



**EMMANUEL**  
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## The Messenger

February 2022



FROM  
**PASTOR LEANNE**

### Be the Church...share the earth

Over the summer, some of us read *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. She writes as someone who is educated in science and trained and rooted in Indigenous wisdom and practices. While many "traditional" scientists believed that these two ways of looking at the world stood in opposition to one another, Kimmerer found that they were far more integrated and supported one another. Using the scientific method, Kimmerer and her students found that ethically harvesting the sweetgrass caused it to grow back more fully and healthy than just leaving the grass to grow without any intervention, knowledge that the indigenous persons who harvested the sweetgrass for centuries already knew.

She tells of three sisters, a planting practice that goes back thousands of years. At the same time in the spring, those who plant would place together corn, bean, and pumpkin seeds in one mound. The corn grows first, growing tall. The bean grows second and would find in the corn a ready trellis to support it as it grew and matured. Last would grow the pumpkin, spreading its wide leaves to shade the ground and hold the moisture beneath them in the heat of the summer. Each sister serving a purpose, each supporting the growth of the other, each thriving because the other is there.

I think about this often. How can we live on this earth with other people, animals, plants, creatures of all kinds and

live in a way that each of us can thrive and support each other? What if, instead of living as if humans (particularly humans that look like me or you) are the only ones who deserve to thrive in this world, what if we decided it matters how other creatures can live? What if we decide that it matters how others around the world live?

When Jesus talked about loving our neighbors, it wasn't just our neighbors who are near us, but the neighbors we might never meet. It can be overwhelming. But, perhaps we start in small ways: buying local or fair trade, being intentional about where we invest our money or supporting unionization efforts, moving through the world with intention and prayer. Sharing the earth is finding ways to live and thrive together, to support each other together. May we be the church that shares the earth with all of creation.

Pastor Leanne

9:30 AM Worship  
(live streamed on Facebook)

### February 6

prayers for the Debbie Morgan and  
Connie & Dan Motelet

John 4:46-54

**HOLY COMMUNION \* ORDER SCRIP**  
Tuesday: 10 AM Bible Study

### February 13

prayers for Donna & Jack Newland and  
the Obenberger family

John 6:35-59

**SOUPER BOWL & WAKE UP WITH GOD!!**  
Monday – Friday: Emmanuel delivers  
Dousman Area Meals

Monday: Trustees meeting at 4 PM  
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM &  
deadline for March newsletter articles

### February 20

prayers for the Vera & Don Ortmann  
and the Pakula/Schultz family

John 7:37-52

**Council Meeting after Worship**  
Monday – Wednesday Pastor Leanne  
away on retreat  
Tuesday: NO Bible Study

### February 27

prayers for Sharon & John Perez and  
Carol & John Pfalz

John 9:1-41

**11:30 AM Potluck & Movie at St. Mary's**  
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM



# FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

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



**CLEANING THE CHURCH: We currently have no one signed up!**

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	MUSIC KEYBOARD OPERATORS
6	Donna Newland	Mary Branson	Jenny Mickle
13	Stellings	Steve Thompson	Steve Thompson
20	Laurie Buckett		Craig Berentsen
27	Kristen Voskuil	Sarah Leuwerke	Jenny Mickle

## Mary Branson

Mary is looking for a new place to live. It needs to be affordable and preferably located in our general area. She works in Oconomowoc. If you know of something, please do Mary a favor and let her know: 262-567-1493 or email her at [ashelteredhouse.com](mailto:ashelteredhouse.com). THANK YOU!



## In-Person Worship is Continuing

**FACE MASK REQUIRED**

After much thought and discussion our Church Council has decided to continue in-person Worship. We are continually

monitoring the situation in our area and will advise if that needs to change in the future.

Some changes to keep everyone as safe as possible...we now ask that you wear a face mask when attending Worship. It is no longer optional, it's required. We also ask that you maintain proper distance from other worshipers and not gather inside the building to visit with others.

