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FROM
PASTOR LEANNE

Be the Church...fight for the powerless

As you read this, perhaps you are already thinking about when you will have time to put away the Christmas tree, if you can get the lights taken down from outside before we have a heavy snow, and if the gifts have already been forgotten in the bluster of the New Year.

Often, it seems Christmas starts so early and it ends so abruptly as we transition into whatever comes next.

Which brings me to Howard Thurman. He was born in 1899 in one of Daytona, FL's three black families. Despite great loss in his family, despite the few options for education, despite society's racism, Howard Thurman became Rev. Dr. Thurman, pastor, preacher, teacher, mystic. He studied non-violence with Gandhi and he taught it to Dr. King. He believed that the Good News of Jesus was to the disinherited, underprivileged, left behind, pushed aside, the powerless.

And we have a call to be people of Good News. We are called to share the Good News of God's love with all people. And that Good News has to be Good News for the people society leaves behind, the very kinds of people Jesus spent time with.

That Good News includes feeding the hungry, healing the sick, caring for the immigrant. That Good News includes asking something why they are hungry, sick, fleeing and seeking answers. The Good News includes seeing those society has left behind and speaking up, using whatever platform we have available to remind others they are still there, there is still a need, and there is we can do.

Nigeria is still in the middle of a war and there are still girls being kidnapped. There are LGBT+ people being arrested around the world. Muslims are being rounded into camps and killed. The children of cobalt miners—the

element that makes rechargeable batteries—are being born with birth defects.

It is a lot. But you don't have to solve everything. Pick one, then use your voice, your platforms, your resources to raise awareness, to lift their stories, to fight for the powerless.

Dr. Thurman wrote:

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

Let us be of the world of Christmas all year long.

Pastor Leanne

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

The Messenger

January 2022

9:30 AM Worship
 (live streamed on Facebook)

January 2

prayers for the Kerr family & Kristen & Jared Kramer

John 1:35-51

HOLY COMMUNION * FOOD PANTRY

SUNDAY * ORDER SCRIP

Tuesday: 10 AM Bible Study

January 9

prayers for Sherri & Bob Krantz and the Langreder family

John 2:1-11

Monday: Trustees meeting at 4 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

Saturday: deadline for February newsletter articles

January 16

prayers for the Laur and Lui families

John 2:13-25

Council Meeting after Worship

Monday – Friday: Emmanuel delivers Dousman Area Meals

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

January 23

prayers for Lorna & Jere Marheine and the Mayer family

John 3:1-21

11:30 AM Potluck & Movie at St. Mary's

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

January 30

prayers for Jan & Jim McGraw and Carole & Dan Milos

John 4:1-42

Annual Meeting of the Congregation after Worship

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

John R. Quaden...Resting in God's Hands



On December 18th we lost a dear friend who had been a member of Emmanuel since 1961. At the age of 87, John Quaden passed away at Angels Grace Hospice Care following a lengthy battle with melanoma. When John was still well enough to occasionally attend worship, he was always good-humored, never allowing the pain he was enduring to alter his friendly personality.

He founded John Quaden Dodge on January 1, 1966 in Okauchee, which later became Quaden Motors. He was a member of Wisconsin Masonic Lodge #315 in Dousman for over 50 years, where he was also a past Master. John was a well-respected businessman, and a wonderful person, and will be missed by all. He loved doing yard work at his home in Dousman and his lake home up north in Tomahawk. He enjoyed snowmobiling with family and friends.

Our prayers, love and sympathy continue for his family...his wife of 30 years, Karen and his four sons, John C. (Jo), James (Frida), Jerald, and Joel (Wendy); one grandson, Tanner; a brother-in-law, John Carey; as well as other relatives, friends and his beloved dog, Stevie.

John was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Janet Carey; and his first wife, Carole (nee Wenzel), the mother of his four sons.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, December 29 at Emmanuel at 12 PM. A visitation will be held beginning at 10 AM until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Emmanuel United Church Christ, Wisconsin Masonic Lodge #315 (Dousman), or Melanoma Research Foundation would be appreciated.

