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FROM  
**PASTOR LEANNE**



Every year seems to go going quickly from one season to the next with almost no stopping, no break. My Christmas tree is still up at home and this newsletter includes the start of Lent! Sometimes it's hard to catch a breath, enjoy the seasons, even in the midst of COVID and quarantine and staying home, it just didn't seem like Christmas was long enough for me to enjoy the lights and decorations.

So I've had two thoughts: What if we didn't really let go of Christmas and do we prepare for Easter?

The first, what happens when a new baby is brought home, we don't put all the baby stuff away right away. No! It's exciting and fun and the baby stuff becomes part of our lives. As the baby grows and learns and changes, so do the new parents, so do we.

This Christmas wasn't what we thought it would be, it wasn't what we had hoped, so maybe this year we just keep it going. Each month we think about what the new baby Jesus would be learning or doing, thinking about what we can learn from Jesus as he grows in us and among us this year. And we can do this together: what stories do you have from your kids each month of their first year of life?

Of course, time keeps moving forward and we're on our way to Lent. This Lent, let's travel together, on a journey, with Jesus, from what was to what will be. With Ash Wednesday, we'll travel with Jesus to Jerusalem. What do we need to pack? Where will we stay or stop on the way? Who will we meet? What do we do when everything seems to go completely wrong?  
Our journey begins February 17th: The Way to Jerusalem.

Pastor Leanne

## The Messenger

FEBRUARY 2021

**VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
9:30 AM  
**FACEBOOK LIVE**  
(and later on) **YOUTUBE**

### February 7

*prayers for Betsy & Bill Welch and  
Jan Wilson*

### Holy Communion

**Souper Bowl Sunday**  
**DONATE in the parking lot**  
11 AM – 1 PM

### February 14

*prayers for Kathy Zebrowski and  
Julie & Mike Ball*

### February 17

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**2-7 PM begin the Journey  
around the fire**  
**Online Worship available on Facebook**  
**7-8 PM Lenten Book Study**

### February 21

*prayers for Craig Berentsen &  
Michael Grant and Linda Berlin*  
Zoom Council meeting at 10:45 AM  
**Wed, Feb. 24 Lenten Reflection & Music**  
**online and 7-8 PM Lenten Book Study**

### February 28

*prayers for Sarah & Ruchir Erickson-  
Bhatt and Francine Langlais & Ron  
Blaschuk*

# SouperBowl Sunday!!!

**Sunday, February 7, 2021 11:00AM-1:00PM**  
**@ Emmanuel Church Parking Lot**  
 36821 Sunset Dr. (Hwy. 18), Dousman

**Come "safely" visit and support Emmanuel's youth group in their efforts to raise soup and donations for the Waukesha Food Pantry**

**BRING CANS OF SOUP (AND NEEDED ITEMS) TO USE AS VOTES FOR YOUR FAVORITE SUPERBOWL TEAM!!!**

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Ready to eat soups (with meat or protein), cereals, ready to eat meals, laundry soap, and dish soap (as well as donations \$5)

## FEBRUARY Birthdays

Rick Rivera	2
Sharon Logemann	6
Melissa Rivera	7
Kelvin Hazelberg	11
Aurynn Stack-Vaughn	12
Kierwynn Stack-Vaughn	12
Peggy Hazelberg	14
Leanne Rose	15
John Lui	16
Josh Kerr	19
Miles Kerr	23
Masyn Rivera	23
Mary Edwards	24
Donna Newland	25
Sue Pakula	25
Jeannie Phelan	26

## Scripture Readers

7	Ashley Berman-Kinney
14	Steve Thompson
17	Jeanne Phelan (Ash Wednesday)
21	Sarah Erickson-Bhatt
28	Ann Carpenter

## Congratulations Pastor Leanne on your Ordination!



**Do you have a fire pit you'd be willing to loan us for Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday? If so, please contact Pastor Leanne.**

# AshWednesday

Lent is about letting go and picking up: letting go of what keeps us from God and from being the full beloved creation God has made us, and picking up what we need to be closer to God and who we are made to be. On Ash Wednesday, you'll be invited to experience The Journey to Death--letting the old self and ways pass away while we prepare for new life--in two ways.

