found that to be very heartening.

One of the reasons silence now comes easier to us is that we do it in the midst of community. People around us are doing the same thing, and that gives us the structure and desire to find that quiet place in ourselves as well. Call it "Peer Pressure To The Glory Of God." It's different than when we're at home, or driving, or at work. In those places, we have to fight to carve out a time of peace. And somehow, when we're alone, it is so much easier to give in to distractions and put off our time of quiet.

But in community, structured to support our silence, it starts to become natural, desired, hoped for. And in the midst of it, we start to become more whole.

Christmas, as we usually experience it, is full of chattering and noise. Unceasing Christmas carols playing in the stores and malls; plans, parties, finding (and then wrapping, and delivering) presents. And don't forget the Christmas cookies!

The Messenger

December 2019

But Jesus isn't to be found in any of this. Jesus is experienced as we awake to the quiet moments- moments of gratitude, moments of stillness, moments where our minds and plans and agendas are silenced. For silence is where peace can find a foothold. Silence is where we hear Jesus..

Silent Night, Holy Night: May you awake in your silence to find Jesus already there.

In Christ's love, Nansi



Dec. 1 Matthew 24:36-44 We Already Belong

Prayers for Sarah Erickson & Ruchir Bhatt, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk

- Holy Communion
- Food Pantry Sunday
- Place SCRIP gift card orders
- PLEDGE SUNDAY...bring in your pledge card for 2020.
- After worship: potluck celebration in fellowship hall.
- Tues, 10am: Adult Bible Study... Amos

Dec. 8 Luke 1:26-38 Unexpected Blessing: Mary

Prayers for Don Boychuk & Robert Zondag, Mary Branson

- Trustees meeting, 9 AM.
- Church School skit- "Gabriel Visits Mary"
- Tues, 10am: Adult Bible Study... Amos

Dec. 15 Matthew 11:1-6 Unexpected Blessing: John

Prayers for Jessie & John Brinkmann, the Brisk family

- after worship: Council meeting
- Tues, 10am: Adult Bible Study... Amos

Dec. 22 Matthew 1:18-25 Unexpected Blessing: Joseph Prayers for Laurie & Buck Buckett, Ann & Bill Carpenter

• The church office will be closed Dec. 25-27.

Dec. 24
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 5PM

Dec. 29 Matthew 2:1-12 Unexpected Blessing: The Magi

Prayers for Michael Clark, Jeanette Collins

- No church school today.
- No Adult Bible Study on Tuesday



Communion Preparation for December 1: Renee Obenberger

Communion Assistants: Julie & Mike Ball

Potluck Committee for Dec. 1: Donna Newland, Obenbergers,

Julia Starbuck, Jessie Brinkmann, Kristen Kramer

Church Cleaning Team: Joanne Szymanski & our friends from the

Easter Seals Adult Day Center

	Greeters	Ushers	Scripture Readers
1	Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk	Laurie Buckett & Connie Motelet	Mike Ball
8	Shirlene Hazelberg	Donna Newland & Carol Pfalz	Jeannie Phelan
15	Connie Motelet	Sarah Erickson- Bhatt & Shirlene Hazelberg	Ashley Berman- Kinney
22	Donna Newland	Nancie Gryske & Debbie Morgan	Robert Zondag
24		Kristen Voskuil	
29	Carol Pfalz	Linda Berlin & Sharon Logemann	Julie Ball



BIRTHDAYS

Arabelle Langreder	1	Michael Phelps	20
Ryan Dockstader	2	Mary Ellen Jondle	22
Jan McGraw	5	Jim McGraw	22
Michael Clark	6	Dan Milos	22
Charlotte Voigt	13	Sandy Jarrett	23
Jan Wilson	13	Jeanette Collins	24
Karen Quaden	14	Adam Langreder	26
Dick Davidson	17	Maebinn Stack-Vaughn	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ashley & Aaron Kinney 20

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

Sue Pakula	4,2005	14 yrs.
Nancie Gryske	8, 2013	6 yrs.
Debbie Morgan	9, 1979	40 yrs.
Lorna & Jere Marheine	12, 1982	37 yrs.
Linda Berlin	18, 2016	3 yrs.
Ashley & Aaron Kinney	18, 2016	3 yrs.
Joanne & Stacy Szymanski	18, 2016	3 yrs.
Leanne Harmann	21, 1997	22 yrs.



