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The Messenger

September 2022

FROM PASTOR LEANNE

Symbols are important. They distinguish our group, tribe, family, and allegiance. There are bars in Rome that will play NFL games, which means you could sit down on the other side of the world and find someone in your tribe wearing a green and gold "G."

In the Christian tradition, the cross has become the symbol that lets us know we have the same allegiance. Crosses are common, they are sold affordably at almost every store. They are a sign that the person to whom it belongs is a "nice person." Nice people have and wear crosses. The cross has become nice, a nice gift at confirmation, a nice keepsake, a symbol of niceness. And it is a lovely gift, but perhaps it was supposed to mean something more than "nice."

The cross was used by the Roman Empire to destroy people, to keep them fearful and following the rules, and used as punishment when they did not. The cross of the executed and risen Christ is one that proclaims love will not be vanquished by hate, that peaceful resistance will overwhelm violence, that the quiet rebellion of a people will overturn the powers' empire, that the empire's powers will not have victory over a people who are rooted in love. The cross is political. The cross is powerful. The cross stands up to the powerful of the world who use fear and violence to control and tells them they have already lost. And the cross ought to give us the courage to stand as well in the face of injustice, hatred, abuse, and oppression because our God has faced those and still brings life.

What stands as controversial is the rainbow, the flag in particular. In 1978 artist and Vietnam War veteran Gilbert Baker sewed a large rainbow flag as a symbol of the diversity, love, hope, and harmony of the LGBT+ community. It was aspirational, bold, and joyful. In a world that tried to keep LGBT+ people quiet, hidden, or "normal," the rainbow refused to be made less vibrant. Today, it often represents a safe place for those who are in the LGBT+ community to be welcome, rest, and be themselves. Today, many schools are refusing to allow rainbow flags in classrooms, removing the certainty of a safe place while 45% of LGBTQ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth.

For most in our country today, the cross has become non-offensive to the powerful and the rainbow flag is threatening. At the very least, it should be the opposite.

At our very best, we should stand beside the cross that opposes the systems of oppression, injustice, abuse, and hatred, and wave a flag of welcome, and that flag happens to be a rainbow.

Your Emmanuel UCC Council voted to add to our flag pole a "progress pride" flag that is the traditional rainbow and colors to include communities that are often neglected and most often to be abused–communities of color and persons who are transgender. We do this to extend our welcome, to say boldly into the world, to those who are often forgotten or neglected, that this is a place where you are welcome, you are safe, you are free to be fully whoever God is making you to be, knowing we are all growing and changing and doing so together.

Emmanuel UCC is a beloved community, standing beside the risen Christ, symbolized by the empty cross, who brings low the powerful, lifts up those pushed down, fills the hungry, sends the rich away empty (Luke 1), and we wave a rainbow banner of welcome.

9:30 AM Worship
(live streamed on Facebook)

September 4
prayers for the Motelet & Newland families
HOLY COMMUNION
Ruth 4:1-22
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY
Monday: Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM
Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @ Roots in Oconomowoc

September 11
prayers for the Obenberger & Ortmann families
Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17
RALLY DAY...
CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF!!
Coffee Hour
Monday: Trustees meeting 4 PM
Tuesday: NO BIBLE STUDY
Thursday: NO Morning Brew
Friday Fire 6-8 PM; Newsletter deadline for October

September 18
prayers for the Pakula/Schultz and Perez families
Rev. Peter St. Martin will be our Guest Preacher!
Genesis 12:1-9
Council meeting 10:45 AM
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM
Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @ Roots

September 25
prayers for the Pfalz & Phelan families
Genesis 39:1-23
Emmanuel's week to provide meals for Family Promise
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

CLEANING THE CHURCH: Mary Branson
Coffee Hour Committee: Julia Starbuck, Mary Branson, Ann Carpenter

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	MUSIC KEYBOARD OPERATORS
4	Shirlene Hazelberg	Ann Carpenter	Charlotte Voigt
11	Connie Motelet	Jeannie Phelan	Steve Thompson
18	Kris Davidson	Kris Davidson	Charlotte Voigt
25	Charlotte Voigt	Ann Carpenter	Jenny Mickle

BIRTHDAYS

Allie Brisk	1	Vivian Hazelberg	20
Christy Lui	2	Ron Blaschuk	25
Egann Stack-Vaughn	3	Debbie Morgan	26
Ruchir Bhatt	10	Katie Brisk	27
Finny Smith	18	Mary Branson	30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Michele & Andrew Smith	5
Vera & Don Ortmann	23

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Ellen Jondle	2,	2018	4 years
Jeannie Phelan	17,	2006	16 years

September 11

FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!