JANUARY Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Jere Marheine	5	Gregg Jarrett	17
Sherri Krantz	6	Mike Laur	22
Pat Doering	13		
Bill Welch	13		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Carole & Dan Milos	19
Marjore & Mark Thompson	31

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Vera Ortmann	3,	1971	51 yrs
Shirlene Hazelberg	27,	2008	14 yrs
Sherri & Bob Krantz	27,	2008	14 yrs
Melissa & Rick Rivera	27,	2008	14 yrs
Charlotte Voigt	27,	2008	14 yrs
Sharon Logemann	31,	2010	12 yrs

JANUARY



CLEANING THE CHURCH Corrine Mayer & Charlotte Voigt

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
2	Kristen Voskuil	Sarah Leuwerke
9	Connie Motelet	Robert Zondag
16	Shirlene Hazelberg	Student
23	Debbie Morgan	Ann Carpenter
30	Carol Pfalz	Jeannie Phelan

Update on Jim Langreder's MiD Process



Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. This journey of discernment, learning and doing certainly has been life changing for me and my family.

I continue to be a chaplain intern at Aurora Lakeland and Burlington and have classes to go along with my learning. This

will continue through the end of May.

In January I will begin a 12 month Leadership Skills course that will entail further developing my pastoral leadership skills. This will be taken from the Damascus Project which is a joint effort of the Wisconsin and Minnesota UCC conferences to provide education to lay leaders, pastors, congregation members etc.

I was able to provide pulpit supply for East Troy UCC on December 5th and will be at First Congregational in Waukesha January 2nd.

Big news...drum roll....

I have been called by East Troy UCC to provide long term pulpit supply and pastoral services beginning January 3rd, 2022. Although I feel called to chaplaincy as of lately, this will be a wonderful opportunity for hands on learning as well as to further discern the call of God on my life.

Once again, I do greatly appreciate all of your prayers, phone calls, text messages and emails.

Blessings in the New Year!
Jim



Movies and Discussion!

Do you love movies? Discussions? Join us for lunch and a movie with St Mary's church (Hwy. 18 & 67)!

On the 4th Sunday of the month, we will have a potluck at 11:30 and start the movies at noon. We'll have a mix of genres of movies, for diverse age groups.

Our first movie will be "Frozen" at St Mary's and we will have some discussion around love, trust and secrets.

Movie Schedule

Potluck at 11:30, movie at noon

January 23 – Frozen at St Mary's

February 27, April 24 at Emmanuel Fellowship Hall (movies TBD)

March 27, May 22 at St Mary's (movies TBD)

From Social Concerns...



Our collection for Afghanistan Refugees at Fort McCoy was very successful! We raised \$618 to help give families a new start here in America. Lutheran Social Services is the organization that is helping them get resettled.

Unfortunately, the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy was a tragedy too close to home. One reckless criminal act resulted in several deaths and many injured along with lots of children and families traumatized. We collected \$92 for the Waukesha Community Foundation to help those in need.

We now have been presented with another need in Waukesha and with a close connection to our congregation. Melanie Lauer's sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Scott Hastreiter, own one of the 48 units in the Horizon West Condo building that was evacuated by the Waukesha Fire Department on December 2nd because the building was deteriorating and in imminent threat of collapsing. The police came to their door and told them they had less than an hour to pack up and leave their home and were told to pack as if they would never be back. In the months before this event, Condo owners became aware that the building's balconies were unsafe and needed to be removed. This occurred, just days before the evacuation at the expense of each condo owner. Beth and Scott took out a second mortgage on their home to cover the \$12,000 in expenses to have theirs removed. They are only now being allowed back in

this week for 4 hours to remove any personal items they can.

Melanie tells us her sister and brother-in-law are the most kindhearted, thoughtful, and caring people she knows. You may remember last year we helped by bringing bottled water and easy to eat foods for the homeless that Melanie and Beth's families delivered, as they saw many in the City Park hungry and thirsty. The Homeless Day Centers, due to covid, were shut down on Sundays and the Hastreiter and Lauer families saw their need.

Thank you once again for opening your heart to needs in our community!



Thanks to all who volunteered to provide meals to our families in the Family Promise Shelter Program, purchased gifts or gift cards for the families that had tags on the Angel Tree and donated winter clothing articles. We also want to thank those who contributed to the fundraising campaign. The final numbers are not in yet for this end of the year drive. In 2021, \$100,000 was used to help 44 families remain in their homes and to shelter 15 households.