## Rest in Peace

**Jan Wilson**

**December 13, 1935 – December 30, 2021**



It's interesting when you learn most of what you know about a person by reading their obituary. That is the case with Jan Wilson, who joined the Emmanuel family in 2007. She attended worship when able and was always a friendly, cheerful person, even when her health began to fail. She was

fiercely supportive of our music program, making a special donation toward sheet music and needed supplies for Jim and the choir.

Upon moving to Summit Woods in Waukesha, we kept in contact with Jan, but she was no longer able to attend worship. After a number of years in Waukesha, she moved to a complex in Hartland. During these years, we kept in contact through phone calls and letters.

Jan was an adventurous person. Upon high school graduation, before attending college at UW-La Crosse, she traveled to Europe, which was the start of her love for seeing the world. Jan earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education and biology, which she put to use when she became a contract teacher for the Air Force overseas. Her support of the military continued throughout her life. In later years, she also worked for the Kettle Moraine School District in various capacities. Jan was a Scout leader and thoroughly enjoyed outdoor activities of all kinds.

Jan leaves behind her two sons, Josh (Sara) and Jay (Heather) along with grandchildren Eli, Autumn, Anika and Lazlo. A service celebrating her life was held on Saturday, January 22 at the Cesarz, Charapata & Zinnecker Funeral Home in Waukesha, with Pastor Leanne presiding.

**February 13th**

# SOUPER BOWL

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Emmanuel UCC will celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday AND Wake up with God at the Emmanuel Bowl (i.e. our church).

We ask that you bring non-perishable goods to church on the 13<sup>th</sup> where there will be boxes dedicated to the two final teams one of whom is surely to be the Green Bay Packers (or not!). Whichever team gets the most food items will win the Souper Bowl and needy people in our area will benefit. If you're feeling extra festive wear your pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal or blanket to church. The Sunday School kids will eat breakfast snacks generously spaced out from each other but not a full breakfast as in the past for safety reasons and play games in their pajamas. If services need to be remote only for safety reasons Wake up with God will be canceled but people can still donate to the Souper Bowl by dropping off items at the church after the service on February 13<sup>th</sup>.



*Wake Up with God!*

Souper Bowl. Wake up with God. Two epic events. One day. Let's hope the Patriots aren't in it again this year.



**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!*



### Dousman Meals Program

Every four weeks Emmanuel volunteers take their turn for the Dousman Area Home Meals Program. They pick up the meals at Three Pillars and deliver them to shut-ins in our area. Starting in February, we will have lost FIVE of our regular drivers who have gone to warmer climates this winter. If you have a vehicle and some free time between 11:15 AM and 1 PM Monday through Friday, we could use your help! Please contact Donna for more information.

### Letter Writing to our dear Shut-ins

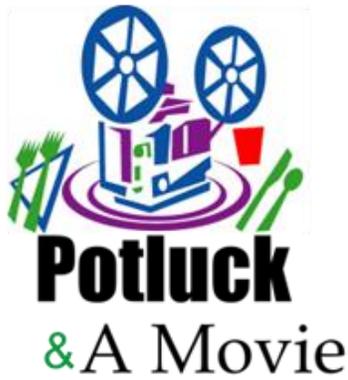
One of the ways we stay connected to those who are no longer able to attend Worship and other events in person is by sending them a weekly newsy letter along with a copy of the previous Sunday's bulletin and sermon. Until recently, the letter writing has been done each week by the pastor, but Pastor Leanne feels they may be growing weary of her weekly weather reports and such, so has enlisted the rest of us to take turns writing letters. We have posted a sign-up sheet to indicate the week you are able to write a letter. What you would do is write a newsy letter...if you do not know the people to whom you are writing, introduce yourself and give some info on who you are! You can include news of your personal life, things going on in church or whatever you would normally include in a letter to a friend. Give (email or bring in) the letter to Donna and she will run copies for our shut-ins (the same letter may go to all). Currently we are writing to Judy Stanek, Sharon Logemann and Vera Ortmann (until she can get her body fixed and rejoin us!!).