1. **an online worship service of reflection and song.**
2. **an in-person opportunity to let go and be in prayer. From 2pm until 7pm on February 17th, there will be 3 things waiting for you outside Emmanuel UCC, words of ideas, thoughts, things you might need to let go of, a bonfire lit for you to burn them in, and words for you to carry with you into your Lenten journey.**

**\*\*In this time of COVID, the giving and receiving of Ashes will not be part of the service of Ash Wednesday. If this ritual is important to you, we can arrange a safe way for you to receive them. Please let us know.**

**Each Wednesday night during Lent: an online time of reflection and music.**

### Announcing this Year's Lenten Study The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr

**February 17th-April 7th, Wednesday Nights 7-8pm**

The subtitle of Rohr's book is: "How a Forgotten Reality can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe." Drawing from the diverse Christian tradition, Rohr invites us on a journey of re-imagining who Christ is and thereby who we are. *Christ* is not Jesus' last name though we say that we discover Christ in Jesus in particular form. We experience in Jesus Christ the blueprint for what it means to live a human life as an expression of the divine outpouring of creative energy. And there is an even more universal dimension to understanding Christ. Wherever divine energy and matter converge, the Christ becomes manifest. Rohr writes that God loves things by becoming them and infuses all life with the presence of Christ. This Christ energy in us can be bound or thwarted or it can flow freely and creatively. Some of this depends on our vision of who God is and expresses God's self. *The Universal Christ* is a book that can indeed engage us in a life changing paradigm shift of understanding.

This will not simply be an intellectual discussion about an interesting book. Our sharing will include personal reflection, group reflection as well as brief worship (prayer and shared silence). Participants of the Study are asked to buy their own copies of the book.

Given the pandemic, all meetings will be via zoom.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3429571341?pwd=NjRQSnJFYVRLamdpSHk5T2tOVCTsdz09>

Meeting ID: 342 957 1341

Passcode: 9652429

Dial by your location: 1 312 626 679

Please go and explore the website:  
<https://universalchrist.cac.org> where you can find videos, podcasts and other helpful resources on the Universal Christ. I've really enjoyed the podcasts.



**General Fund:**  
**37 pledges**  
**totaling \$101,320**

**OCWM:**  
**12 pledges**  
**totaling \$2,810**

**THANK YOU ALL!!**



We've missed your faces! Let's see them at Coffee Hour on February 7th at 10:45am (or whenever worship is done).

Instructions to participate:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3429571341?pwd=NjRQSnJFYVRIamdpSHk5T2tOVCI\\$dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3429571341?pwd=NjRQSnJFYVRIamdpSHk5T2tOVCI$dz09)

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Participate via telephone by calling this number and using the Meeting ID and Passcode above: 1 312 626 6799



## **An Update on Family Promise...**

When the pandemic started, Family Promise was forced to come up with new ways to serve those in need. They suspended the rotational shelter model which met in our churches and started the Prevention Program as well as an Apartment Shelter Program. In a year of unpredictability, they have been able to provide stability for 115 individuals from 31 families, including 74 children.

Our Singing Bowl donations continue to go to Family Promise....until we can meet in person again, save your coins for the Singing Bowl OR write a check and send it to Emmanuel, marked Singing Bowl OR send a check directly to Family Promise:

Family Promise of Waukesha County  
PO Box 66  
Waukesha, WI 53187

Christmas has come and gone, but the joy you brought to a family lives on. The mother of the family we

supported with gifts and gift cards for our Angel Tree project sent this note:

*I am writing this with tears in my eyes! I am overwhelmed by all the support and good you have offered my son and I. He is going to have a phenomenal Christmas thanks to you all. I am more than grateful! May God Bless you all, Happy Holidays and thank you again for your generosity.*



## **Council Notes**

Council met on Zoom on Sunday, January 10th with 13 members participating.

- Our RBC investments gained \$25,921.16 in value in 2020.
- We will hold our annual Souper Bowl on Sunday, February 7th with drive-up donations of food and/or money from 11 AM – 1 PM.
- Pastor Leanne is planning for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter with drive-thru events and hopefully an in-person gathering AND Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.
- Our online viewership for our Sunday services and other videos remains strong.
- Kristen Voskuil created a lesson video for the Sunday School kids.
- Everyone is VERY happy with the results of the 2021 pledging: \$101,320 for the General Fund and \$2,810 for OCWM...THANK YOU ALL!
- New contracts were negotiated for a number of services which will save us money.
- The Transition Team is working on developing the Church Profile and hopes to have it finished in the next month.
- Future Council meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month rather than the second to allow more time for monthly statements to arrive for the Treasurers.
- Next meeting will be Sunday, February 21 at 10:45 AM on Zoom.

