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FROM
PASTOR LEANNE



I think the season of Lent might be more important than Advent. No, not as much fun, not filled with the same celebration, but important. Lent seems to come from two sets of Holy Days from Jewish Religion and traditions. Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur (setting right) and Passover (death does not win).

In the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Days of Awe, there is a tradition of setting right one's relationships. It's a time of deep reflection by individuals and groups. Who have you hurt this year? Where have your relationships been damaged? Can you go to that person and ask for forgiveness? Were you hurt and you didn't say anything? Are you carrying pain inflicted by another you need to forgive them for? Sometimes the answer is no, not that we haven't caused pain or been hurt, but that maybe we're not ready to forgive yet, or someone else isn't ready to forgive us yet, but the yet tells us that this is something that will come. Sometimes the hurt isn't something that we can take to another person, or can't do it safely, so the forgiveness is personal and allows the individual to be free and set right.

I worked with a Rabbi who showed me Ketubah, the marriage contract, in which she and her wife layout how they will be in the marriage—respond to disagreements, celebrate Holy Days, raise kids. And once a year, during the Days of Awe, the couple, would take the Ketubah and ask for forgiveness and recommit themselves to the promises they made.

I envy this process of reconciliation that once a year an individual and community can start fresh, on a corrected direction in the world and in relationships, and still know that next year this work will have to be done again. As an adult for whom this isn't my tradition, it causes me some anxiety, but I also imagine creating a culture where honesty and forgiveness and grace is part of what we are called to do, too. It is the example that we see in Jesus among his friends and even strangers.

Lent continues for all of this month, much longer than the 10 Days of Awe. Lent is offered as a time of reflection and repentance. It starts in sack cloth and ashes as we beg God for forgiveness, a forgiveness we are given. But, if our faith and forgiveness doesn't change us, doesn't affect our relationships, doesn't bring more grace into the world, then it is useless.

So this Lent, may you live the heart of forgiveness, may you offer it generously and completely, may you ask for it with honesty and truth, and may you give it to yourself, too, for God has already given it.

Pastor Leanne

The Messenger

MARCH 2021

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

March 7

prayers for Don Boychuk & Robert Zondag and Mary Branson

LUKE 15: 1-32 Holy Communion

Wednesday Night Reflection & Music on Facebook

and Lenten Book Study 7-8 PM on Zoom

March 14

prayers for Jessie & John Brinkmann and the Brisk family

LUKE 16:19-31

Wednesday Night Reflection & Music on Facebook

and Lenten Book Study 7-8 PM on Zoom

March 21

prayers for Laurie & Buck Buckett and Ann & Bill Carpenter

LUKE 18:31-19:10

10:45 AM Council meeting on Zoom

Wednesday Night Reflection & Music on Facebook

and Lenten Book Study 7-8 PM on Zoom

March 28 – PALM SUNDAY

prayers for Michael Clark and Jeanette Collins

LUKE 19:29-44

Wednesday Night Reflection & Music on Facebook

and Lenten Book Study 7-8 PM on Zoom

MARCH

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Geier	5
Marian Speerless	17
Mike Ball	21
Pete Hazelberg	23
Natalie Pakula	25
Taylor Zebrowski	25
Melanie Laur	30
Rhienne Stack-Vaughn	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Betsy & Bill Welch	19
Connie & Dan Motelet	24

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Perez	March 11	14 years
Julia Starbuck	March 20	10 years
Jan & Jim McGraw	March 22	12 years
Marjore & Mark Thompson	March 30	7 years

MARCH

Ushers & Scripture Readers

USHER (if needed)	SCRIPTURE READER
7 Donna Newland	Student
14 Sue or Tom Stelling	Robert Zondag
21 Carol Pfalz	Ashley Berman Kinney
28 Kristen Voskuil	Steve Thompson



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!

Mark your calendar...we're going to schedule our Zoom Coffee Hour 'Get-Togethers' on the first Sunday of the month...join us March 7th after Worship.

Instructions to participate:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3429571341?pwd=NjRQSnJFYVRIamdpSHk5T2tOVCTzdz09>

Meeting ID: 342 957 1341

Passcode: 9652429

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

"Let Love Flow"

This is the theme for our first "5 for 5" offering One Great Hour of Sharing



One Great Hour of Sharing supports projects around the world that create opportunity and empower communities. Through global partnerships, your offerings promote food security, enable health and wellness programs, support

educational and vocational training and provide access to clean, safe water.

When water comes to a village, everything changes. It touches every area of life. Having clean water close by means that women in Nicaragua do not have to spend their whole day walking to the source, so they might have other opportunities for learning and educational growth.

