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Language is complicated and constantly changing. One of the hard things about Christianity is that we have an ancient tradition, filled with ancient concepts, understandings of the world, and, yes, language. It requires some unpacking when a word comes up and we aren't used to it or it has stopped meaning what we think it means.

This fall we're looking at "covenants." A covenant is a legal agreement, an alliance, a treaty, a binding contract, a promise with life and death consequences. We started with God's first covenant with all of creation and the [rain]bow that was put in the sky to remind God of that covenant. It became for us a reminder that God continued to make covenants with individuals and communities, entering into a formal agreement with creation. It is why each week we're adding color to our understanding of God's covenant with people. Like any good contract, there are expectations for both parties, in this case, God (to provide and care for) and creation and humanity (to learn and grow, to live in love, to care for all of creation including all our neighbors).

Covenants are hard. It's why our legal system is full of cases related to breaches or breaking of contracts. We wouldn't need to formalize them if what was contained in them wasn't a challenge for at least one person. Our Scripture reveals that people were not always good at living into the covenants that were made with God and they have life and death consequences. It isn't that God reprimands us, but if our covenant with God is about how we treat each other, then the quality of the lives of our neighbors all over the world is how we live the covenant. How we live into the covenants in our world today will be our focus for the second half of the fall.

But there is the thing about our covenant, our agreements, our promises: God is always faithful. It's like God is trying again and again to help us understand the world that they tried to create, and trying again and again to teach us how to live and love into that good creation, all the way to the cradle, the hillside, and the cross.

What words from religion interest you? Stump you? Seem dated, meaningless, unkind? Let me know! Let's explore those together!

Pastor Leanne

The Messenger

October 2022

9:30 AM Worship (live streamed on Facebook)

October 2

prayers for the Phelps and Pike families
HOLY COMMUNION
Special Offering for Neighbors in Need
Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY
PLACE SCRIP ORDERS!
Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM
Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @ Roots in
Oconomowoc

October 9 prayers for the Quaden and Rive<u>ra families</u>

Exodus 16:13-21
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE
Coffee Hour
Monday: Trustees meeting 4 PM
Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM; Ladies Fellowship
meeting 1 PM
Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @ Roots in
Oconomowoc
Saturday: Newsletter deadline for November

October 16

prayers for Pastor Leanne & Kelly and Judy & Peter St. Martin

Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

Council meeting 10:45 AM

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

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

Friday Fire, 6-8 PM

October 23

prayers for the Smith family and Julia Starbuck
2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9
BLUE JEAN SUNDAY (Highway & Yard Clean Up)
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

October 30

prayers for Sue & Tom Stelling and Steve Thompson 1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28 Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM Thursday: Morning Brew 8:30-10 AM @ Roots



CLEANING THE CHURCH: Debbie Morgan Coffee Hour Committee for October 9th: Francine Langlais, Stellings, Debbie Morgan and Pikes.

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	MUSIC KEYBOARD OPERATORS
2	Debbie Morgan	Mary Branson	Charlotte Voigt
9	Carol Pfalz	Smith children	Jenny Mickle
16	Donna Newland	Dramatic Reading: Steve Thompson & Smith children	Charlotte Voigt
23	Stellings	Kris Davidson	Steve Thompson
30	Kris Davidson	Dramatic Reading: Smith children, Francine Langlais, Michele Smith, Kris Davidson	Steve Thompson



BIRTHDAYS

Sandie Horne	4	Mike Doering	16
Francine Langlais	4	Mira Laur	16
Sharon Perez	4	Judy St. Martin	17
Laurie Buckett	6	Shirlene Hazelberg	18
Hunter LaPrade	7	Kara Lynch	29
Andrew Smith	8	John Pfalz	29
Leanne Harmann	9	Emma Phelps	29
Jo Quaden	9	Ruby Smith	30
Carol Pfalz	12	Don Ortmann	31
Stephen Turley	13		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sherri & Bob Krantz	1
Jessie & John Brinkmann	6
Melissa & Rick Rivera	11
Jo & John Quaden	14
Eden & Hayley Damrow	23
Donna & Jack Newland	23

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy Zebrowski	14,	1979	43 years
Marian Speerless &	21,	2007	15 years
Stephen Turley			
Don Boychuk &	25,	2015	7 years
Robert Zondag			
Mary Branson	30,	2011	11 years

Continuing Opportunities...

Final Friday Fire of the year...October 21st 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 8:30-10 am

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

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

HOME-BREWED FAITH

Last Wednesdays of the Month

Delafield Brewhaus 3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield

Oct 26: satan: a biography (happy Halloween!)
Nov 30: Mary, Virginity, & being human
Dec 28: no event... see you on Jan 25



Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

October 2nd will be our monthly collection for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry! Please place your donations in the bin located in the foyer.



