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I have been thinking about our bodies. When we get sick or injured, how they fight to be well or whole. How we've been living in the midst of this pandemic, struggling to keep our bodies safe and to keep our neighbors safe. I've been thinking about what it means to live in my body, what it means to stay healthy, eat well, honor it, and how it feels when I don't. In the middle of a pandemic that affects how we take breath, where we go, and everything we touch, I've been thinking about our bodies.

We are been thinking about how important our bodies are. How they adjust when we are injured to continue to allow us to function, other muscles kick in, new neurons pathways are formed. Even as they are imperfect, they are miracles and they are important.

There are multitudes of ideas, concepts, beliefs, ways of being that we celebrate during Advent and Christmas. One of which is that God understood how important our bodies are, how important having form and touch and pain and pleasure were that God came in flesh and blood, tissues and neurons. God came as Jesus, lived among humanity, embodied.

I think that's part of what is making these days of quarantine so difficult, and what is going to make the holidays so difficult—we are embodied people who are created with the same desire for connection that lead God to come close and live among us, to engage in the tactile sensation of being part of creation. And we are living, in many ways, apart, disconnected, sometimes alone.

But we have a God who knows what it's like to be embodied, to have long nights alone with nothing but the desert for company, so exhausted not even a storm could keep sleep at bay, so grateful for touch without expectation that even a foot massage would do. Jesus, who lived in a body and understands why this season might be hard, because he's been there too.

May that give us hope, that our God knows what we are going through, knows our struggles, knows hopes, knows our joys, knows our sorrows. You are not alone this season, whether it is filled with joys or sorrows or, most likely, some combination. The God who comes near at Christmas is with you and so is your Emmanuel Church family.

Pastor Leanne

## The Messenger



DECEMBER 2020

9:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP 7 PM WEDNESDAYS MUSIC & READINGS Virtual on Emmanuel's Facebook Page & YouTube Channel

#### December 6 PLEDGE SUNDAY!

prayers for the Ortmanns and Pakula/Schultz family 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Joel 2:12-13, 28

December 13

prayers for the Perez and Pfalz families **Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 61:1-11** Zoom Council meeting at 10:45 AM

#### Wednesday, December 16 A Blue Christmas 7:00 PM on Facebook

Sometimes Christmas comes with grief and many of us are grieving this year. This is a service to name the blues in the middle of this season.

#### December 20

prayers for Jeannie Phelan and the Phelps family Fourth Sunday of Advent Luke 1:26-45 (46-56) Special offering for The Christmas Fund

December 24 Christmas Eve Join us at 5 PM for Carols & Candlelight In the Church Parking Lot

#### December 27

The First Sunday after Christmas prayers for the Pike and Jo & John Quaden families Luke 2:21-38



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Belle Langreder	1	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
Michael Phelps	20		

#### Mary Ellen Jondle will be 99 years old and Jeanette Collins will be 94!!

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#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Ashley & Aaron Kinney

#### **MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:**

Sue Pakula	4,	2005	15 years
Nancie Gryske	8,	2013	7 years
Debbie Morgan	9,	1979	41 years
Lorna & Jere Marheine	12,	1982	38 years
Linda Berlin	18,	2016	4 years
Ashley & Aaron Kinney	18,	2016	4 years
Leanne Harmann	21,	1997	23 years



	Ushers	Scripture Readers
1	Donna Newland	Ashley Kinney
8	Sue/Tom Stelling	Steve Thompson
15	Laurie Buckett	Jeannie Phelan
22	Debbie Morgan	Sarah Erickson-Bhatt
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We appreciate your ongoing support of Emmanuel's ministries. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118. THANK YOU!!



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#### Fall Pledge Drive

As we approach the end of 2020 and reflect on all that has occurred in our world, both near and far, we need to believe that God is still with us. In times of uncertainty we seek Him. In times of good health and well being, we thank Him. In all our days He gives us strength and comfort. What a blessing!

