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Our culture, for generations, has been pushing for an increasingly individualistic view of the world. It teaches us to prioritize ourselves (this might include our immediate family) above all others, that we should be able to make it on our own (and we have failed if we can't), and that our lives are distinct from each other. The results are pitting individuals and groups against each other by class, race, region, and generations.

The church presents a different view of the world. One that is counter to the culture but might be more instinctual—we need each other. We are communal people. We need interaction, connection, affirmation. We need support in difficult times and need to be useful when we're able. We need to be challenged so we can continue to grow and learn.

We need to see people who have made it, and hear their stories. The church is one of (perhaps the only) intentionally inter-generational gatherings of non-familial people. Where else do you see elementary school age kids talking with those from the builder generation where the elder isn't in a teaching position or a grandparent? Where everyone can share a story and be heard and appreciated?

The church is place where young people have learned leadership, practiced their talents (so many singers started in church), and found their voice. All of those things we hope our young people learn in all their activities can be learned in the church when everyone is invested.

Yes, it takes showing up. It's our young people showing up to practice service, mission, forgiveness, and community. And it's everyone else showing up for service, mission, forgiveness, and community. It's showing up to invest time, and energy, conversation in young people. It means choosing learning and growth of everyone over expedience. Things may take longer, but if the point is connection, time isn't an issue.

When someone, no matter what age, is part of a community that cares about them, that misses them when they are gone (and reaches out), that values their thoughts and opinions, trusts them with stories and responsibilities, and gives them meaning and opportunities, they will stay connected. This is what building the beloved community, the church is all about.

What can we do? Show up on Sundays and other days. Connect with someone in a different generation than you—learn their names, stories, share yours—and invite them. Maybe you can price rummage sale items or sell hot dogs together! Maybe you could teach Sunday school once a month or once a quarter.

People need beloved communities and the world needs more positive connection.

The Messenger

August 2022

9:30 AM Worship
(live streamed on Facebook)

August 7

*prayers for the Langreder and
Laur families*

HOLY COMMUNION

1 Peter 5

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY * ORDER SCRIP

Council meeting after Worship

Monday: Trustees meeting 4 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM

**Wednesday: Ladies Fellowship
meeting, 1 PM**

**Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @
Roots in Oconomowoc**

August 14

*prayers for the Lui and Marheine
families*

Ruth 1

MESSY CHURCH!!

Coffee Hour

Monday: newsletter deadline

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

**Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @
Roots**

Friday Fire 6-8 PM

August 21

*prayers for Corrine Mayer and
Jan & Jim McGraw*

Ruth 2

**After Worship: move rummage from
east wing to fellowship hall**

ALL WEEK: Rummage Sale Set-up

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

**Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @
Roots**

Saturday: Rummage Sale 8 AM – 4 PM

August 28

*prayers for Carole & Dan Milos and
Debbie Morgan*

Ruth 3

RUMMAGE BAG SALE!!

Monday: Rummage Clean-up 9 AM

**Monday-Friday: Emmanuel delivers the
Dousman Area Home Meals**

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

**Wednesday: Home Brewed Faith 7-8
PM @ the Delafield Brewhaus**

**Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @
Roots**



75% of kids left the CHURCH from 18-29



WHY 25% STAYED CONNECTED WITH CHRIST from 18-29



#1 Ate dinner 5 of 7 nights a week as a family



#2 Served WITH their families in a ministry



#3 Had one spiritual experience in the home during the week



#5 Had at least one faith-focused adult in their lives, other than their parents

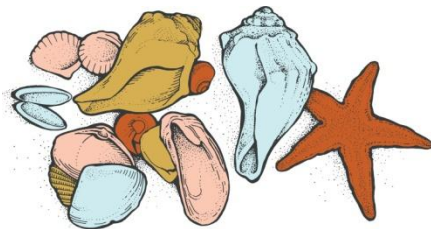


#4 Entrusted with responsibility in ministry at an early age



Communion Prep for August 7th: Julia Starbuck
 CLEANING THE CHURCH: Carol Pfalz
 Coffee Hour Committee: Jo/John Quaden, Charlotte Voigt,
 Carol/John Pfalz

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	MUSIC KEYBOARD OPERATORS
7	Carol Pfalz	Mary Branson	Steve Thompson
14	Donna Newland	Francine Langlais	Jenny Mickle
21	Sue & Tom Stelling	Kris Davidson	Steve Thompson
28	Laurie Buckett	Robert Zondag	Charlotte Voigt



August Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Zebrowski	4	Ken Pike	17
Frieda Goetsch	7	Ben Lui	21
Terese Leonhard	7	Eliza Zabel	22
Xavier Hazelberg	15	Renee Obenberer	24
Emily Pakula	15	Heather Brisk	28

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nancie & Dick Gryske	1
Sharon & John Perez	15
Ann & Bill Carpenter	20
Laurie & Buck Buckett	25
Jan & Jim McGraw (55 YEARS!!)	26

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Peggy & Pete Hazelberg	5,	2007	15 years
Steve Thompson	22,	2010	12 years
Melanie & Mike Laur	28,	2011	11 years

Order SCRIP on August 7

Cards will be delivered to you on August 14th.

Order forms will be on the table next to the church office. Gift cards make great graduation or birthday gifts! The SCRIP program is a fundraiser for the church, so participation is vital!



Continuing Opportunities...

*Friday Fire! August 19th from 6-8 PM.
 Join us around the bonfire...bring your own chair, beverages, snacks if you wish and enjoy some low-key fellowship time!*



MORNING BREW THURSDAYS FROM 8:3-10 am

**Stop in and chat with Pastor Leanne at
 Roots Coffeebar & Cafe
 124 E Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc**

HOME-BREWED FAITH

**Wednesday, August 31st, 7-8 PM
 Delafield Brewhaus 3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES!

**10-11 AM in the library
 Each week's discussion is independent of the prior week's, so come when you can and join the conversation!**



Messy Church August 14th

Intergenerational, with hands-on activities Worship....Join us on August 14th. Coffee Hour will be August 14th too, right where you are in the Sanctuary. These are relaxed, enjoyable services. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend one yet, mark your calendar for August 14th.



Congratulations on your generosity! We raised a little over \$407 for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), our local chapter in Waukesha. It's a great feeling that our contribution might help a family or individual that is experiencing difficulties with mental health. NAMI has so many free counseling services and support groups that are free to those who need them. Not worrying about financial costs for services has got to be a good thing with all the other stressors.

For July and August, we are supporting Everytown for Gun Safety, one of the top rated organizations working for SAFETY for homes, schools, and public settings. With all the senseless shootings in the news, it's hard not to feel overwhelmed but aren't we called as Christians to not give up hope and strive for social justice for everyone. This group has joined together Moms Demand Action (700 groups nationwide), Students Demand Action (400 groups nationwide), Mayors against Illegal Guns (2,000 groups nationwide) and Survivors Network (connecting survivors of gun violence to support other victims and to become gun safety advocates)

Here are a few facts about safety in our state: Wisconsin has no law requiring background checks on unlicensed gun sales. The existing state laws prohibiting domestic abusers from possessing guns are dangerously incomplete. Wisconsin also has no Extreme Risk law to allow family members and law enforcement to petition for the removal of guns from dangerous situations. In Wisconsin, 641 people die by guns every year. To become a safer state, Wisconsin can enact a law requiring background checks on all gun sales, enact an Extreme Risk law, and strengthen its laws keeping guns away from domestic abusers.

Please help by contacting your legislator and/or contributing to our Singing Bowl if you can. Thanks as always to a compassionate congregation.



Our annual Family Promise golf outing fundraiser was held at the end of July. Emmanuel donated a craft basket with many of our church members contributing items to this basket. Thank you to Sandy Jarret and her team for making this contribution.

Speaking at the dinner after the outing was Michelle and her daughter Cami. We met Michelle and Cami when they were our Family Promise guests in 2018. Michelle now owns her own home and shared her experience with Family Promise and the part the organization played in her life.

We again provided meals for families that are in our sheltered apartment program. This assistance reduces some stress and is a savings for each family. One of the families in the program was able to save enough to have a cushion of two months' rent and has moved out of the program after finding a job and a home. She and her 3 children have been homeless for a year, living with friends, family and shelters. Imagine her excitement!

The sign-up for making a meal filled up quickly in July. Thanks to all who participated. If you didn't have a chance to help in this mission - plan ahead. Our next rotation for meals will be in October.



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 by the garage service door. \$253 was added to our General Fund from the last recycling trip, so the results of our metal collections are impactful to the church's finances.



THANK YOU for your ongoing support!

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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



The Emmanuel UCC Rummage AND Bake Sale is Coming on Saturday, August 27th!