### Keyboard Operation

Since Jim Langreder's resignation, we have mainly been without a musician. We are coping with the vacancy by playing prerecorded music on our keyboard. The music is downloaded from the internet and all you have to do is push the PLAY button on the keyboard. We provide copies of the hymns being sung and will train you as well! Our Keyboard Team currently consists of Charlotte Voigt (who is leaving us for Florida for a couple of months), Steve Thompson, Jenny Mickle and Craig Berentsen. If this is something you would be comfortable doing, please speak to Pastor Leanne.

### Cleaning Teams

Our operating budget is blessed by the fact that much of the week-in-week-out work around the church building and grounds is done by members of our church family. Each month, a team of volunteers cleans the church building a couple of times. We provide a check-off list on what needs to be done and the schedule (although listed on the monthly calendar), is at your discretion and availability. It works best if you team up with one or two other people so that no one person has to do too much. Please sign up in the gathering area if you are able to volunteer a few hours during the year for this important work.



## Potluck & A Movie

### Movies and Discussion!

Due to the high COVID cases, the January 23<sup>rd</sup> event was rescheduled. Hopefully, the situation will have improved by February 27<sup>th</sup>, the date to which we've rescheduled the event.

On February 27<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at St. Mary's church on Hwy. 18 & 67 for potluck at 11:30 AM and then view the movie "Frozen" followed by discussion. Please join us!

Going forward, the events will be held 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.

#### Movie Schedule

Potluck at 11:30, movie at noon

February 27, April 24 at St. Mary's

March 27, May 22 at Emmanuel UCC fellowship hall



Thanks to everyone for their support of all our good causes this past year!

The Singing Bowl is continuing to help Beth and Scott Hastreiter, Melanie Lauer's sister and brother-in-law, who were residents of Waukesha Horizon West Condo and were forced to evacuate their unsafe homes. The 48 condo owners are now told by the City that they must pay for the razing of the unsafe building, the banks say they must pay their mortgages, and insurances at this time say they are not going to help. You've generously given \$665.31, and we'll continue collecting for them February and March. Thank you!

Stay tuned for more opportunities to help our communities.



## February 6

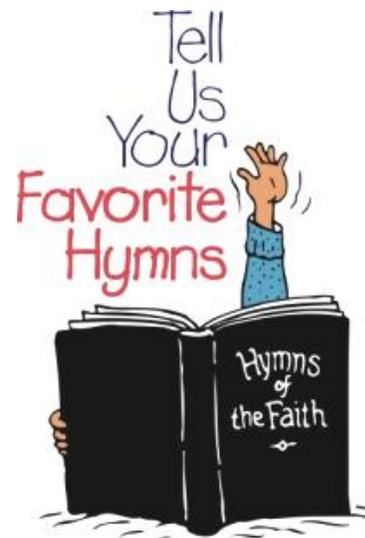
Cards will be delivered to you on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES!**  
**Each week we center on the Scripture text for the following Sunday. It's interesting and mind-expanding AND gives us a better insight on the coming Sunday's Worship theme!**  
**Join us in the library at 10 AM on Tuesdays.**  
**Each week is a new conversation, so if you can't make it every time, you won't feel left out!**



Something we hear fairly frequently...."we never sing the old hymns" or "we never sing my favorite hymns." We want to change that, BUT we need to know what they are!! If you have a favorite that we haven't been singing or you haven't heard for a long time, let us know. You can email us ([pastor@seeyouonsunday.org](mailto:pastor@seeyouonsunday.org)) or make a note of it on the attendance insert in your Worship bulletin. We'll do our best to oblige you. Please know, however, because we are limited to music that we can find online at the moment, if you choose something that is not available to us, we will not be able to satisfy your request at the present time.

**Emmanuel  
wouldn't be the same without you...**



♥ Those who are running the keyboard for our Sunday morning music and those leading the singing...Charlotte Voigt, Jenny Mickle, Steve Thompson, Craig Berentsen, Ann Carpenter, Melanie Laur, Christy Lui, Gary Phelps.

