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Keeping Time.

I don't know about you, but I have constantly been forgetting what day of the week it is. Without some of the rituals of our daily and weekly routines, it's hard to keep track of what time of day it is, let alone what day of the week it is.

I know some of you have come up with your own regular activities: afternoon walks, making meals, weekly phone calls with family and friends. We have created rituals where there had not been any because we need them. The Harvard Business Review posted an article on rituals, coming to the same conclusion that Religious people, including Christians, came to centuries ago.

There is a deep wellspring of ancient wisdom that we are able to access even today. Within the Psalms, you'll find the lifting up of prayer and worship of God in the morning and noonday and night. The ancient monastics keep the hours of prayer. Their day was not marked by numbers on a clock but by moments or prayer. I don't know about you, but clock numbers mean almost nothing to me these days and so easily work time can absorb my whole day to the neglect of my family and self.

What if we tapped into this ancient wisdom of Praying the Hours? Marking our time by moments of prayer throughout the day. Set reminders, toll a bell, set aside a few moments each day for Sabbath. (There are some resources below)

One counter-intuitive truth about those who chose to enter into cloister-monks, nuns, and others who entered isolation for prayer--they were more connected to the world, their prayer life for the communities beyond their walls just might have sustained their neighbors. Just because we are not in the world, does not mean we don't hold the world in prayer.

And maybe we can frame our staying home and isolation not as a trial that must be endured, but a fast that we offer to God. God says through the prophet Isaiah 58:6, "Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" We stay home so that the most vulnerable might stay safe. We stay home as an act of devotion and worship to our God who calls us to love our neighbor, all our neighbors, as ourselves.

Remember, you are not alone. Your Emmanuel family is here with you and for you. You have a great cloud of witnesses who left examples of how to not just survive such times, but to live life abundantly.

The Messenger

MAY 2020

Resources:

http://worldinprayer.org/ A prayer published every Thursday with an eye on the needs of the all those around the world.

Most Hymnals have a Morning and Evening Prayer in the front-in the New Century Hymnal they are found on page 55 and 58.

Some Phone Apps: Common Prayer (also a book) and Daily Prayer. Both of these apps will let you set notifications throughout the day, and suggest hymns and prayers.

Sabbath by Wayne Muller offers a way to think about Sabbath

The Year of Living Biblically by AJ Jacobs, which I suggest if only for the moment he got locked in his bathroom and was forced to learn about Sabbath.

Pastor Leanne

Until further notice, Worship & Sunday Classes will be brought to you via Virtual Platforms: Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/seeyouonsunday/ and

Youtube

(Emmanuel UCC – Dousman) https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsRVKW bEvA11mDbddKHLKUw?app=desktop

May 3

Congregational prayers for the Phelps and Pike families

May 10

Congregational prayers for both of the Quaden families: Karen & John Sr. and Jo & John Jr. Happy Mother's Day!

May 17 Congregational prayers for the Rivera family and Julia Starbuck

May 24

Congregational prayers for the Stelling and Szymanski families

May 31

Congregational prayers for all of our Thompsons: Marjore & Mark and Steve Special mission offering for Strengthen the Church: donate online at UCC.org/stc



	Greeters	Ushers	Scripture Readers
3			Robert
			Zondag
10			Sarah
			Erickson-
			Bhatt
17			Jeanne
			Phelan
24			Mike Ball
31		Laurie	Ashley
??		Buckett/Connie	Berman-
		Motelet	Kinney

Coffee Hours for the foreseeable future: Our monthly committees are organized through SignUp Genius which requires each month to be assigned an event date. Email reminders are sent out to each committee member prior to their coffee hour. Once we resume in-house worship, we will likely be putting coffee hours on hold until things become clearer and more settled, so if you get an email reminder for coffee hour, please disregard it.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Here are some community resources, websites for support, hotlines, and phone apps. You may not need them, but someone you know might. Please do not hesitate to call Pastor Leanne 414-436-1114 or Donna Newland 262-965-3563 if you need some support, your Emmanuel family is here for you.