Until then, there is lots to do....

SIGN UP!! The volunteer sign-up sheets are on the easel in the Gathering Area. We need people to set up and price items, work the day of the sale (cashiers) AND pack up the left-overs on Monday, August 29th at 9 AM. We will be moving items from the east wing to fellowship hall after Worship on August 21st...please plan to stay and help!!

Donate!

- Smaller items can be brought to the last two rooms on the left hand side in the Sunday School wing. Larger items that are not edible by mice can be put in the garage. If you cannot wait until the 1st mouse proof items can also be brought to the garage.
- Baked goods or other homemade items can be delivered starting Sunday, August 21st up through the day of the sale. Use your best judgment on how long they can sit. Please, no items that need refrigeration and pre-package all items in a sellable wrapping or container.

Sort!

- This can be done by anyone at anytime. Just go to the Sunday School rooms anytime and place any unsorted items by the sign for their categories. If a category for the item has not been created yet, grab a piece of paper for a sign and start one.

Price and Display!

- Starting on Sunday, August 21 through Friday, August 26th masses of wonderful things will need to be brought from the donation rooms and garage to fellowship hall. They will then be organized, displayed, and priced for sale.

Sell, sell, sell!

- On Saturday the 27th we will need some early risers to come at 6am and set up.
- Shifts beginning at 8am until 4pm will need to be staffed to sell the items.

Clean-up!


- On Monday, August 29th any items remaining after our blowout "name your price" free-for-all on Sunday the 28th after church, will need to be packed up for the Veterans Organization truck.

If you have any questions, please contact the sale organizer Kristen Voskuil at 608-698-3777 or

kristenvoskuil1@gmail.com. Also if you have particularly valuable or precious items that you would want a reserve price to be met before selling or that need special care, contact Kristen to make arrangements.

Thank you all so much!

Kristen



Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

DATE OF DONATION: 5/24/2028

AMOUNT OF DONATION: 25-

Thank you for the monetary contribution to the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. The mission of the food pantry is to create a respectful, caring, and compassionate environment for clients, volunteers, donors, and all involved in serving the residents of the Kettle Moraine School District.

We are happy to report that our clients are again shopping in the pantry and choosing items that fit their family's needs based on their family size.

Your contribution was vital in helping us to purchase meats, dairy and produce and in stocking our shelves with dry goods. We greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Jolene Johnson Van Den Elzen

Jolene M Johnson Van Den Elzen, Director

305 W. Tomlin Road
Wales, WI 53183

262.968.6466

Open T-TH-S 10-11 a.m.

Thank you!

REMINDER that the first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday...August 7th is the next one. A plastic bin is in the foyer to receive your donations of non-perishable food items or paper products. Monetary donations are also welcomed! Please mark you check or envelope "Food Pantry."

Laurie Buckett and Kris Davidson are kind enough to take our donations in to the Food Pantry each month...THANK YOU!

This n That...



♥ Our June Sunday "Servers" running the music, leading singing, running the computer, reading Scripture, and ushering Jeannie Phelan, Robert Zondag, Ann Carpenter, Steve Thompson, Laurie Buckett, Connie Motelet, Charlotte Voigt, Debbie Morgan, Kris Davidson, Craig Berentsen.

- ♥ Our Dousman Meals drivers for July: Barb & John Wood, Nansi Hawkins, Kristen Kramer, Kris Davidson, Sue Stelling, Laurie Buckett, Charlotte Voigt and Shirlene Hazelberg.
- ♥ Our July Coffee Hour Committee: Shirlene Hazelberg, Julia Starbuck and Peggy Hazelberg.
- ♥ Kristen Voskuil, Francine Langlais and Ron Blaschuk for cleaning the building in July.
- ♥ Laurie Buckett & Kris Davidson for taking in our Food Pantry donations.
- ♥ Mary Branson for being our Scrip Program Coordinator.
- ♥ Tom Stelling, Gary Phelps and Ken Pike for mowing the lawn.
- ♥ Kathy Zebrowski, Jeannie Phelan and Laurie Buckett who take care of our finances each and every month!



♥ Fran and Ken Pike, the Smith family and Pete & Peggy Hazelberg recovering from Covid.

♥ Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica, recovering from surgery to remove cancer.

- ♥ Kris Davidson, who will be having hip replacement surgery on August 17th.
- ♥ Jere and Lorna Marheine as they are dealing with Jere's fractured hip. Jere will be having surgery either in September.
- ♥ Fran Pike undergoing chemo for pancreatic cancer.
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins, Vera Ortmann and Sharon Logemann.