ORDER SCRIP October 2nd

Place orders with Mary Branson. Cards will be delivered to you

the following Sunday. **Pastor Leanne is in need of \$25 Pick n Save cards for the Congregational Care Fund.** Your next opportunity to order Scrip will be December 4th.

Ladies Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 PM in fellowship hall



Congratulations on your generosity! We raised a little over \$225 for Everytown for Gun Safety. This organization not only supports and advocates for survivors of gun violence, but also helps schools with safety programs and works to eliminate illegal guns.

For September, we were supporting our own Congregational Care Fund. This fund helps not only people in our community but also families in our church who may need a little help with rent, gas, or groceries. Even a small amount can mean a lot to someone struggling. Also remember the October Scrip orders and purchase gas and grocery cards for the Congregational Care Fund. These gift cards can be given to Pastor Leanne for the fund. The church uses Scrip orders as a fundraiser, as we receive a percentage of each gift card purchased. See Mary Branson or Laurie Buckett if you have questions about upcoming Scrip orders.

In October and November, our Singing Bowl contributions will be given to the organization R.U.B.I.E.S. Their Mission is to identify and reach airls who are at risk of exploitation and sex trafficking while preventing them from being victims through awareness education and mentorship and to restore those victimized by this trauma. They are based out of Milwaukee but have offices all over Wisconsin.

Here are some surprising statistics about Sex Trafficking in Wisconsin:

- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) aka Sex trafficking has been reported in ALL 72 counties in WI.
- Approximately 68-89% of adult sex workers were victims of some form of abuse as a child.
- Every 2 minutes a child is being exploited in this industry.
- Sex trafficking is one of the most lucrative industries in the world.
- Milwaukee is a well-known Hub for Sex Trafficking.

Please help by contributing to our Singing Bowl if you can. Thanks as always to a compassionate congregation.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Singing Bowl remains at the rear of the Sanctuary to collect your donations. The large offering bowl is no longer there....the Ushers will be collecting your regular offerings during the Service.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OCTOBER 2



A special mission offering of the United Church Of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. 1/3 goes to support the Council for American Indian Ministry

to support a variety of justice initiatives and advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Also through grants it awards churches and organizations monies for doing justice work in their communities. This year special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and community.

Our Stewardship Committee would also like to support the UCC fund for helping the flood disaster victims in Pakistan and around the world. So we will divide our collected donations between Neighbors in Need and flood victims who desperately need our help.

The offering will be taken on Sunday, October 2, World Communion Sunday. Special offering envelopes marked "Neighbors In Need" are located in the sign-in Fellowship Pads located in each row of chairs in the Sanctuary. If you are mailing in a donation, please mark it Neighbors in Need.



We have been providing assistance who those have experiencing homelessness or have of Waukesha County faced the threat of losing their

home. One way is through the Family Promise Prevention Program in which households receive both rent and utility assistance and are able to stay in their homes. As of August,46 households have received this form of help. The biggest challenge facing these families is the increase in rent, making their current residence more expensive than they can afford with cheaper alternatives nonexistent. The other program is the Shelter Program in which apartments are available for four families at a time. Fourteen households have received this form of assistance so far this year. The average length of stay is 72 days. The short supply of affordable housing and increased requirements about income makes it difficult for many to find housing. This is one reason the length of stay for the Shelter Program is growing.

We hosted the four families in the Shelter Program at the end of September by providing three meals to each of the families. Thanks to all who made mealtime a little easier for these families.

Winter Clothing Drive

Family Promise will be holding a winter clothing drive in October. Families will be interviewed for their specific needs. Items will be listed on the Family Promise website via Sign-up Genius. Emmanuel will be one of the drop off points for donations. Family Promise will be holding a winter clothing drive in October. Families will be interviewed for their specific needs. Items will be listed on the Family Promise website via Sign-up Genius. Emmanuel will be one of the drop off points for donations. You may bring your donations to Emmanuel on October 8th from 8:30 - 10:30 AM. THANK YOU!



Weather permitting, we will meet outside of Fellowship Hall for the Blessing of the Animals Service...PLEASE JOIN US!!