How you ask?

Please purchase a poinsettia plant or two and bring it in to church on December 15 or 22 in preparation for the 5 PM Christmas Eve worship service! Thank you!!

December 12 6:30pm OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

Come Thursday night, December 12 for this wonderful, and alwaysenthusiastic concert given for the



congregation, community and our Prader-Willi community! Come and join the fun! And bring your friends!



Tuesday, December 10th 12:00 Noon

Please bring a potluck dish to share with the group!

The Fundraising Committee has come up with the idea of a babysitting night on December 14 from 4-8 PM. We will need 6-8 adult and teen volunteers to make this event happen.



We will be advertising it to the community and charging about \$10/hour per child.

For more information, please speak to a member of the Fundraising Committee.

The Committee: Melanie Laur, Christy & John Lui, Sherri Krantz & Kristen Voskuil

December Yoga Classes



Christy Lui will continue to offer free Yoga Classes in fellowship hall, 8:30-9:30 AM on Sundays, December 15 and 22. No reservations are needed unless you need child care. Bring your

own mat please; free-will donations to benefit the Capital Campaign are welcome.

Place orders December 1st



This is your chance to order gift cards for the Angel Tree and your personal Christmas shopping list! Cards will be delivered on Sunday, December 8.

DEC. 1: ANGEL TREE GIFTS & VET BAGS

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Dec. 1- Pick up a card from the angel tree AND ORDER YOUR SCRIP from Laurie Buckett, so we can get gift cards to two of our church families and one Family Promise family. The Angel Tree gift tags will either suggest gift cards, or specific present suggestions for the children. For all your gifts, please wrap them and put the identifying tag on them, so presents get to the right person. All three of these families are experiencing hard times right now; your kindness would mean the world to them.

Dec. 8-15, please bring your gifts for under the tree so we can get them to the families on Dec. 15.

VETERAN'S BAGS

Dec. 1- Bless homeless vets with basic life supplies (see below) and a note of encouragement. Pick up a bag with its list of supplies from under the Angel Tree.

Dec. 8-15, we'll be collecting the filled gift bags, and taking them to the VA Hospital on Dec. 15. Make a vet happy! Here is a note from the VA Chaplain:

"I just want to say thank you in advance from our Veterans who find themselves down and out. We average 35-50 in our Veteran homeless program at any time of whom 15-20 are female vets. They have some of the hardest times regaining their selfworth after being down and out. Our program lasts from 6months to a year, with the goal to get the back into society and productive – but it starts with them having a renewed sense of well-being and pride in self. Thanks again for your kindness."

**Our homeless female veterans need soaps, shampoos, conditioners, skin lotion, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes.

**Our homeless male veterans can use disposable razors, shaving cream or powder, foot powder, Gold Bond products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, shampoo, soap.

**All our veterans need socks, footies, mittens, gloves, scarves; hard candies go over better than chocolate.

**No alcohol: The only things in toiletries that we cannot give them is anything with alcohol in it – colognes, after shaves, and even mouthwash (which has a high alcohol content).



Will be taken on December 22, 2019

Our joy at Christmas is a response to God's promise of new life through the birth of Jesus. It is a joy we are called to share widely, through our witness and gifts, both to loved ones and to distant neighbors. "It wasn't easy picking up the telephone to share with you my present situation. In fact, it was one of the most humiliating experiences of my life although it reminded me that grace still happens. Sometimes we as clergy persons lose sight of God's grace when the negative stuff comes into our lives."

These eloquent words are from a pastor who is the recipient of the caring and concern of those who contribute to the Christmas Fund Offering.

You have the opportunity to be a part of this ministry that cares for the active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ through your participation in this year's Christmas Fund Offering. Our gift to the Christmas Fund will not only assist pastors like the one above, but also provide for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks next December for lower-income retirees.

Your gifts are needed more than ever to help the growing number of retirees whose low-income annuities make it difficult to meet increasing living costs. This is your opportunity to participate in God's promise of renewal by enabling this ministry of compassion and care.

Please know that your offering is truly appreciated and that it will brighten the life of one of God's servants who is facing a moment of personal need.

Offering envelopes for The Christmas Fund will be found in the fellowship pads.





