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FROM
PASTOR LEANNE



It has often seemed to me that Lent comes at the wrong time of the year. Lent is a season of honest reflection about who we are and who we had hoped to be. Lent is a time to recall the wrongs we have done—as individuals and as communities—and begin the hard work to set it right. It is hard work to be honest with ourselves and our pasts. In the time when we in the northern hemisphere have been bogged down by the cold and the darkness that is winter, we then begin a time of reflection and contemplation, remorse and forgiveness, like we need more reason to be sad in the middle the darkest times of the year.

But maybe it is perfect, too. As the days go on, they continue to get longer, the light stays just a little bit longer, and there are more days when it becomes more comfortable to be outside in the growing light. Perhaps as we shed some of the guilt and shame we tend to carry, the regrets and the pain, the unforgiveness and the pessimism, we will start to have more light in our lives as there is more light in the world.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Lent is a time to bring more light.

During Lent this year, you're invited to travel together at home with Van Gogh. His work used color and light, joy and pain, creating beauty in the midst of all of it. There is beauty in the journey of Lent. Let's travel it together.

Pastor Leanne

You can download the Lenten devotional by following this link.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NOTO9Kd92xJ1HRJBqTP7_fCPIPgEJMrn/view?usp=sharing or using the QR code (will be a pdf). We'll also have hard copies available at church.

Devotional



The Messenger

March 2022



9:30 AM Worship
(live streamed on Facebook)

March 2
Ash Wednesday
Worship at Emmanuel, 6:30 PM

March 6 – Lent 1
*prayers for Jeannie Phelan and
the Phelps family*
John 11:1-44
HOLY COMMUNION
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY * ORDER SCRIP
Tuesday: 10 AM Bible Study
Wednesday: Lenten Book Study 7 PM

March 13 - Lent 2
*prayers for Fran & Ken Pike and
Jo & John Quaden*
John 13:1-17
Daylight Saving Time begins...set clocks
ahead Saturday night.
Monday – Friday: Emmanuel delivers
Dousman Area Meals
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM & deadline for
March newsletter articles
Wednesday: Lenten Book Study 7 PM

March 20 - Lent 3
*prayers for Karen Quaden and
the Rivera family*
John 18:12-27
Council Meeting after Worship
Tuesday: 10 AM Bible Study
Wednesday: Lenten Book Study 7 PM

March 27 - Lent 4
*prayers for Pastor Leanne & Kelly and
Judy & Peter St. Martin*
John 18:28-40
SPECIAL OFFERING FOR
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
11:30 AM Potluck & Movie at Emmanuel
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM
Wednesday: Lenten Book Study 7 PM

MARCH

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Betsy & Bill Welch	19
Connie & Dan Motelet	24

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Perez	11,	2007	15 years
Terese Leonhard	20,	2011	11 years
Julia Starbuck	20,	2011	11 years
Jan & Jim McGraw	22,	2009	13 years
Marjore & Mark Thompson	30,	2014	8 years



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

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	MUSIC KEYBOARD OPERATORS
6	Connie Motelet	Robert Zondag	Jenny Mickle
13	Debbie Morgan	Student	Steve Thompson
20	Shirlene Hazelberg	Ann Carpenter	Craig Berentsen
27	Carol Pfalz	Jeannie Phelan	Jenny Mickle

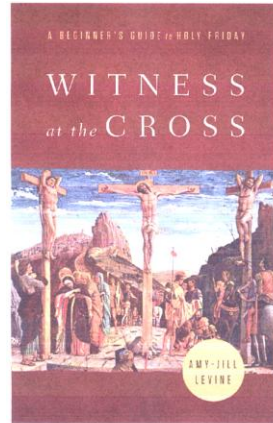
Lenten Book Study

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

7:00 PM

March 9 to April 13

In-person and on Zoom



Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.

We will engage in this intriguing study with other area UCC congregations...each in our own church buildings via Zoom. We will begin with prayer and a brief video and then have conversation about the material. This will be a great opportunity to explore the story and to meet with other congregations in our area. The book may be purchased from Cokesbury.com or Amazon. You may also check with your local bookstore to see if they can order it for you. Join us in person at the church or via Zoom!



In addition to OCWM, Our Church's Wider Mission basic support, the United Church of Christ has 4 Special Mission Offerings throughout the year. They exist to allow congregations and individuals

to meet people at points of critical need in their lives.

One Great Hour of Sharing is our first special mission offering for the year. Tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes floods, and hurricanes have ravaged communities worldwide, in some cases, destroying everything and leaving behind devastation. Drought, violence and Covid wreaked havoc in communities, leaving people without food and resources for themselves and their families.

Through OGHS you can help provide aid for these communities and in addition, support programs which include health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on March 27th. If you are not worshipping with us in-person, please mail your donations to Emmanuel UCC, PO Box 216, Dousman, WI 53118.

Please mark **One Great Hour of Sharing** on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY
worship

March 2nd
6:30 PM

This will be an interactive, family-friendly worship service, held at Emmanuel in cooperation with First Congregational UCC, Oconomowoc...bring the whole family!



March 6th is our day to bring non-perishables for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. The donation bin is in the foyer. THANK YOU to Laurie Buckett for taking our gifts to the pantry.

Movie and Discussion! Sunday, March 27 at Emmanuel!

We will meet in our fellowship hall for potluck at 11:30 AM for potluck and then view the movie 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.