Planning Ahead: Aging and Living Well Hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Emotional Resiliency:

Monday, October 3, 6pm Facilitated by Marit Faivre: Teacher and St. Mary's parishioner Soup Supper served

Living Wills: Monday, October

10, 6pm Facilitated by Jamie Milaeger: Life @Home Coordinator, Shorehaven Soup Supper served

Funeral Planning: Monday, October 17, 6pm Facilitated by Mother Pippa, St Mary's Soup Supper served

An Update on Jim Langreder's Journey Toward Ordination



Jim Langreder, our Member in Discernment on his alternative path to ordination, continues to serve at First Congregational in East Troy. His contract ended in May but he was led by the Spirit to continue working with the congregation. The members in East Troy moved Jim from a long-term pulpit supply position to 1/4 time. The congregation is growing and has been getting involved in community events. In May, Jim was installed as the Vice Moderator for the Southeast Association Administrative Team. He, along with Rev. Brittany Barber from First Congregational in Waukesha will work together

closely to serve the Southeast Association. Also in May was the halfway point for a Leadership Skills course that will continue this fall and winter. June saw the completion of a 9 month unit of CPE (Clinical Pastoral



Education) where Jim served as a chaplain intern at Lakeland Medical Center in Elkhorn and Burlington Memorial Hospital in Burlington. He thoroughly enjoyed this experience learning about himself and how he interacts with people and how to grow these attributes on a deeper level. Jim met with the Committee on Ministry in June and the decision was made to have Jim work on his portfolio which will be a document containing all the learning elements that he was been working on for the past three and a half years. Once this is complete, hopefully by the October 6th meeting, the committee will decide if approval is granted for the "next step" which wasn't clear, but we are hoping it will be to schedule an Ecclesiastical Council meeting. Jim was excited and felt blessed to be able to come back home to Emmanuel and help with the parade float this summer and record music for our worship services as needed.

Jim would appreciate prayers as he continues this journey. Prayers for discernment on upcoming decisions

as well as prayers for energy and stamina to balance the learning elements with regular work.





THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's sale a huge success....donating treasures, working before, during and/or after the sale, donating food (all of the food/bakery sold is donated by the Ladies Fellowship members).

Total funds deposited for this year's sale (drum roll please)...\$4,426.95!!!

Council Updates...

- Council met on September 18th.
- Emmanuel provided fellowship hall for a potluck gathering for parents and other citizens in the area who are concerned with the recent actions of the Kettle Moraine School Board regarding the 'clarification' procedures of staff guidelines e.g. removal of all flags with focus on pride flags.
- Family Promise is working on returning to the in-church rotation for housing families. We will need to do retraining before it would begin and determine what our volunteer base will look like. Would possibly be rotating every two weeks rather than every week.
- Trustees is delaying painting the outside of the church until next year. LOTS of volunteers will be needed to help with prep and painting. They hope to get an early start in spring 2023.
- Emmanuel will be allowing a Barbershop singing group to practice in the Sanctuary twice a month beginning September 25. This is a group that we became aware of through Bob Krantz, who used to be a member.
- Trustees discussed the high fees associated with online giving and will work with Stewards to educate the congregation during this fall's pledge drive for 2023.

This n That...



Ushers: Shirlene Hazelberg, Connie Motelet, Kris Davidson and Charlotte Voigt. Scripture Readers: Jeannie Phelan, Ann Carpenter and Kris Davidson. Keyboard Operators: Charlotte Voigt, Steve Thompson and

Jenny Mickle. Camera Operator: Melissa and Taylor Rivera. Coffee Hour Committee: Julia Starbuck, Ann Carpenter, Mary Branson and Michael Clark. Home Meals Drivers: Barb & John Wood, Kristen Kramer, Charlotte Voigt, Kris Davidson, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Nansi Hawkins, Steve Thompson, Sue Stelling, Kathy Zebrowski and Shirlene Hazelberg. Building Cleaners: Mary Branson and Laurie Buckett. Lawn Care: Tom Stelling and Michael Clark.



- ▼ Jere Marheine, Kris Davidson and Marian Speerless, all recovering from recent hip surgeries.
- Fran Pike, who will be in a maintenance protocol as the cancer has responded to treatments.
- All of our dear shut-ins, Vera Ortmann and Sharon Logemann.



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

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:





Sun	6	Holy Communion / All Saints Remembrance Food Pantry Sunday Family Promise week for EUCC
Tues	Each	Bible Study 10-11 AM
Thurs	Each	Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne 8:30-10 AM at Roots in Oconomowoc
Mon	14	Trustees meeting 4 PM
Sat	19	Advent Family Workshop 9 AM – Noon at Emmanuel
Sun	20	Council meeting 10:45 AM
M-F	21-23	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Thurs	24	Thanksgiving Day
Wed	30	Home-Brewed Faith at the Delafield Brewhaus "Mary, Virginity & Being Human"

SOPHIA/Religious Leaders Caucus Annual Education Event

November 9, 2022 8:30 - 10:00 AM

PEOPLE OF FAITH PEOPLE OF JUSTICE

What is the relationship between Faith and Justice?