The pandemic has affected all of us in different degrees. Some have been hit hard with the loss of a job, poor health or new stresses, while others find living with restrictions has been different, inconvenient and lonely. Where you are on this continuum will affect your ability to give back, this is understood. We do ask all of our members and friends to consider pledging something so that the missions of Emmanuel can continue. Please have your pledge card into the office before December 6. Later in the month the projected income from pledges will be reported to you. We are grateful for what you give to Emmanuel.

The Board of Stewards created a video featuring some of the activities and missions of our church. It can be found at: <u>https://youtu.be/xzYC0-8GH34</u>

Special thanks goes to Mark Thompson who edited, enhanced and published this unlisted video. We ask that you do not share this on any of your personal social media accounts. It is for Emmanuel's use only. Thank you.



#### SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

They came when we needed them. They

answered the phone when we called. They baptized and married and buried our loved ones. They gave up weekend after weekend to care for our spirits, lead us in worship, and point to God in our midst.

Some of them did it for less money than they could easily live on. They did this because of what they believe who God is, and what they believe about who we are.

For all the sacrifices that clergy and lay church workers have made in our congregations, the UCC Pension Board created the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund, to help support them in retirement and during times of emergency need.

The Christmas Fund provides Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks for retirees and those facing unforeseen financial hardship.

Join with others in the UCC family to make "the light shine in the darkness" for those who have given so much to our church.

This special offering is taken on December 20. Please be generous when you mail in your gifts for The Christmas Fund. Please be sure to designate this fund on your check. Thank you.



#### Support Family Promise as our "Angel Tree" Project this year

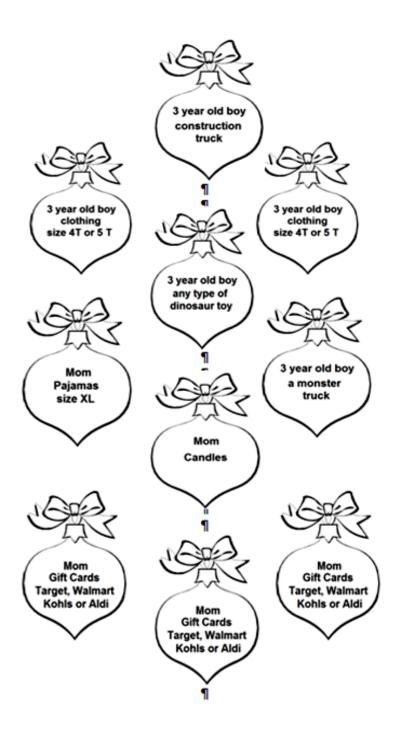
This year in addition to the Vet Bags, we would like to help a young family, being served through Family Promise, have a little brighter Christmas. In the next column, you will find images of ornaments, each containing a desired gift. Pick an ornament that you and your family wish to contribute to this Mom and three year old little boy. Email or call the church office and let Donna know your choice and she will earmark it for you (262-965-4022 or office@seeyouonsunday.org). Bring your UNWRAPPED gift or gift card to the church's main entry on Saturday, December 12 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM. If that date is not viable for you, you may bring them to the church during morning office hours (Monday-Thursday or on Sunday morning before December 13. If you have any questions, please contact Shirlene Hazelberg, 470-5907.

Also please consider during the holiday season to designate Family Promise of Waukesha County as a charitable recipient of your Amazon purchases. If you use Amazon Smile, and choose FP of Waukesha County, a percent of your purchases will be donated to help our local program.

In addition FP has received a \$10,000 grant from Help Us Move In (HUMI). One of the conditions is to match the grant and already three companies have donated \$5,000.

FP has designated Giving Tuesday, December I, as a day to match this grant.

Thank you for any support you can give our homeless families.





Vet Bag collection will also be on Saturday, December 12 at the main entrance from 9:30-11:30 AM. You may also drop them off during church office hours (Monday-Thursday mornings) or on a Sunday morning before December 13 if you are unable to make the December 12 collection day.

If you have any questions, speak to Shirlene Hazelberg 262-470-5907 or Sandie Horne 262-367-7591. Thanks again for your support.