TREATS!

CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Coming back to Sunday School is Bible Bucks, earn Bible bucks for coming to Sunday School and other various things. The Bible bucks Store for fun items is open the first Sunday of each month.

Lake Area Free Clinic
Open Hearts, Open Doors

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 opens at 5:30 PM
for more info, visit LakeAreaFreeClinic.org

Continuing Opportunities...

Friday Fire! September 16th 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
Aug. 31st: the female God
Sept 28: Creation, creationism, & creation care
Oct 26: satan: a biography (happy Halloween!)
Nov 30: Mary, Virginity, & being human
Dec 28: no event... see you on Jan 25

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!

The Singing Bowl in September will benefit our own Congregational Care Fund. This fund is used to help people in our own church community as well as others in our area who find themselves in temporary need of assistance with purchasing gas, groceries, rent and lodging.

Yes it is almost time to remember our National UCC Fund and give our support to Neighbors in Need. One third goes to help American Indian Programs and two thirds offer funding to individual UCC churches for projects helping in our local communities. We will be collecting for Neighbors in Need on October 2nd.

The Board of Stewards

From Rev. Franz Rigert, WI Conference Minister...

I want to thank you, as always, for your commitment to OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission). Your generosity makes possible the work of the Conference to connect, support, and resource local congregations and leaders as they creatively and vibrantly live out the values of Jesus in this time and place.

(for the first half of 2022, you donated $3,855.00 to OCWM and the 2 UCC Special Offerings!!)

At the Annual Meeting of the Conference earlier this summer, I spoke of our relationships as akin to an ecosystem – a biological community of interacting and interdependent organisms in their physical environments: redwoods and blue whales, spider monkeys and pileated woodpeckers, microscopic bacteria and tarantulas, sunflowers and human beings – all sustained not merely by water and oxygen and nourishment, but also by the effect they have on one another. Ecosystems depend on a fragile balance that allows species to adapt without threatening their survival.

It would be fair to say – here in the Ecosystem of the Wisconsin Conference – that we endure plenty of climate change: a tornadic disruption of Church as we have known it, a wildfire of fear, a drought of available ministers, a volcanic eruption of opinions around masks and protocols, an institutional tsunami that chased a lot of people away, people sent running for cover of home and the comfort of other Sunday-morning options.

But we are not mere survivors in an uncertain chapter of Church, we <u>are</u> resilient explorers, nimble navigators, courageous apostles of the living Christ, assigned to a daunting task we didn't ask for: partnering with the Holy Spirit to discern the future of the United Church and Christ and co-creating our way there!

The Conference works to help the ecosystem of our congregations adapt. Programs like the Damascus Project, Communities of Practice, and Conflict Transformation Tams support leaders as they grow. Our congregations learn and act together through justice work like our recently adopted resolution to explore what it means to become a WISE Conference for Mental Health. The Conference guides congregations through the search and call process, helps communities envision change, and connects people to stories of successful adaptation.

When I think of all this, I remember the beautiful oak tree in my backyard. The tree's lower branches tell an amazing story of adaptive change. Bare on one side 20 years ago, the branch on the left once faced due north. It longed for the sun. Ultimately, it turned 90 degrees to ace due east. The tree now takes in the sunrise of each new day.

Together, like a deeply rooted oak tree, we can be resilient and adaptive.

With thanks for your support,
Rev. Franz Rigert

Family Promise of Waukesha County

The annual golf outing was a great success. There were wonderful bids on the amazing baskets and special silent auction items. (Thank you, Sandy Jarrett and her team of crafters for creating a basket.)With the proceeds, Family Promise of Waukesha will be helping ten families remain in their homes and four families who find themselves homeless.

A school supplies drive was held during the first two weeks in August. Emmanuel filled two big boxes of items which will be distributed to those families who have been serviced by Family Promise. Thank you for your generosity.

Updates from the August 7th Council Meeting...

- Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year. After much discussion, it was decided that we would have our usual 5 PM Christmas Eve Service and have no service on December 25th. Other churches in our area will be holding Christmas Day services for people unable to attend on Christmas Eve.
- Pastor Leanne spends a lot of her time in Worship Planning. It would be helpful if others would be involved in this process, freeing more of her time for other duties.
- Following discussion on the placement of a Pride Flag and Pride stickers on the front sign, some safety concerns were voiced by Council members. With the rise of violence in our country, it was decided that we would resume locking the entry doors at the start of Worship. The Usher will watch for late-arrivals. Additionally, we will post signs at the entrances stating that no guns are allowed.
- Christian Education reports that recently Confirmed youth, Vivian Hazelberg and Rhienne Stack-Vaughn will be helping teach Sunday School beginning this fall.
- Trustees were unable to have an in-person meeting, but 'met' via email communication. Painting the exterior of the building had been planned for this fall; however, it has now been postponed until 2023. Hopefully some prep work can be accomplished this fall.
- The fall clean-up Sunday of the church grounds and Hwy. 18 is scheduled for Oct. 23.

SCRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Scrip sales have been down for some time; consequently, we are no longer going to sell Scrip every month, but rather quarterly. For the remainder of 2022, we will have Scrip available for purchase on Sundays, October 2nd and December 4th for your holiday and Angel Tree needs.

Right now, the plan for 2023 is March, June, September and December.

Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

September 4th will be our monthly collection for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry! Please place your donations in the bin located in the foyer.

This n That...

♥ Our August Sunday "Servers" running the music, leading singing, running the computer, reading Scripture, and ushering Melissa Rivera, Carol Pfalz, Donna Newland, Kristen Voskuil, Laurie Buckett, Mary Branson, Kris Davidson, Francine Langlais, Steve Thompson, Jenny Mickle and Charlotte Voigt.

♥ Our Dousman Meals drivers for August: Barb & John Wood, Kristen Kramer, Nansi Hawkins, Shirlene Hazelberg, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Sue Stelling, Charlotte Voigt, Jo Quaden, Laurie Buckett and Kris Davidson.

♥ Our August Coffee Hour Committee: Jo Quaden, Charlotte Voigt and Carol Pfalz.

♥ Carol Pfalz, Shirlene Hazelberg and Donna Newland for cleaning the building in August.

♥ Laurie Buckett for taking in our Food Pantry donations.

♥ Mary Branson and Michael Clark for supplying water for the water cooler.

♥ Tom Stelling for mowing the lawn.

♥ Kathy Zebrowski, Jeannie Phelan and Laurie Buckett who take care of our finances each and every month!

♥ Mary Branson for being our Scrip coordinator.

♥ Ron Blaschuk and Tom Stelling for trimming the lilacs at the main entrance, replacing the burnt out bulb in the front sign and removing the HUGE wasp nest from the overhand by fellowship hall.

♥ THANK YOU to all who donated treasures for the rummage sale and those who have volunteered to work...planning, setting up, pricing, cashiering, making and selling food and baked goods, cleaning up, etc. etc.

♥ Kris Davidson, recovering from Covid (testing positive has delayed her hip surger rescheduled for September 2).

♥ Jere and Lorna Marheine as they are dealing with Jere's fractured hip. Jere will be having surgery in September.

♥ Fran Pike undergoing chemo for pancreatic cancer.

♥ Ken Pike, experiencing ongoing Covid positivity.

♥ All of our dear shut-ins, Vera Ortmann and Sharon Logemann.

Thank you for helping me go to camp with my mom. We enjoyed making new friends, kayaking and spending one on one time together. – Penelope Zabel

(Each of our church family members who attended a church camp this summer received a campership made possible through our Jacobsen Mission Fund.)

Hello all- thank you for all your efforts to help us celebrate mom's life. EUCC was such a big part of Stanek life. – Gratefully, The Stanek Family

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the Buckett family as they mourn the passing of Buck's stepmother, Carol Buckett, on Aug. 9th and the Marheine family who is mourning the passing of Jere's sister, Louise Grubbs on Aug. 19th.

Youth events

Plymouth UCC, Milwaukee invites our Youth to participate!
Want more info?? Email: PlymouthPastor@gmail.com

Youth Group Bonding Event
Lake Geneva Zipline Tours
Sunday, September 25

Housing Insecurities Lock-in & Service Day
Friday-Saturday, November 18-19

Advent Event / UWM Planetarium
Friday-Saturday, December 2-3

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!

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:

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER...