Sunday	4	Holy Communion, Food Pantry Sunday, order SCRIP
Tuesdays	Each	Bible Study 10-11 AM
Thursday	Each	Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne 8:30-10 AM at Roots in Oconomowoc
Sunday	11	RALLY DAY! Coffee Hour
Monday	12	Trustees meeting 4 PM
Sunday	18	Council meeting 10:45 AM
Sunday	25	Emmanuel's week to provide meals for Family Promise
M-F	26-30	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Wed	28	Home Brewed Faith 7-8 PM at the Delafield Brewhaus



Since the doors opened in July, 2001, the **Lake Area Free Clinic** has welcomed individuals and families who lack health insurance and whose income is below 250% of the federal poverty level. Many of these individuals work full-time, but are either not offered health insurance, or cannot afford the premiums.

We service **all of Waukesha County, plus the Oconomowoc Area School District** (which includes Summit, Ixonia, and Meadowview). The map below shows the service area for the Oconomowoc Area School District.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY!



We Hope You Can Join Us At
Camp Casual 2022 Gala
Saturday, September 10, 2022

We're going back in time to a favorite childhood activity to help raise funds for the Lake Area Free Clinic.

Ingleside Hotel, 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee

**Try your luck at multiple auctions & raffles;
swing by the canteen to join the wine pull;
pick your bounty from the gift card tree;
play camp games with your fellow campers;
enjoy dinner in the mess hall.**

**Camp open at 5:30 PM
for more info, visit LakeAreaFreeClinic.org**

Plymouth Church invites
Southeast Association
Youth Groups

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

1800 N SWAN BLVD
WAUWATOSA, WI 53226

Devotional & Games 4:30-6:00 PM
Swimming 6:00-8:00 PM

Watch for a Save the Date postcard
with more events!

Questions? Contact:
PlymouthPastor@gmail.com



 **Plymouth Church**
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Treasurer's Report for June 2022

PLEDGED Income received

(June 2022)	\$9,762.25
(June 2021)	\$9,740.00
Difference	\$22.25

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(June 2022)	\$1,134.00
(June 2021)	\$3,770.00
Difference	-\$2,636.00

Total INCOME for (June 2022) *	\$12,659.76
Total INCOME for (June 2021)	\$16,643.85
Difference	-\$3,984.09

Total EXPENSE for (June 2022)	\$12,628.28
Total EXPENSE for (June 2021)	\$12,692.81
Difference	-\$64.53

Checking Account Balance as of June 30, 2022	*\$24,638.98
Checking Account Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$5,926.07
Difference	\$18,712.91

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$175.51
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$415.00
SCRIP sales	\$900.00
Fund Raiser	\$253.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for June 2022	(\$35,239.80)
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*June checking balance includes funds transferred to pay for the new Sanctuary furnaces.

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



JULY 15TH FRIDAY FIRE...Mother Nature was a bit uncooperative, but we persevered under the portico with ultimately 17 people attending. THANK YOU to Charlotte Voigt, Mary Maselter, Kathy Zebrowski, Pastor Leanne and Kelly for arranging the fire, music and food!





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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10 AM Bible Study	3	4 8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Roots in Oconomowoc	5	6
Emmanuel delivers Dousman Meals						
7 HOLY COMMUNION SCRIP Food Pantry Sunday 10:45 AM Council meeting	8 4 PM Trustees meeting	9 10 AM Bible Study	10 1 PM Ladies Fellowship meeting	11 8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Roots in Oconomowoc	12	13
14  COFFEE HOUR	15 Deadline for September newsletter	16 10 AM Bible Study	17	18 8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Roots in Oconomowoc	19 FRIDAY FIRE 6-8 PM 	20
CLEAN THE CHURCH						
21 After Worship volunteers needed to move rummage to fellowship hall	22	23 10 AM Bible Study	24	25 8:30-10 AM Morning Brew 4:30-8 PM Southeast Assoc. Youth Back to School Bash	26	27 8 AM – 4 PM RUMMAGE SALE
RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP						
28 RUMMAGE BAG SALE	29 9AM Rummage Clean Up CLEAN THE CHURCH	30 10 AM Bible Study	31 7-8 PM Home Brewed Faith at the Delafield Brewhaus	July 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		September 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
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