December 1: Holy Communion/Brunch Sunday

December 8: PAGEANT SUNDAY!!
December 15: Christmas Lesson
December 22: Christmas Lesson
December 29: No Sunday School
January 5: No Sunday School
January 12: Sunday School resumes

SAVE THE DATE: Wake Up With God will be Sunday,

February 2nd.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Every Tuesday morning at 10:00!

Dive into the life and times of the Prophet Amos with Pastor Nansi Hawkins.

"Let justice roll down like waters!"- that is Amos' battle cry. Come and be a part of the lively conversations! No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed-just a curious mind. For more information, contact





Disabled Veterans... Singing Bowl for December: HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS (hfotusa.org)

HFOT was founded in 2004 to give severely injured Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans newly built homes adapted to their physical needs. HFOT designs 4-

bedroom, 2-bath homes that have lowered countertops, wider hallways, shelves that can pull down, automatic doors, and roll-in showers. With these donated homes, veterans can find physical and financial stability, live independently, and rebuild their lives. Having their homes paid for gives them a chance to concentrate on building career, family, and savings. 69% of these vets pursue a

degree or trade certification. Veterans who own an HFOT home are 67% more likes to have a job; the employment rate is a full 300% higher for their spouse or caregiver. HOT has built 282 homes nationwide since 2004.



MISSIONS OF EMMANUEL



We celebrated our Fifth Anniversary by holding an Open House at the Day Center. Board members, staff and a representative

from our district were there to chat and share visions of our future. Speaking about our future; in the near future, January 5, to January 12, will be another opportunity to serve guests as we host Family Promise at Emmanuel. Look for Signup Genius in your e-mail mid December. We will also have the paper sign-up available a few Sundays in December. (If you do sign-up on a Sunday, please remember to also go on line and register the slot you have chosen.) Are you short on time but want to help other way? The Day Center is in need of gift cards from Wal-Mart or Kwik Trip so that supplies can be replenished and our guests can get to work using the gas cards.

Wishing you and yours many blessings this Christmas season.

A special thank you from Sandy Jarrett & our recent Family Promise guests.

We would like to thank Culver's of Hartland owner Greg Howe & his son John for their donation of ice cream tokens given for game prizes. When Sandy asked the children what their favorite prize was, they unanimously said "Culver's ice cream tokens".

Also each guest was given a bag of dental supplies with age appropriate toothbrushes donated by Michelle Kelly DDS of Delafield Family Dental. Several of the children mentioned that they needed new toothbrushes & everyone was happy to get their bags. Dr. Kelly even prepared a bag for the newborn baby with a finger toothbrush for when he starts teething.

A big thank you to both of these businesses. The smiles on the faces of the moms, dads & children said it all. We all enjoyed a fun evening together & these donations made it special.

Sincerely, Sandy Jarrett

Dousman Area Home Meals

GREAT NEWS! Nicole Kerr and her father, John Perdue, are going to take over as Coordinators for the Dousman Area Home Meals when Pastor Nansi retires. THANK YOU!!

That being said, our previous emails and articles PLEADING for new drivers to help especially during the winter months when Emmanuel's drivers dwindle with many going south or west for the winter, have apparently fallen on deaf ears... we are at risk of not being able to fulfill our obligation to the program without additional people getting involved in this ministry! Please speak to Donna Newland when 'The Spirit' moves you.

Fover Collections Foyer 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 cellphones 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.

Also located in the foyer is our Food Pantry Bin. The first Sunday of each month is the designated day to bring donations of non-perishables & paper products for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. THANK YOU to Sharon Perez who faithfully loads your donations into her vehicle each month and takes them to the Pantry.

Treasurer's Report for October 2019

PLEDGED Income received

(October 2019)	\$8,965.00
(October 2018)	\$7,680.00
Differer	nce \$1,285.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received	
(October 2019)	\$1,019.00
(October 2018)	\$1,785.00
Differer	nce -\$766.00
Total INCOME for (October 2019) *	\$12,761.96
Total INCOME for (October 2018)	\$10,878.25
Differer	nce \$1,883.71
Total EXPENSE for (October 2019)	\$8,964.09
Total EXPENSE for (October 2018)	\$11,403.41
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Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2019	\$7,065.56
Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2018	\$2,447.84
Difference	\$4,617.72

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

Singing Bowl	\$115.77
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas	
Fund, etc)	\$679.00
SCRIP sales	\$925.00
Fund Raiser	\$0.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for October	
2019	\$173,622.37

A New Common Ground	\$4,677.15
Income	
Expenses	-\$4,677.34
Interest	\$0.19
TOTAL	\$0.00
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Capital Funds Campaign	\$9,551.34
Income	\$393.00
Expenses	\$ -
Interest	\$0.42
TOTAL	\$9,944.76

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

This n That...