Children in Kenya no longer spend their day carrying heavy buckets, so they can go to school instead.

Improved sanitation slows the spread of disease, so there is less preventable illness. Crops thrive in 'Vietnam, meaning that food security and nutrition improve in the whole community.

With your gifts, we let love flow, like new well-water to a thirsty village for crops, for cooking, for life.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is received mid-Lent which this year will be Sunday, March 14th. Please mail your donations to Emmanuel UCC, PO Box 216, Dousman, WI 53118 and mark them on the memo line of the check "One Great Hour of Sharing." THANK YOU!



An Update on Family Promise...

Family Promise of Waukesha County has been blessed with some very generous donations.

They just received a 2019 Dodge Caravan from Dan and Patti Ewald and Ewald Fleet Solutions. This van is used to provide transportation to churches, job or doctor appointments, making home visits and making deliveries.

In December Family Promise leased an apartment from an apartment complex managed by the Thomson Companies. A generous gift of \$10,000 was unexpectedly received from the Dorothy J. Thomson Charitable Foundation.

During these difficult times, these generous donations are so much appreciated.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR LENTEN BOOK STUDY!

7-8 PM through April 7th on Zoom

The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr

Wednesday Nights through April 7th 7-8pm

The subtitle of Rohr's book is: "How a Forgotten Reality

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3429571341?pwd=NjRQSnJFYVRLamdpSHk5T2tOVCTsdz09>

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Dial by your location: 1 312 626 679

March 28th is

Palm Sunday!

We will have palms for
you outside the main
entrance.



**Stop by and pick up your
palms outside at the main
entry so you'll be ready for
Palm Sunday!**

- Emmanuel will be celebrating our 10th anniversary of being an Open & Affirming congregation this year (October). Plans will be made to mark the occasion.
- The Transition Team will be sending the Church Profile to Council soon and it will be on the agenda for discussion in March.
- We have been contacted by the Dousman Chamber of Commerce inquiring about our interest/ability to help with the annual Dousman Derby Days event. The Lion's Club is struggling with an aging membership and help is needed to carry on with planning. Their hope is have it become a more family-oriented event. Kristen Voskuil and Sherri Krantz expressed interest. More information will be coming from the Chamber.
- Next meeting will be Sunday, March 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.

Opportunity!

Gary Phelps has agreed to stay on Council as our Assistant Moderator until another volunteer comes forward. This is an important office, since it leads to serving as the Moderator the following year. Since Gary was our Moderator in 2020, he is not interested in that position again in 2022. PLEASE contact us if you can serve in this position. This is the Constitutional description of the Assistant Moderator's duties:

The assistant-moderator shall serve to the close of the annual meeting following his/her election. The assistant-moderator shall serve in the absence of the moderator. The Assistant Moderator shall serve on and chair the Memorial and Personnel Committees. Should the moderator be unable to fulfill his/her term, the assistant-moderator shall assume that office. Upon completion of the moderator's term of office, the assistant-moderator shall be considered for that position. Additionally, the Assistant Moderator is a part of and chairs the Memorial Committee should there be an occasion for them to meet and the Personnel Committee.



Council Notes

Council met on Zoom on Sunday, February 21st with 9 members participating.

- Our RBC investments lost \$1,258.41 in January.
- Kathy reports that our financial picture remains good and thanks EVERYONE for their continued support.
- Kristen Voskuil is preparing a weekly YouTube lessons for the kids along with an activity sheet that is emailed out each week. In-person Sunday School will resume once parking lot services are able to be held.
- Our online worship services continue to have strong viewership.



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).

This n That...



♥ our February Scripture Readers: Ashley Berman-Kinney, Steve Thompson, Jeannie Phelan, Sarah Erickson-Bhatt and Ann Carpenter.

- ♥ our Dousman Meals drivers for February: Heather Brisk, Kristen Kramer, Sheri Krantz, Nicole Kerr, Sue Stelling, Shirlene Hazelberg, Kathy Zebrowski, Jo Quaden and new volunteer from the community (and a friend of Kathy Zebrowski) Barb Wood.
- ♥ our shoveling team for February: Mark Thompson and Tom Stelling.
- ♥ THANK YOU Adam Langreder & Pete Hazelberg for running the computer & cameras for our streaming services each week and WELCOME new 'techie' Melissa Rivera who is joining the Team!



Tom Stelling put a team together to rake some of the snow from the church's roof to prevent ice-damming and eventual leaks into the building; HOWEVER, Gary Phelps went ahead and did the whole job himself!!
THANK YOU GARY!!