Our guest speaker is

Rev. Elizabeth Howe,

Congregational Support
Coordinator for Peace and
Justice Ministries with the
Wisconsin Council of
Churches.

YOU are invited to this Zoom event.





Advent Family Workshop @Emmanuel November 19, 9am-12pm



St Mary's and Emmanuel UCC in Dousman invite you to join us to prepare for the Advent Season by making crafts and ornaments, gift bags, and decorating cookies. This is a drop-in event for all types of families and all ages!

We'll be asking for some volunteers to host and help teach some of the simple crafts.

The Great Carol Sing-Along @St Mary's December 10, 3pm



A casual gathering with a collection of beverages and treats that will sing your favorite Christmas hymns and songs. Do you have favorite Christmas hymns or songs you want to make sure we sing? Let Pastor Leanne know ahead of time!



The Lynch family...Erin & Jon, along with their children Eliza, Penelope, Kara and Arlo had great adventures at our UCC camps this summer...Family Camp at Moon Beach along with individual camps for the girls at Daycholah Center (formerly Pilgrim Center) in Green Lake. Emmanuel was blessed to be able to help them a little bit with their registration fees and we are SO HAPPY that they all enjoyed their experiences...

Our favorite part of camp...

Singing songs

Singing songs

The date

Making how kayaking games

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of adults

endless food to so many people to love up on me to love up on me Night Kayak + making new friends Thank you so much for the scholarship that assisted our family in attending family camp at moon beach. We live our time up there spending time together, muting new people, and building relationships with old friends. We look formered to this time each year and the new experiences it brings.

Sinculary, The Lynch family

Thank you for helping me go to a me camp with my mom. We new friends, kayaking and spending lond time with my mom.

Sincerely. Penelope Zabel



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Thank you so much

to halping us be able
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Thonk you Emmanuel UCL

For the schprship that
helped me be able to
go to MADD camp. My
Favor:te part of camp
was meeting people that
became my founds. I had
so much fun singing
and playing games.

Thanks Again, Eliza Z

Treasurer's Report for August 2022

PLEDGED Income received

PLEDGED Income received		
(August 2022)		\$11,455.00
(August 2021)		\$8,375.00
	Difference	\$3,080.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received		
(August 2022)		\$750.00
(August 2021)		\$997.00
	Difference	-\$247.00
Total INCOME for (August 2022) *		\$17,093.01
Total INCOME for (August 2021)		\$14,941.24
	Difference	\$2,151.77
Total EXPENSE for (August 2022)		\$11,810.19
Total EXPENSE for (August 2021)		\$6,543.73
	Difference	\$5,266.46
Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2022		\$8,840.50
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Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2021		\$6,934.84
	Difference	\$1,905.66
*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:		
Singing Bowl		\$132.06
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)		\$205.00
SCRIP sales		\$0.00
Fund Raiser		\$4,525.95
RBC Investment Account Growth for August 2022		-\$5,544.78

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)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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HOLY COMMUNION Special Offering for Neighbors in Need Food Pantry Sunday Place SCRIP orders	3 6 PM Aging & Living Well @ St. Mary's "Emotional Resiliency" Soup Supper served	4 10 AM Bible Study	5	8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Roots in Oconomowoc	7	8 8:30-10:30 AM Family Promise Winter Coat drop-off at Emmanuel
9 Blessing OF THE PETS Coffee Hour	10 4 PM Trustees meeting 6 PM Aging & Living Well @ St. Mary's "Living Wills" Soup Supper served	11 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM Ladies Fellowship	THE C	8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Roots in Oconomowoc	14 CH	15 Deadline for newsleter articles
16 10:45 AM Council meeting	17 6 PM Aging & Living Well @ St. Mary's "Funeral Planning" Soup Supper served	18 10 AM Bible Study	19	8:30-10 AM Morning Brew	FRIDAY FIRE 6-8 PM	22
PLEASE HELP!	CLEAN THE	\longrightarrow	7-8 PM Home Brewed Faith at the Delafield Brewhaus (Satan: A Biography)	8:30-10 AM Morning Brew	28	29
20	Emmanuel delivers Dousman Meals					
30	31		F S 2 3 9 10 5 16 17 2 23 24		6 13 1 20 2	7 8 9 10 11 12 4 15 16 17 18 19 1 22 23 24 25 26 8 29 30