♦ our Dousman Meals drivers for October 28 – November 1: Kris Davidson, Charlotte Voigt, Francine Langlais, Ron Blaschuk, Shirlene Hazelberg, Lorna Marheine, Jere

Marheine and Sue Stelling.

- Joanne Szymanski, Shirlene Hazelberg and our friends from the Easter Seals Adult Day Center for cleaning the church in November.
- ◆ Everyone who helped make our November 2nd Vendor Craft Fair a huge success. Major kudos to Melanie Laur and the entire Fundraising Team.
- ▼Tom Stelling, Ron Blaschuk and Mike Ball have donated materials and time to repair the insulation system around the outside ductwork for the Sanctuary furnaces, saving the church thousands of dollars...THANK YOU!!



- ▼ George Stelling, Sue & Tom's grandson who is recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident.
- Fran Szymkowski's condition

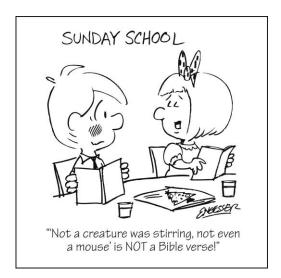
has worsened as the effects of myeloma increase. She has undergone surgery to repair broken bones and is continuing chemotherapy.

- 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; Leanne Harmann's father, Bob Granzow; Rev. Dick Hawkins' brother-in-law, Arthur; Steve Thompson's brother, Wayne; Pastor Nansi's friend, Bonnie.

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



Now that we're into snow season, please place your bags of Precious Metals to the left of the garage off of the parking lot. In the event of heavy and drifting snow, the bags get covered and plowed away! THANK YOU.









WE DO NOT NEED VOLUNTEERS!

You cannot volunteer at your own church, in the same way you cannot babysit your own children. Because **the church belongs to you** in the same way your family does. It's your own place, your own people. So of course you help take care of it. Of course you do yard work and make coffee and teach the kids and sing in the choir and whatever all else it is you do for the home and the people that you love.

- **GREETERS:** 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.
- **CLEANING:** 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.
- DELIVERING DOUSMAN HOME MEALS: More drivers are needed for this important ministry...please speak to Donna.



Worship each Sunday at 9:30am Nursery Care Provided

WELCOME 2020!!

Wed.

Sun. Holy Communion Food Pantry Sunday Order SCRIP No Sunday School Family Promise host week begins; set up after worship Blood Drive at 3 Pillars Village on the Square, 1:30-5:30 Mon. Sun. 12 Family Promise Clean-up, 6:30 AM. Sunday School resumes Annual Meeting of the Congregation after worship Sun. 19 M-F 20-24 Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals Pastor Nansi's last worship service, 9:30 AM followed Sun. 26

by a potluck in fellowship hall.

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'

The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'

The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My
Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of
paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight
people to collect all the money!'



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

ANGEL TREE GIFTS & VET BAGS are due no later than December 15th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDA	AY FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
8:15 AM Choir PLEDGE SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion in the Sanctuary followed by a potluck in fellowship hall	2	3 10-11 AM Bible Study	4	5	6	7		
Food Pantry Sunday Place SCRIP orders		CLEAN THE CHURCH						
8:15 AM Choir 9 AM Trustees mtg. Church School Christmas Story Skit Birthday Party for Jesus 2 PM PFLAG meeting at Ocono. Mem. Hosp.	9	10 10-11 AM Bible Study 12 noon Ladies Fellowship Christmas Party in fellowship hall	11	6:30 PM Christma Concer	as	Tentative Babysitting Night Fundraiser 4 – 8 PM		
8:15 AM Choir 8:30 AM Yoga Class Council meeting after worship Deadline for January newsletter articles	16	17 10-11 AM Bible Study	18 CLEAN T	19	20	21		
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