Sun	2	World Communion Sunday Special offering for Neighbors in Need Food Pantry Sunday Place SCRIP orders
Tues	Each	Bible Study 10-11 AM
Thurs	Each	Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne 8:30-10 AM at Roots in Oconomowoc
Sun	9	Blessing of the Animals Sunday, 9:30 AM!! Coffee Hour
Mon	10	Trustees meeting 4 PM
Tues	11	Ladies Fellowship meeting, 1 PM
Sun	16	Council meeting 10:45 AM
Fri	21	Friday Fire 6-8 PM
Sun	23	Blue Jean Sunday- fall clean up of grounds & highway
M-F	24-28	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Blue Jean Sunday will be October 23rd....we'll need lots of willing hands to do the highway clean-up and clean up the church grounds before the snow flies!

Treasurer's Report for July 2022

PLEDGED Income received	
(July 2022)	$7,290.00
(July 2021)	$10,575.00
Difference	-$3,285.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received	
(July 2022)	$1,540.00
(July 2021)	$822.00
Difference	$718.00
Total INCOME for (July 2022) *	$9,578.40
Total INCOME for (July 2021)	$12,510.95
Difference	-$2,932.55
Total EXPENSE for (July 2022)	$30,257.08
Total EXPENSE for (July 2021)	$20,223.42
Difference	$10,033.66
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2022	$3,402.66
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2021	$413.00
Difference	$2,989.66

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	$ 103.40
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	$ 225.00
SCRIP sales	$ 400.00
Fund Raiser	$ -

RBC Investment Account Growth for July 2022	$9,251.04

July expenses include second half payment for the new Sanctuary furnaces and related ductwork repairs and replacement.

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

2022 Derby Days Parade!

Thank you to all who donated candy, walked in the parade, performed on the float and got the float ready! Thank you Kris Davidson for pulling the float and the use of your trailer!! Congratulations Praise Band for getting 1st place!!

NAMI Southeast Wisconsin

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Serving Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Jefferson Counties

August 11, 2022

Emmanuel United Church of Christ
PO Box 216
Dousman, WI 53118-0216

Dear Emmanuel United Church of Christ,

Thank you for helping change lives here in our community. Your generous donation of $407.67 was received on July 18, 2022 . Your gift helps us provide hope for all those impacted by mental health conditions – right here in Southeast Wisconsin.

As of January 1, 2021, NAMI Waukesha and NAMI Greater Milwaukee have merged into one organization, NAMI Southeast Wisconsin. Together, we serve Milwaukee, Waukesha and Jefferson Counties.

Your support matters now more than ever, as the demand for mental health services continues to grow. With the backing of generous donors like you, NAMI is able to continue to provide advocacy, resources and education to anyone in need. You help ensure that no one feels alone when facing the uncertainty of mental health conditions, even when we are unable to be together in person.

Please contact me at (414) 326-3452 or mmadden@namisoutheastwi.org with feedback, questions or for more information about how you can further share hope in our community. Your continued support in our mission and the work we do is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Mary Madden
Executive Director

For tax purposes, please save this letter. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation.
NAMI Southeast Wisconsin is a nonprofit, 501c3 organization, Tax ID 39-1485627.

SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 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			October 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	**1** **8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Roots in Oconomowoc** **Emmanuel delivers Meals**	**2**	**3**
4 **HOLY COMMUNION** **Food Pantry Sunday**	**5** 	**6** 10 AM Bible Study	**7**	**8** **8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Roots in Oconomowoc**	**9**	**10** **5:30 PM Lake Are Free Clinic Camp Casual Gala at Ingleside Hotel Pewaukee**
11 **RALLY DAY!** **Coffee Hour**	**12** 4 PM Trustees meeting CLEAN THE CHURCH **Pastor Leanne out of the office this week**	**13** NO BIBLE STUDY	**14**	**15** **NO Morning Brew** Deadline for newsleter articles	**16** **FRIDAY FIRE 6-8 PM** 	**17**
18 **Guest Preacher Rev. Peter St. Martin** 10:45 AM Council meeting	**19**	**20** 10 AM Bible Study	**21**	**22** **8:30-10 AM Morning Brew**	**23**	**24**
25 Neighbors in Need Mission Moment **Family Promise week**	**26** CLEAN THE CHURCH **Emmanuel delivers Dousman Meals**	**27** 10 AM Bible Study	**28** **7-8 PM Home Brewed Faith at the Delafield Brewhaus** (Creation, Creationism & Creation Care)	**29** **8:30-10 AM Morning Brew**	**30**	