Starting in the early spring of 2022, we hope to begin a different model of shelter. We will start with a static or stationary site which means we would be using only one church for our guests. The guests would not be moving every Sunday. As in the past, the host and support churches would take turns making meals but bring those meals to that designated church. We will be asking members of our congregation of their interest in volunteering. Retraining would take place. More information will follow. If you have questions now, please talk to Sue Stelling or Charlotte Voigt, Volunteer Coordinators for Emmanuel.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES!

Join us as we travel through the stories of the Bible and discuss commentary and share fellowship time! 10-11 AM in the library.



The theme for this year's pledge drive was "Rooted in Love." What does that mean for us as individuals and as a congregation? The results of our pledge drive and the gifts on our apple tree prove that our roots are firmly planted in love.

Results of the 2022 pledge drive:

General Fund: \$105,160.00 (30 pledges)
OCWM: \$4,350.00 (11 pledges)

Thank you for being so generous with your gifts.
The Board of Stewards

This n That...



- ♥ Sandie Horne and Kathy Zebrowski for delivering the Vet Bags to the Veterans Hospital.
- ♥ Shirlene Hazelberg for coordinating the Vet Bag and Angel Tree projects and delivering the Angel Tree gifts.

- ♥ The Sunday School children for singing on December 19th and their leaders Kristen Voskuil and Charlotte Voigt.
- ♥ Those who are running the keyboard for our Sunday morning music and those leading the singing...Charlotte Voigt, Jenny Mickle, Ann Carpenter, Melanie Laur, Christy Lui, Gary Phelps.
- ♥ our December Scripture Readers: Mary Branson, Jeannie Phelan, Steve Thompson, Jim Langreder.
- ♥ our Dousman Meals drivers for December: Laurie Buckett, Nansi Hawkins, Kris Davidson, Shirlene Hazelberg, Jo Quaden, Charlotte Voigt, Kathy Zebrowski, Barb & John Wood.
- ♥ the Smith family, Kristen Voskuil and Laurie Buckett for cleaning the church building in December.
- ♥ Laurie Buckett for taking our donations to the Food Pantry AND Mary Branson for being our Scrip Program Coordinator.
- ♥ Everyone involved in lighting the candles during the Advent/Christmas Season.
- ♥ Poinsettia donations...THANK YOU to all who donated and thank you Robert Zondag for arranging them.
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan, Jim Langreder and Donna Newland for leading Worship on December 26th.



- ♥ Karen Quaden and family as they mourn the passing of John.
- ♥ Continuing prayers for those

recovering from surgery: Linda Berlin and Charlotte Voigt's friend, Mary.

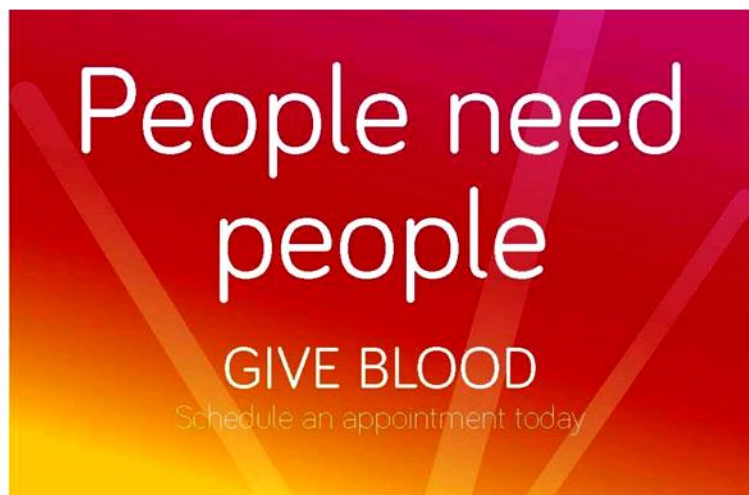
- ♥ Continuing prayers for recovery for Christy Lui's mother, Marilee.