We appreciate your ongoing support. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118. THANK YOU!!



**THANK YOU for your ongoing support!**

**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.**







**AARP FOUNDATION TAXAIDE**  
**(FREE TAX HELP for 2020 taxes)**  
**Oconomowoc Area Senior Center**  
**(210 S. Main Street)**  
**Please call Joni Briski**  
**(262) 470-9198**  
**to make an appointment.**

**Please call Monday-Friday:**

**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Please call only to make an appointment, not to get answers to tax questions.**

**TUESDAYS: FEBRUARY 2 TO APRIL 6**  
**9:00-3:00**

- **Please come only 5 minutes before your appointment time.**
- **Bring your tax return from last year.**
- **Bring all tax papers.**
- **Your appointment will be for only 40 minutes.**
- **All tax returns will be done virtually.**
- **You will be required to come back 9 days after your first appointment and get your printed return.**

There is no cost for this tax service!

**(Please make sure you bring last year's taxes, all tax documents and picture ID.)**

Married couples are required to come together (some exemptions apply).

- ♥ Steve Thompson who has been experiencing sinus-related problems.
- ♥ Vera Ortmann, who continues to experience problems with her arm resulting from her fall in early 2020.
- ♥ Those affected by the Covid-19 virus, physically, mentally, monetarily.
- ♥ Our shut-ins: Jeanette Collins, Jan Wilson, Judy Stanek.

**A note received from Sandy Jarrett...**

*Hello Church Family, Happy New Year! Thanks to evryone who has kept our church afloat! You are doing a great job.*

*Fondly, Sandy Jarrett*

*P.S. I miss everyone. I miss seeing you all. I miss hosting Family Promise guests. I miss our potlucks. I miss our fundraisers. I love our little church.*

(Thank you Sandy!)

Each week we pray for the safety and wellbeing of Gail & Sal Tamez's son, Andrew who is serving in Afghanistan. This is Andrew's address if you'd wish to send him a card:  
 SPC Powell, Andrew  
 996 ECC  
 Bagram  
 APO, AE 09354-999

**This n That...**



♥ Emma Phelps and Ann & Bill Carpenter for their beautiful musical performances for our worship services.

♥ Jeannie Phelan (guest liturgist) and Jim Langreder (guest preacher) for the

January 3<sup>rd</sup> worship service.

♥ our January Scripture Readers: Jeannie Phelan, Sarah Erickson-Bhatt, Ann Carpenter and Robert Zondag.

♥ our Dousman Meals drivers for January: Nicole Kerr, Heather Brisk, Shirlene Hazelberg, Sue Stelling, Sherri Krantz, Kristen Kramer, Kathy Zebrowski and Jo Quaden.

♥ our shoveling team for January: Ken Pike, Mike Laur and Mark Thompson.

♥ THANK YOU Adam Langreder & Pete Hazelberg for running the computer & cameras for our streaming services each week!



♥ Frieda Goetsch, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

♥ Fran Pike who continues to be treated for pancreatic cancer.

♥ Shirlene Hazelberg's mother, Marie, who has entered hospice care.

♥ Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica who is recovering from surgery.

♥ Marian Speerless who is recovering from a fall causing a bruised ribs, a black eye and many aches and pains.



THANK YOU to all who regularly donate bags of aluminum cans Two large black garbage containers have been placed on either side of the bench at the main entrance to collect aluminum cans.



Monday	1	Donate blood at the Dousman Community Center, 1:30-6:30 pm
Sunday	EACH	Worship online/available starting at 9:30 AM on Facebook & later on YouTube
Sunday	7	HOLY COMMUNION
Wednesday	EACH	Lenten Reflection with music on Facebook & Lenten Book Study 7-8 PM
Sunday	14	Special Mission Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing
M-F	15-19	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Wednesday	17	St. Patrick's Day
Sunday	21	Council meets on Zoom, 10:45 AM

## WHO DO I TALK TO IF I HAVE A QUESTION??

Adult Fellowship	Corrine Mayer 431-4046 Donna Newlar 965-3563
Christian Education/ Church School	Pastor Leanne 965-2429 Peggy 470-2181 Hazelberg
Council	Sherri Krantz 968-5504
Deacons	Kristen Voskuil 608-698-3777
Financial Secretary (counts offering & keeps records)	Laurie Buckett 965-2545
Family Promise	Charlotte Voig 646-2701 Sue Stelling 965-3498
Pastoral Search Transition Team	Marjore 612-240-5796 Thompson
Prayer Requests	Pastor Leanne 965-2429 Donna Newlar 965-4022
Singing Bowl- same info as Social Concerns	
Social Concerns	Shirlene 470-5907 Hazelberg
Stewards	Sue Stelling 965-3498
Treasurer (issues checks)	Kathy Zebrows 646-8882 Jeanne Phelar 414-940-4464
Trustees	Ken Pike 347-6779

## Opportunities to Connect...

Our Church Family prides itself on being open and welcoming to all, to embrace each member of the Family through good times and bad while we do the work of the church day in and day out.