Food Pantry for Waukesha County

https://www.waukeshafoodpantry.org/blog/post/thefood-pantry-response-to-covid-19 Monday – Friday, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Additional evening hours: Thursday, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Kettle Moraine Food Pantry 705 W Tomlin Rd, Wales, WI 53183

Beginning April 1, 2020 the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry will serve clients ONCE a month on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Dousman Area Meals On Wheels

Home delivered meals, noon hour, Monday – Friday prepared on the 3 Pillars Campus. Contact Emmanuel's coordinator, Nicole Kerr: 262-751-2564 or nicoleperduekerr@gmail.com

Apply for Unemployment: <u>https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/</u> Need some extra help? Wisconsin Access:

https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/

Did you lose a job or health insurance?

www.healthcare.gov/keep-or-change-plan/ Tenants Resource Center (877) 238-RENT (7368)

https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/

Wisconsin Energy Assistance Program 1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947)

http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov/category.asp?linkcatid=2 39&linkid=118&locid=25

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 The Trevor Project 1-866-488-7386 National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233 National Sexual Assult Hotline 800.656.HOPE (4673)

Local Therapists:

https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/wi/oco nomowoc

Counseling Phone Apps: (I don't endorse any in particular, just in case) Better Help, Online counseling, Faithful Counseling, Pride Counseling, Lasting (couples), ReGain (couples)

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Faircloth	2	Elliot Langreder	23
Maven Laur	2	Kris Davidson	25
Becky Stenson	3	Loey Erickson	26
Nick Stenson	6	Vera Ortmann	28
Nicole Kerr	8	Ann Carpenter	30
Michael Doering	11	Gabs Rivera	31
Taylor Rivera	21		

ANNIVERSARIES

Kris & Dick Davidson	2
Peggy & Pete Hazelberg	17
Kristen Voskuil & Adam Brandes	21
Don Boychuk & Robert Zondag	24
Pat & Mike Doering	24
Sarah Erickson- & Ruchir Bhatt	26
Fran & Ken Pike	26
Carol & John Pfalz	31
MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:	

Jessie Brinkmann Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk	5, 12,	1996 2002	24 yrs. 18 yrs.
Sandy Jarrett	12,	2013	7 yrs.
Wendy Geier	13,	2018	2 yrs.
Sawyer Bensing	15,	2016	4 yrs.
Donna Newland	15,	1988	32 yrs.
Sarah Erickson-Bhatt	27,	2018	2 yrs.



Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

At this time, they cannot accept donations from

private homes. If you would like to donate food to the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry please purchase it at Pick and Save or Sentry and drop it in the collection barrels on the way out of the store. Monetary donations can be mailed in care of the pantry at 305 W Tomlin Road, Wales, WI 53183. Thank you!

This n That...



THANK YOU Pastor Leanne, Jim Langreder and Jeannie Phelan for providing such meaningful virtual worship and music experiences for Emmanuel! Kristen Voskuil for preparing Sunday

School lesson videos!

- Dousman Meals Drivers for April: Shirlene Hazelberg, Heather Brisk, Kristen Kramer, Kathy Zebrowski, Sherri Krantz, Sue & Tom Stelling and Nicole Kerr.
- Donna Newland and Laurie Buckett for cleaning the church in April.
- Ken Pike, Sue & Tom Stelling, Ron Blaschuk and Donna Newland for doing the spring clean up of the church grounds.
- Since our building is for all practical purposes standing empty most of the time we've asked the Summit Police to perform extra patrol measures as well as having members do a daily check...thank you Jim Langreder, Ron Blaschuk, Donna Newland and Ken Pike.



Jim Langreder who injured his arm in April.

Christine Lang, who continues

- the hospital/rehab cycle and has started dialysis.
- everyone affected by the flu and/or COVID-19 Virus. those who have lost their jobs or have been temporarily
- laid off due to the current health crisis.
- those dealing with cancer: Shirlene Hazelberg's mother, Marie; Steve Thompson's brother, Wayne; Lisa, a friend of Julie & Mike Ball.



Our love and sympathy goes to Sue and Tom Stelling as they mourn the passing of Sue's brother,



Thank you from Sue and Tom Stelling for the cards and phone calls offering sympathy upon hearing of the death of Sue's brother.

CONGRATULATIONS



Julie & Mike Ball's daughter, Emilie had a 7 lb.-6oz boy, Peter Grafton Williams, on Good Friday morning. Best wishes to all!