#### **SINGING BOWL**

We will continue to support Family Promise with our Singing Bowl donations through the remainder of 2020. We invite you to mail in your donations to the

Singing Bowl: Emmanuel UCC, PO Box 216, Dousman, WI 53118. Please mark your donation "Singing Bowl." Thank you!

#### Holiday Special...

**December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** on Emmanuel's Facebook page: Blue Christmas Service: Sometimes Christmas comes with grief and many of us are grieving this year. This is a service to name the blues in the middle of this season.

Do you have a talent or passion for music and song? Do you have a favorite church song or hymn?



Contact Jim! Record it!

## You, too, could be part of worship.



#### What to expect this Advent and Christmas Season

With these less than usual times, Advent will look a bit different, however, we'll still be gathering, even if it is online.

You're invited to make your own Advent Wreath and light your candles with us each Sunday morning.

Every household will receive an Advent card, inviting you to reflect, pray, and act in new ways during this season.

Each Sunday School Family will receive an Advent bag,

On Wednesdays, we'll post music and readings.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet on Zoom for Blue Christmas—a service of grief and remembrance.

And on Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>), we'll post a service of reading, song, and reflection. AND at our traditional service time of 5pm, we'll gathering in parking lot, again, to physically distant sing a couple of carols and light candles together. If you are able, please bring your own candles from home.

#### **Council Meeting Highlights:**

11 members attended the November 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

#### Treasurer's report:

- Our RBC investments lost \$2,898.11 in October.
- Donations from the congregation covered the entire cost of the parking lot lighting conversation.
- The 2021 operating budget is completed.
- Council approved the 2021 operating budget. It will be emailed to the congregation for approval.

#### • Pastor Leanne's report:

- Worship attendance remains good.
- $\circ$  Staff reviews have been completed.
- Trustees approved the purchase of additional equipment to enhance the presentation of our virtual services and events.
- Virtual events are being planned for Advent.
- The book discussion on How to be Antiracist is completed and the group would like to continue with discussions, etc. Proposal that they develop a plan on Emmanuel becoming an intential Racial Justice Church.
- Participating in continuing education: Faith Change Leader, driving questions: what can we do with this church, with this mission, in this community at this time?

#### • Board reports:

- Christian Education: Plans are underway for a virtual Christmas Pageant and Wake Up With God.
- **Stewards**: The fall pledge drive has been put into motion.
- Social Concerns: Gift Bag project for homeless Veterans is underway. Awaiting information from Family Promise to arrange Christmas Gift buying for one small family for the Angel Tree Project.
- Trustees: Fall clean ups are complete, thank you to all who helped. Carpet cleaning is on hold for now. Salary increases for Jim and Donna were approved.
- **Pastoral Search:** The last survey from the Transition Team is being distributed to determine what qualities the congregation would like to see in a new pastor. The Team plans to have the Church Profile completed by the end of the year and have Council choose the Search Committee in January.
- 2021 Officers/Board Members: It was decided that Gary Phelps will be the Asst. Moderator and Sherri Krantz the Moderator (switching roles from 2020) and all other Boards/Committees would remain as is to get through this unusual time. Social Concerns will seek additional people for their Team and others will seek help with special projects as needed.
- Virtual Meetings: Council meetings will be virtual via Zoom going forward. We will strive to have very limited in-person meetings.
- The next Council meeting will be Sunday, December 13 at 10:45 AM via Zoom.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PRECIOUS METALS COLLECTION

Two large black garbage containers have been placed on either side of the bench at the main entrance to collect aluminum cans once the snow starts to fall. We have changed our plowing contract so that only the far east portion of the parking lot along with the driveways will be plowed this winter. This will save us quite a bit of money. Thank you.

#### **Zoom Information**

All of our zoom gatherings have the same link, ID and passcode.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3429571341?pwd=NjRQSnJFYV R1amdpSHk5T2tOVCtSdz09

Meeting ID: 342 957 1341 Passcode: 9652429

#### This n That...



 Dousman Meals drivers for November 23-25: Shirlene Hazelberg, Kathy Zebrowski, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Sue Stelling, Mary Opiela and Jo Quaden.