- ♥ Connie Motelet, who had hip replacement surgery on Feb. 22nd.
- ♥ Rick Rivera, who was admitted to the hospital on Feb. 22nd for a possible heart attack.
- ♥ John Quaden, Sr. who is undergoing immune therapy treatments for the return of melanoma in his neck.
- ♥ Fran Pike who continues to be treated for pancreatic cancer.
- ♥ Jere Marheine, who will be having hip replacement surgery on March 15th.
- ♥ Frieda Goetsch, who continues to recover from hip replacement surgery.
- ♥ Shirlene Hazelberg's mother, Marie, who has entered hospice care.
- ♥ 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.

Gail & Sal Tamez's son, Andrew who is serving in Afghanistan, is scheduled to return home in March. Several of the cards that were sent to him from our congregants were returned, marked undeliverable. The address was correct, so the cause of this is unknown and we apologize. If you had a card returned, feel free to drop it off at church and Gail will pick them up and see that Andrew gets them upon his return home. Thank you!



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.

THANK YOU!

Emmanuel United Church of Christ's 2021 Collection

raised:

\$250 and 265 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.




February 7, 2021

Allison Reese
Allison Reese
Executive Director
Souper Bowl of Caring



Covid



Vaccine

Information

Thursday	1	Maundy Thursday
Friday	2	Good Friday
Sunday	4	EASTER! Gather at 10 AM in the parking lot for in-person Worship followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. Online Worship will also be available.
Wednesday	7	Final Lenten Book Study 7-8 PM
Sundays	11, 18, 25	Lived streamed Worship on Facebook at 9:30 AM (also available on YouTube)
M-F	12-16	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Sunday	18	Council meeting on Zoom, 10:45 AM

Registered Nurse, Peggy Hazelberg refers to the NPR website to get the most up to date information on availability for receiving Covid vaccinations. You input your state and the information comes up. This is the website:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/02/18/967448680/how-to-sign-up-for-a-covid-19-vaccine-in-your-state>

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



EASTER EGG HUNT!

Easter Sunday is April 4th!

Don't forget to drop off candy/toy-filled plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt.

It will be held following our 10 AM
Easter Sunday worship service
in the parking lot
(weather permitting).

THANK YOU!



Treasurer's Report for January 2021

PLEDGED Income received

(January 2021)	\$6,880.00
(January 2020)	\$9,660.00
Difference	-\$2,780.00

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(January 2021)	\$290.00
(January 2020)	\$1,584.00
Difference	-\$1,294.00

Total INCOME for (January 2021) *	\$10,022.65
Total INCOME for (January 2020)	\$13,080.07

Difference	-\$13,080.07
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Total EXPENSE for (January 2021)	\$12,229.01
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Total EXPENSE for (January 2020)	\$9,534.21
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Difference	-\$9,534.21
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Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2021	\$5,865.48
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Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2020	\$12,605.33
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Difference	-\$6,739.85
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*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$0.00
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$110.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$0.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for January 2021	-\$1258.41
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Capital Funds Campaign	\$ 2,806.16
Income	\$ 990.00
Expenses	\$ -
Interest	\$ 0.07
TOTAL	\$ 3,796.23

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

or Jeanne Phelan (414-940-4464).

5 FACTS



to know about the new Special Enrollment Period due to COVID-19

1 Timeline

The new Special Enrollment Period (SEP) runs from February 15th to May 15th. If a member already enrolled in 2021 CGHC coverage, there is no requirement to do anything during this time.

2 Enrollment

Anyone can enroll during the new SEP, either through Healthcare.gov or directly through CGHC. Enrollees' applications must be received by CGHC by May 15th. On-exchange enrollees have 30 days to choose a benefit plan after submitting an application. If you are a current CGHC member and would like to change your plan during this SEP, please contact your broker or CGHC sales team at 855.494.2667.

3 Effective Date

After choosing a benefit plan, coverage will begin on the first day of the following month! Ex: If an enrollee chooses a plan on March 30th, coverage will begin on April 1st.

4 Benefit Plan or Level Changes

Enrollees do not have to remain in the same metal level. If current CGHC members choose a new CGHC plan, their maximum out-of-pocket and deductible expenses from 2021 will carry over to their new benefit plan! Carry over is not guaranteed if you are going to a different health insurance carrier.*

5 Who should enroll?

This is a great opportunity for anyone who missed their chance to enroll during the original Open Enrollment Period. Anyone interested in comprehensive, honest health insurance can enroll in a CGHC plan during this time!



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

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