As we enter a new year, the Church Council has decided to maintain the current roster of officers and board members in an attempt to encourage continuity in our operations since everything is upside down and topsy turvy right now and nothing is happening normally. That being said, there are countless opportunities for Church Family members outside that group to jump in, be involved and help in the work of Emmanuel. What are your interests...your gifts?

Please take a few moments and read through the information below and if there is an area that speaks to you, contact us and we'll put you in touch with someone who can help you find your niche. Volunteering does not have to mean you serve on a board or committee...you can just be that person who helps out with some of the tasks that interest you.

### Christian Education...

- loves working with children and/or teens and/or adults
- loves finding new ways to make a story come alive
- has an interest in Biblical history and the 'story behind the story'
- loves craft projects

### Deacons...

- loves to visit people (when it again becomes possible)...or make phone calls, just to check in

- loves to organize...ushers, greeters OR service as an usher or greeter
- would be willing to set up the elements for Holy Communion once a month or for holiday worship services

### Social Concerns...

- has interest in exploring ways we can be 'the hands of Jesus' ...identifying needs in the community and beyond
- creating new and inventive ideas for outreach

### Stewards...

- has interest in educating the Church Family on UCC wider missions
- has good communication skills and is able to share ways people can use all of their resources for the benefit of the church...financial, time, talent

### Trustees...

- loves to 'tinker' ...be involved with identifying needed projects to maintain the church building and property
- has a financial aptitude...can look at financial reports and develop budgets
- is a good negotiator for supplier contracts

### Music Ministry...

- loves music...loves to sing! the choir will be back!!
- can play an instrument or do solo singing and is willing to share that talent during a service

If you do not find your passion in this list, think of ways you could put your interest to use in the life of the church and let us know! Do you love decorating? The Sanctuary Decorating Committee would have a spot for you (again, once things return to 'normal'). We're anxious to hear from you...we want EVERYONE to feel included in the life of Emmanuel.



One of the ancient traditions of the church is to light a fire and wait for the sun to rise bringing

new life. Sunrise might be a little early, but, we'll be gathering around the fire at 10 AM on Easter Morning to sing of the Risen Christ. An Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will follow the service.

While Easter is early this year, we met outside to enjoy Christmas, so I think we can handle April 4th!

We will also have an Easter Morning service on our normal platforms of Facebook and YouTube.

# EASTER EGG HUNT!

Ever the optimists...we're planning to have an outdoor, in-person Worship on Easter Sunday complete with an Egg Hunt for the kids!

We will need donations of candy-filled plastic eggs please!

As a safety precaution against Covid, we would like eggs/candy dropped off at church no later than Sunday, March 21. That will insure that any virus present won't be transmittable by Easter Sunday.

# THANK YOU!



## Treasurer's Report for December 2020

### PLEDGED Income received

(December 2020)	\$7,565.00
(December 2019)	\$9,168.00
Difference	<b>-\$1,603.00</b>

### NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(December 2020)	\$3,120.00
(December 2019)	\$2,120.00
Difference	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

Total INCOME for (December 2020) *	\$11,976.59
Total INCOME for (December 2019)	\$16,625.79
Difference	<b>-\$4,649.20</b>

Total EXPENSE for (December 2020)	
Total EXPENSE for (December 2019)	\$10,570.75
Difference	<b>-\$10,570.75</b>

Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$9,595.99
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$14,630.29
Difference	<b>-\$5,034.30</b>

\*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$51.59
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$315.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$0.00
RBC Investment Account Growth for December 2020	\$ 7,187.50

Capital Funds Campaign	\$ 1,891.10
Income	\$ 915.00
Expenses	\$ -
Interest	\$ 0.06
TOTAL	\$ 2,806.16

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

or Jeanne Phelan (414-940-4464).



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

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