- Thank you to everyone who helped with this fall's tree removal project and for Tom Stelling and Ron Blaschuk for overseeing everything!
- Adam Langreder 'mans' the camera for each Sunday's worship service...THANK YOU ADAM!!
- Mark Thompson and Stewards for creating the amazing video for our Pledge Drive.



- Fran and Ken Pike as Fran undergoes 6 months of chemo treatments for cancer before she has surgery.
- Those recovering from Covid inside and out of our church family.
- Continued prayers for our shut-ins: Judy Stanek, Jeanette Collins and Jan Wilson.
- Gail & Sal Tamez's son, Andrew who is deployed to Afghanistan.
- Laurie Buckett's daughter and grandson, Jennifer & Santos.
- Others dealing with cancer: Shirlene Hazelberg's mother, Marie; Steve Thompson's brother, Wayne; Lisa, a friend of Julie & Mike Ball.



Sandy Jarrett made BEAUTIFUL cards to give to those who had loved ones remembered during the All Saints Day service of remembrance. She not only made the cards, but

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provided addressed envelopes and postage. THANK YOU SO MUCH SANDY!

#### To our church family,

Thank you so much for the cards, emails and phone calls with your messages of encouragement. We greatly appreciate your offers of help but right now we're doing alright. As Fran begins her treatments we know we will have good and difficult days but are confident that your ongoing prayers will help us through this.

Ken and Fran Pike

## Looking toward January...

Sun.	Each	Worship at 9:30 AM
Sun.	3	Holy Communion
M-F	18-22	Emmanuel delivers Dousman Home
		Meals
Sun	31	Annual Meeting of the Congregation

#### Note on Worship

Your Emmanuel Council continues to remain committed to the health and wellbeing of all our members and staff. As both the news, and recent sicknesses within the congregations have reminded us, COVID continues to be a highly infectious illness with widely varying levels of illness.

With all that being said, the end of November moving into December, worship will be an online only format until further notice. The decision to return to an inperson worship will be done at the Council level in consideration of information from the CDC, Wisconsin Health Department, and the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

"But Pastor! XYZ Church is meeting in person!" We don't make this decision lightly. The Council would love to be meeting in person, would love to see your face smiling face every week, but first we want you to be safe and we cannot assure that at this time. We are called to love our neighbor, to love those who are on the margins, who are at risk of falling through the cracks. We continue to do that by staying home and staying safe.

The church is not "closed." We are the church! We are continuing to serve each other and our communities. Please note all the ways to give if you are able!

We will return to our Zoom Coffee Hours after service so we can connect even as the days get colder! Stay safe Church! And we'll see you Sunday, even if it is on Zoom!

### **Treasurer's Report for October 2020**

PLEDGED Income received		
(October 2020)		\$6,925.00
(October 2019)		\$8,965.00
	Difference	-\$2,040.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received		
(October 2020)		\$1,455.00
(October 2019)		\$1,019.00
	Difference	\$436.00
Total INCOME for (October 2020) *		\$11,619.23
Total INCOME for (October 2019)		\$12,761.96
	Difference	-\$1,142.73
Total EXPENSE for (October 2020)		\$10,194.69
Total EXPENSE for (October 2019)		\$8,964.09
	Difference	\$1,230.60
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Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2020		\$16,242.84
Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2019		\$7,065.56
	Difference	\$9,177.28
*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:		
Singing Bowl		\$16.73
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WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)		\$450.00
SCRIP sales		\$0.00
Fundraisers		\$67.50
RBC Investment Account Growth for October 2020		¢0 000 11
		-\$2,898.11
Capital Funds Campaign		\$1,270.99
Income		\$ 105.00
Expenses		\$ -
Interest		\$ 0.05
TOTAL		\$ 1,376.04
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Please direct your comments or questions to Kathy Zebrowski (262) 646-8882 or Jeanne Phelan (414) 940-4464.