- ♥ Frieda Goetsch who is improving, but still dealing with the effects of Polymyalgia rheumatica.
- ♥ Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica who is receiving chemo treatments.
- ♥ The Laur family as well as Melanie's sister Beth and brother-in-law Scott who were forced out of their condo when the building was condemned.
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins.
- ♥ Those coping with Covid in their families and workplaces.



**From Charlotte Voigt's friend,
Mary Maselter...**

To Members of Emmanuel U. C.C. Church – thank you for all of the cards, prayers and positive thoughts to get me through surgery and now recovery! It all helped. I am at home recovering – it is a slow process but each day seems a bit easier. Keeping you all in my prayers for a safe and healthy holiday.



Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

CDC & FDA face covering required.

VersiPASS Online
Pre-questionnaire -
<https://bit.ly/versipasswi>

**Dousman Community
Blood Drive Tuesday, January 11.
1:30-6:30 PM**

www.versiti.org/dousman

Join us at one of our upcoming, lifesaving blood drive at the Ottawa Lion's Club!! By donating blood, you are able to impact as many as three patient lives - patient lives in our community like family, friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

**SCHEDULE TODAY: Call 877-BE-A-HERO
or visit versiti.org/hfd**

Thank you for your continued support to ensure a stable blood supply for our hospitals and their patients.

Information related to COVID-19 visit, Versiti.org/covid19

For more information, 877-232-4376 or visit Versiti.org/WI





Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

January 2nd

The bin for collecting donations for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry is in the foyer as you enter the church. The first Sunday of the month is our designated donation day.

PLEASE NOTE: We will need to check the expiration dates on our donations. All donations must have expiration dates that are at least **6 months** away. The earliest expiration date for January donations will be July 2022.

Thank you, Laurie Buckett for taking our donations to the Food Pantry.

January 2nd



Cards will be delivered to you on January 9th.

Order forms will be on the table next to Donna's office the first of each month. You can pick up your cards the following Sunday.

If you are able, Pastor Leanne could use additional \$25 gift cards from gas stations and grocery stores for our Congregational Care Ministry.

Thank you Mary Branson and Laurie Buckett for coordinating this ongoing fundraiser.

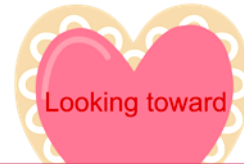


THANK YOU for your ongoing support!

We appreciate your ongoing support. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118...OR scan our Paypal QR code if you prefer:



Thank you for donating your aluminum cans to our Precious Metals project. Monies received from recycling the cans and other metals benefits Emmanuel's operating budget. (Please leave donations, securely bagged in plastic bags to the left of the garage...once snow comes, the plows may plow them away if they're left in front of the garage.)



FEBRUARY

Sundays	Each	9:30 AM Worship. Live-streamed on Facebook.
Tuesdays	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM in the library.
Sunday	6	Holy Communion / Food Pantry / order Scrip
Sunday	20	Council meeting after Worship
M-F	14-18	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman area meals
M-W	21-23	Pastor Leanne out of town at a clergy retreat
Sunday	27	Movie & Discussion @ Emmanuel, starting with 11:30 AM potluck



ATTEMPTS TO MAKE THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER MORE EXCITING TO READ WERE GETTING OUT OF HAND.

Treasurer's Report for November 2021

PLEDGED Income received

(November 2021)	\$11,476.00
(November 2020)	\$6,765.00
Difference	\$4,711.00

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(November 2021)	\$3,639.34
(November 2020)	\$845.00
Difference	\$2,794.34

Total INCOME for (November 2021) *	\$17,238.77
Total INCOME for (November 2020)	\$8,543.65
Difference	\$8,695.12

Total EXPENSE for (November 2021)	\$16,687.73
Total EXPENSE for (November 2020)	\$11,434.14
Difference	\$5,253.59

Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2021	\$7,753.30
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2020	\$13,061.45
Difference	-\$5,308.15

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$345.43
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$225.00
SCRIP sales	\$925.00
Fund Raiser	\$208.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for November 2021	(\$5,158.57)
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Capital Funds Campaign	\$ 11,032.18
Income	\$ 370.00
Expenses	\$ (6,203.04)
Interest	\$ 0.29
TOTAL	\$ 5,199.43

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

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