- PULL UP A CHAIR, GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE • & ATTEND WORSHIP!
- Sunday Services are available each week



and

YouTube Youtube

(Emmanuel UCC – Dousman)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsRVKWbEvA1ImDbd dK<u>HLKUw?app=desktop</u>



Adult Fellowship	Corrine Mayer Donna Newland	431-4046 965-3563
Christian Education/Church School	Peggy Hazelberg	470-2181
Council	Gary Phelps	646-3920
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
Prayer Requests	Pastor Leanne	414-436-1114
	Donna Newland	965-3563
SCRIP program	Mary Branson	567-1493
Singing Bowl- same info as So	ocial Concerns	
Social Concerns	Shirlene Hazelber	470-5907
Stewards	Sue Stelling	965-3498
Treasurer (issues checks)	Kathy Zebrowski Jeanne Phelan	646-8882 414-940-4464
Trustees	Ken Pike	347-6779

Ushering Team- same info as Deacons



Strengthen the Church our second offering in our 5 for 5 giving.

This offering supports

the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations.

Your support of this offering will help the UCC start new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Please go to UCC.org/stc/ to donate directly.

Thank you, Board of Stewards



Our church, as one of 28 host congregations, has provided shelter and meals to families in need through Family Promise of Waukesha County. But now due to Coronavirus concerns, we and

other churches can no longer safely provide our church as shelter, and this has presented new challenges for the non-profit at a time when there is more need than ever.

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, Family Promise of Waukesha County has begun accepting donations for an Emergency Relief Fund that will focus on homelessness prevention and shelter. They are doing what they can to help families shelter in place by providing funds for rent, mortgage payments or utility assistance. With our economy in free-fall, many young families are finding their hours cut or jobs no longer considered essential. This has put more families in real danger of becoming homeless.

Please continue to save your loose change for the Singing Bowl donations to Family Promise. When we can all get back together again to worship, it would be great to hear that singing bowl really sing with donated coins. Thank you for your continued thoughtful generosity.

MISSIONS OF EMMANUEL



We have not been accepting families into the program since the churches have suspended attendance in the church buildings due to the pandemic.

Question: How has Family Promise answered the need of those who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness?

Answer: We created a Homelessness Prevention Fund. Family Promise of Waukesha County is now accepting applications from families with children who need assistance in paying their rent/mortgage or utility bills. From the generous support of the Oconomowoc Area Foundation, Otto Bremer Foundation, the Friends of Nashotah and many individual donors; Family Promise created this fund. This project was begun in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal is to help families who are unable to pay their mortgage, rent or utilities due to losing a job, reduced hours or being furloughed to remain in their homes. While there is currently a suspension of foreclosures and evictions in Wisconsin, families are encouraged to pay their bills in a timely manner. One does not know what will occur at the end of this moratorium. Getting behind on payments can become a situation a family cannot escape.

Please help us spread the word to those in need and to those who would like to help a family avoid the chaos of homelessness. Individuals who are seeking assistance need to fill out an application which can be found at: www.familypromisewaukesha.org/prevention.

If you have questions go to info@familypromisewaukesha.org

If you wish to support families in need go to: www.familypromisewaukesha.org/donate

We had a full slate of volunteers for the scheduled, then cancelled, April rotation. We thank you. Stay safe!

Sue Stelling and Charlotte Voigt, Volunteer Coordinators



Virtual Sunday School Classes are being prepared by Kristen Voskuil each week...check the church's Facebook Page and Youtube channel.

This was shared on Facebook by Sandy Jarrett (she is not the author).

For weeks I have heard people saying "I just can't wait for things to be back to normal." I remember even saying that a few times myself. But as I've thought about our current situation I have realized how much I don't want things to go back to the way they were. Here are a few of thoughts...

- I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
- 2. I pray that when school resumes and you are dropping your kids off, you take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to your family.
- 3. I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.
- 4. I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise and taking communion that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.
- 5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.
- 6. I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God that He provides us with the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.
- 7. I pray that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the mall, take my kids to a movie, etc.

So, truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and create a new normal. My goal is to pray more, love harder, and truly appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few weeks ago. If someone tells you they love you, take it to heart.



Our church leaders are doing everything possible to reduce our monthly overhead; however, payroll, insurance, utility bills, etc. continue so we TRULY APPRECIATE everyone who is continuing to support Emmanuel financially. Donations may be sent to

THANK YOU for your ongoing support!

our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118. THANK YOU!!