♥ our January Scripture Readers: Sarah Leuwerke, Robert Zondag,

Steve Thompson, Ann Carpenter, Jeannie Phelan.

- ♥ our Dousman Meals drivers for January: Barb & John Wood, Kristen Kramer, Charlotte Voigt, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Shirlene Hazelberg, Steve Thompson, Jo Quaden, Nansi Hawkins and Sue Stelling.
- ♥ Charlotte Voigt and Corrine Mayer for cleaning the church building in January.
- ♥ Laurie Buckett for taking our donations to the Food Pantry AND Mary Branson for being our Scrip Program Coordinator.

**LET'S ALL GIVE A BIG THANK YOU to our ladies who take care of the financial end of church operations! They spend many hours each month taking care of business...Kathy Zebrowski, Jeannie Phelan, Laurie Buckett and Carol Pfalz.**



♥ Please continue to keep Karen Quaden and all of John's family in your prayers as they learn to navigate life without John as well as Jan Wilson's family as they grieve her passing.

♥ Prays for those recovering from surgery: Linda Berlin and Judy St. Martin.

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

- ♥ Vera Ortmann who has been suffering with an injured shoulder since 2020...prayers that she finally can get a surgery or something to improve the situation.
- ♥ Frieda Goetsch who continues to heal from Polymyalgia rheumatica.
- ♥ 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.



Karen Quaden and all of John's family wish to thank all of you for the prayers, cards and support during John's long illness leading up to his passing. Your care and concern made a difficult journey a little easier. Thank you and God Bless.



**Tech Upgrade**

**Coming Soon!**

In December, our Memorial Committee gave approval to use funds from our Memorial Accounts to install an upgrade to our Sanctuary camera system. The new camera will be mounted on the back Sanctuary wall, eliminating the need for the camera and wires in the middle of the room. The new system will allow for better online viewing and much more flexibility in our presentations.



**SANCTUARY  
FURNACES**

If you attended the Christmas Eve service, you know that there was not an abundance of heat in the room! Timing is everything...both furnaces that service the Sanctuary were not properly functioning. These two units, which sit outside the Sanctuary on the east and west are original to the building, so they were new in 1997. We have had them repaired numerous times over the past few years and have now been told, it's time to replace them before they completely fail (which could happen at any moment). Our Board of Trustees has gotten bids on new units and will soon be contracting to have them installed, but likely not until spring. In the meantime, each time you walk into the Sanctuary and feel heat, say a prayer of THANKS!!



Wed	2	Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten Season
Sun	Each	9:30 AM Worship in-person and live-streamed on Facebook.
Sun	6	Holy Communion / Food Pantry / order Scrip
Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM in the library.
Tues	14	Trustees meeting, 4 PM
Sun	20	Council meeting after Worship
M-F	14-18	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman area meals
Sun	27	Special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing Movie & Discussion @ Emmanuel, starting with 11:30 AM potluck

### Treasurer's Report for December 2021

PLEDGED Income received

(December 2021)	\$5,620.00
(December 2020)	\$7,565.00
Difference	-\$1,945.00

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(December 2021)	\$2,825.00
(December 2020)	\$3,120.00
Difference	-\$295.00

Total INCOME for (December 2021) *	\$13,464.14
Total INCOME for (December 2020)	\$11,976.59
Difference	\$1,487.55

Total EXPENSE for (December 2021)	\$15,089.81
Total EXPENSE for (December 2020)	\$14,634.41
Difference	\$455.40

Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$4,720.27
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$9,595.99
Difference	-\$4,875.72

\*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$684.14
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$580.00
SCRIP sales	\$1,655.00
Fund Raiser	\$0.00
RBC Investment Account Growth for December 2021	\$6,961.44

Capital Funds Campaign	\$ 5,199.43
Income	\$ 2,100.00
Expenses	\$ -
Interest	\$ 0.23
TOTAL	\$ 7,299.66

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



# Valentine's Day



## Word Search



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# FEBRUARY

**9:30 AM WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY**  
**(also live-streamed on Facebook)**

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