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# Advent Reading # and Photo Challenge

Daniel 6: 6-24 Hope 30

Daniel 6: 25-28 Rescue

- Luke 23: 1-5 **Trials**
- 2 Psalm 91: 1-6 Safe Place
- Psalm 91: 7-13 3 Messenger
- Psalm 91: 13-16 4 Trouble
- Daniel 7: 13-14 5 Waiting Joel 1: 1-12, 28-29 6
  - Peace Joel 2: 15-19
  - Gather

8	Luke 11: 13 Gift
9	Joel 2: 21-24 Fear Not
10	Psalm 139: 1-6 Wander
11	Psalm 139: 7-12 Night
12	Psalm 139: 13-18 You
13	Isaiah 6: 1-11 Joy
14	Luke 4: 16-21 Proclaim
15	Psalm 143: 1-2 Mercy

- Mercy
- Psalm 146: 3-6 16 Remember

Psalm 143: 7-8 Wonder Psalm 143: 9-10 18 Spirit

Psalm 143: 11-12 19 Guide

- Luke 1: 26-45 20Love
- 21 Luke 1: 46-50 Rejoice
- 22 Luke 1: 51-56 Justice
- 23Psalm 113 Glory
- 24 Luke 2: 1-4 Stars
- Luke 2: 1-20 25Life





# DOODLE A DAY FOR ADVENT

Make your doodle then add to our 🗗 🖸 @euccdousman



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- SNOWFLAKE |.
- 2. 3. CHRISTMAS COOKIE
- CHRISTMAS TREE
- 4. CANDLE
- 5. SOMETHING YOU WANT FROM Santa
- CHRISTMAS 6.
- 7. НАРРУ ГАСЕ
- 8. INTER BIRD 9. SNOWPERSON
- 10. CHRISTMAS PRESENT
- STARS ||.
- 12. THREE KINGS
- 13. A PEAR TREE

- REINDEER 14.
- 15. ELF
- A MANGER 16.
- CHRISTMAS CAROL 17.
- 18. Santa's sack
- Shepherd and sheep 19.
- 20. CANDY CANE
- 21. GINGERBREAD
- 22. JINGLE BELLS
- 23. ANGEL
- 24. STOCKING
- SANTA CLAUS 25.

We knew 2020 would be a year of major change for Emmanuel... little did we know how major it would be for everyone! As the year winds down, we want to THANK everyone who helped Emmanuel make it through the year by doing a little more, giving a little more, being understanding and patient, helping us to think outside the box and embracing changes and most importantly, continuing to be the Church.

God's Blessing on each and every one of you!

### Christmas Word Scramble Unscramble the letters to find words which have to do with Christmas. Some of the words have religious meanings, others are secular in nature. . Groceos \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Naclorig \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Rats 4. Scunttshe 5. Porduhl \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Naast 7. Skagceap 8. Dressephh \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Gramen \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Galen \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Limesotte \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Vaniyitt \_\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Gotscink 14. Virasou 15. Traweh \_\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Gisehl 17. Wamsonn \_\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Ejuss \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Stranneom \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Scamsthir © 2012 www.flandersfamily.info



#### VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM ON EMMANUEL'S FACEBOOK PAGE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 2020    S  M  T  F  S    1  2  3  4  5  6  7    8  9  10  11  12  13  14    15  16  17  18  19  20  21    22  23  24  25  26  27  28    29  30 <td>January 2021    S  M  T  W  T  F  S    1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9    10  11  12  13  14  15  16    17  18  19  20  21  22  23    24  25  26  27  28  29  30    31 </td> <td>1 Family Promise Giving Tuesday Donations will be matched</td> <td>7 PM Advent Music &amp; Readings on Facebook</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td>	January 2021    S  M  T  W  T  F  S    1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9    10  11  12  13  14  15  16    17  18  19  20  21  22  23    24  25  26  27  28  29  30    31	1 Family Promise Giving Tuesday Donations will be matched	7 PM Advent Music & Readings on Facebook	3	4	5
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<b>13</b> Mission Moment for The Christmas Fund 10:45 AM Zoom Council meeting FINAL DEADLINE TO RETURN VET BAGS & ANGEL TREE GIFTS	14	<b>15</b> January Newsletter Articles Due	16 7 PM A Blue Christmas Message with Pastor Leanne on Emmanuel's Facebook Page	17	18	19
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