All thermostats have been turned down to 50 degrees in the building and Trustees has organized a daily building check. The Summit Police Department is also doing additional patrols to keep everything safe while we are working and operating off-site.



SCRIP Program Update...

We are suspending the program for the immediate future. Will update you when we resume taking orders. Thank you for your patience!

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 by the garage service door. Thank you to Ron Blaschuk and Tom Stelling for taking them to the recycling center throughout the year.



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While we're apart...

To say it's been a crazy past month, is an understatement- from Council voting to offer an Interim Pastor Contract to Leanne Rose in February, to her starting date of March 16, to the State and Country being virtually shut down immediately thereafter...wow...what a way to start a new 'job.'

Jim Langreder and I talked recently and agreed that had Jeannie, himself and I been in the position to have to switch our weekly Worship to virtual platforms, it would not have been pretty.

I cannot even imagine how difficult it is for Pastor Leanne to 'pastor' a church when she has not even had the opportunity to meet most of its members.

From the standpoint of the church family, I can imagine that 'attending Worship' is a very different experience without the personal connection of being together and not knowing the person talking to you each week.

My advice...stay calm, appreciate that we have Pastor Leanne who is able to create these Worship experiences for us and know that one day soon we WILL be back together with a greater appreciation of our fellow church family members.

Missing you all, Donna Newland

Treasurer's Report for March 2020

PLEDGED Income received		
(March 2020)		\$6,040.00
(March 2019)		\$9,645.00
	Difference	-\$3,605.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received		
(March 2020)		\$698.00
(March 2019)		\$987.00
	Difference	-\$289.00
Total INCOME for (March 2020) *		\$7,981.85
Total INCOME for (March 2019)		\$11,438.86
	Difference	-\$3,457.01
Total EXPENSE for (March 2020)		\$8,065.07
Total EXPENSE for (March 2019)		\$19,413.75
	Difference	-\$11,348.68
Checking Account Balance as of March 31, 2020		\$15,460.09
Checking Account Balance as of March 31, 2019		-\$30.26
	Difference	\$15,490.35
*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received that are designated funds	for:	
Singing Bowl		\$53.85
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)		\$335.00
SCRIP sales		\$0.00
Fund Raiser		\$0.00
RBC Investment Account Growth for March 2020		-\$18,942.66
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Capital Funds Campaign		\$12,326.13
Income		\$855.00
Expenses		\$ -

Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski (262-646-8882) or Jeanne Phelan (414) 940-4464.

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\$ 13,181.68

Interest

TOTAL



How the Virus Stole Easter

by Kristi Bothur (This Side of Heaven) With a nod, and thanks, to Dr. Seuss. \Box

Twas late in '19 when the virus began, Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.

People were sick, hospitals full, Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring, The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.

People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen. They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed. "There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.

"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out. No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest. The world was focused on masks and on tests.

"Easter can't happen this year," they proclaimed. "Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.

The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.

The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed. The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling. "They're finding out now that no Easter is coming.

"They're just waking up! I know just what they'll do! Their mouths will hang open a minute or two, And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.

"That noise," said the world, "would be something to hear."

So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.

And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies. It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn't depressed. Why, this sound was triumphant! It couldn't be so! But it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes. Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!

Each saint in each nation, the tall and the small, Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came! Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine Stood puzzling and puzzling. "Just how can it be?"

"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies, It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."

Then the world thought of something it hadn't before. "Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And what happened then? Well....the story's not done. What will YOU do? Will you share with that one Or two or more people needing hope in this night? Will you share of the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb, And Jesus is Victor over death, doom, and gloom.

So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer, As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people. May the world see the Church is not a building or steeple.

May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,

May the world find Joy in a time of dejection. May 2020 be known as the year of survival, But not only that -Let it start a revival.









15 BY 15 NUMBRICKS (HARD NO. 8)

FILL THE GRID WITH THE NUMBERS 1 TO 225 TO MAKE A PATH IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER, GOING HORIZONTALLY OR VERTICALLY. YOU MAY NOT CONNECT THE NUMBERS DIAGONALLY.

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1515 HARD 8



EACH SUNDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE-9:30 AM VIRTUAL WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY & WE'LL SEE YOU SOON!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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