March 6

Cards will be delivered to you on March 13th.

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.



Our Singing Bowl donations for March will benefit NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

It's no secret that mental illness of all types is rampant in our society. NAMI has done and continues to do great things working with those afflicted and their families. People from our own church family have

benefited and continue to benefit from their vast array of resources. Wisconsin has a number of NAMI affiliates, including one located in Waukesha.

A little information from NAMI:

Our Vision

NAMI envisions a world where all people affected by mental illness live healthy, fulfilling lives supported by a community that cares.

Our Mission

NAMI provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

Our Values

- **Hope:** We believe in the possibility of recovery, wellness and the potential in all of us.
- **Inclusion:** We embrace diverse backgrounds, cultures and perspectives.
- **Empowerment:** We promote confidence, self-efficacy and service to our mission.
- **Compassion:** We practice respect, kindness and empathy.
- **Fairness:** We fight for equity and justice.

Who We Are

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health. Today, we are an alliance of more than 600 local Affiliates and 48 State Organizations who work in your community to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need.

Diversity, Equity And Inclusion

At NAMI, we believe a diverse, inclusive and equitable organization (or Alliance) is one where all employees, volunteers and members — regardless of gender, race, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation, education, disability, veteran status or other dimension of diversity — feel valued and respected.

We are committed to a nondiscriminatory approach and to providing equal opportunity for employment, participation and advancement in all programs and worksites.



Updated Mask Policy

With the decline of Covid spread, the mask policy will now be at your discretion.

Upon polling Council members, we realize that some of you are more comfortable wearing a protective mask. By all means, do what you feel is safest and most comfortable for you. Unless the situation worsens again, we will no longer be requiring masks.



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:



This n That...



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

Gary Phelps.

- ♥ Sheri Krantz and John Lui for shoveling the sidewalks .
- ♥ our February Scripture Readers: Mary Branson, Steve Thompson, and Jeannie Phelan.
- ♥ our Dousman Meals drivers for February: Sue Stelling, Nicole Kerr, Nansi Hawkins, Heather Brisk, Laurie Buckett, Jo Quaden, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Kathy Zebrowski and Steve Thompson.
- ♥ Sue and Tom Stelling for cleaning the church building.
- ♥ Laurie Buckett for taking our Souper Bowl donations to the Food Pantry.
- ♥ Mary Branson for being our Scrip Program Coordinator.



♥ Leanne Harmann and her family as they mourn the passing of Leanne's father, Bob Granzow, on February 12th.

- ♥ Continuing prayers for Linda Berlin and Judy St. Martin who are recovering from surgeries.
- ♥ Christy Lui's father, Don is dealing with sciatica pain.
- ♥ 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, Judy Stanek, Vera Ortmann and Sharon Logemann.
- ♥ Those coping with Covid in their families and workplaces.



Dear Friends,
Scott and I are godsmacked by your generous gift to us! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make a challenging season for us easier. You are all truly the hands and feet of Jesus

to us at this time. May the blessing you have been to us be returned to you tenfold.

Hugs, Beth & Scott

(Beth is Melanie Laur's sister and Scott, her husband. They were 'ousted' out of their Waukesha condo when the building was condemned a few months ago. Our Singing Bowl donations have been benefiting their situation since we learned of it.)

To all my friends at church,
I wanted to thank you personally for the beautiful flowers and all the wonderful cards I received on my birthday. Since I won't be there for awhile, I will do it this way. It was all so appreciated. I thank you a million times.

Love, Mary Ellen

(Mary Ellen Jondle celebrated 100 years of life on December 22nd)

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!



Our February 13th Souper Bowl event yielded 86 items for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. THANK YOU to all who donated AND to Kristen Voskuil and the Sunday School children for coordinating the event and announcing the results in Worship.



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.)



Sun	Each	9:30 AM Worship in-person and live-streamed on Facebook.
Sun	3	Holy Communion / Food Pantry / order Scrip
Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM in the library.
Wed	6	Lenten Book Study 7 PM
Sun	10	Palm Sunday
Tues	11	Trustees meeting, 4 PM
M-F	11-15	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman area meals
Wed	6	Lenten Book Study 7 PM
Wed	13	Lenten Book Study 7 PM
Thurs	14	Maundy Thursday
Fri	15	Good Friday
Sun	17	Easter Sunday!
Sun	24	Movie & Discussion @ St. Mary's starting with 11:30 AM potluck



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.

Treasurer's Report for January 2022

PLEDGED Income received

(January 2022)	\$8,960.00
(January 2021)	\$6,880.00
Difference	\$2,080.00

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(January 2022)	\$1,174.00
(January 2021)	\$290.00
Difference	\$884.00

Total INCOME for (January 2022) *	\$11,244.30
Total INCOME for (January 2021)	\$8,270.00

Difference	\$2,974.30
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Total EXPENSE for (January 2022)	\$17,151.51
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Total EXPENSE for (January 2021)	\$10,898.39
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Difference	\$6,253.12
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Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2022	\$6,496.88
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Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2021	\$5,865.48
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Difference	\$631.40
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*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$140.30
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$155.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$0.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for January 2022	-\$11,917.23
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Capital Funds Campaign	\$ 7,299.66
Income	\$ -
Expenses	- \$ 1,915.64
Interest	\$ 0.17
TOTAL	\$ 5,384.19

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





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

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