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Did you know that the 12 days of Christmas are actually the 12 days after Christmas? The 12th night is the Feast of Epiphany when the church celebrates that the Wise Men visited Jesus (Matthew 2). That story is only found in the Gospel of Matthew and it is in Matthew that we are spending most of our winter and spring this year.

The Wise Men were astrologers, they watched the Heavenly realm (the sky with no light pollution) for changes that might tell those of us on Earth that something important was happening in the realm of God. They saw the star at Jesus' birth, they saw that something had changed in Heaven and on Earth, because they were looking, they were open to noticing, and they were curious about it.

They let that star guide them and it led them to meet the child Jesus, the king born to peasants, to nobodies, and into scandal. They let the star guide them to find God in even the most unexpected place and the unexpected face of a child.

There is a modern practice in some churches to have star words, words that will guide you through the coming year. What might your word be? Abundance? Acceptance? Beauty? Beginnings? Breathe? Hope? Joy? Passion? Mercy? Imagination? Community? Stillness?

Poet T.S. Eliot wrote, "For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice." This New Year, what is going to guide you? What will guide you to search for signs of God? What will guide you to meet the Christ in unexpected places? What will guide you to see Christ in the face of a friend, neighbor, or even a stranger? What will guide you this year?

This first month of the year, we'll have a basket of star words to choose from. Sometimes we can't name the word ourselves. Sometimes the random word becomes a gift. May the star guide you this year to closer love of God in Christ and Christ in your neighbor.

Pastor Leanne

The Messenger

January 2023

January 1

prayers for Michael Clark and Kris & Dick Davidson

Lessons & Carols Service led
by Jeannie Phelan
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY
Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM
Wednesday: PFLAG meeting at 6:30
Aurora Summit
No Morning Brew this week

January 8

prayers for Mary and Nancy Edwards
Jacquie Billings will be our guest
Worship Leader
Matthew 3:1-17
Coffee Hour ** Take down the
Christmas Trees
Monday: Trustees meeting 4 PM
Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM; Ladies
Fellowship meeting 1 PM

January 15

Thursday: No Morning Brew this week

prayers for Frieda Goetsch and the
Peggy & Pete Hazelberg family
Jacquie Billings will be our guest
Worship Leader
Matthew 4:1-17
Council meeting 10:45 AM
Newsletter deadline
Monday-Friday: Emmanuel delivers the
Dousman Area Home Meals
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM
Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside 8:30-10

January 22

prayers for Shirlene & Bob Hazelberg and Sandie Horne

Pastor Leanne will be back leading Worship Matthew 5:1-20

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM Wednesday: Home-Brewed Faith at the Delafield Brewhaus 7 PM Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside 8:30-10

January 29

prayers for Sandy & Gregg Jarrett and the Jondle family

Matthew 6:7-21, [25-34]
Annual Meeting of the congregation
following worship
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM
Wednesday: PFLAG meeting at 6:30- Aurora
Summit



Teams

CLEANING THE CHURCH: Corrine Mayer and Jim & Jan McGraw

Coffee Hour Committee for December 11: Corrine Mayer, Jim & Jan McGraw, Pat Doering

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	MUSIC KEYBOARD OPERATORS
1	Kristen Voskuil	Steve	Jim Langreder
		Thompson	playing
8	Connie	Michele Smith	Steve
	Motelet		Thompson
15	Lorna & Jere	Melissa	Jenny Mickle
	Marheine	Gronewold	
22	Debbie	Ann	
	Morgan	Carpenter	
29	Carol Pfalz	Mary Branson	Jenny Mickle

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Jere Marheine	5	Bill Welch	13
Sherri Krantz	6	Gregg Jarrett	17
Pat Doerina	13	Mike Laur	22

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Carole & Dan Milos 19

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Vera Ortmann	3,	1971	52 years
Shirlene Hazelberg	27,	2008	15 years
Sherri & Bob Krantz	27,	2008	15 years
Melissa & Rick Rivera	27,	2008	15 years
Charlotte Voigt	27,	2008	15 years
Sharon Logemann	31,	2010	13 years



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. We

ask that you leave the bags to the left of the garage during snow plowing season.



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. Please be aware

that the church does not receive 100%

of your donation via Payal. An administration fee is deducted from our receipt.

This n That...



- Our Dousman Home Meals drivers for December: Jo Quaden, Barb & John Wood, Kristen Kramer, Kris Davidson, Kathy Zebrowski, Nansi Hawkins, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Sue Stelling and Shirlene Hazelberg.
- December Ushers: Carol Pfalz, Donna Newland, Mary Branson and Kristen Voskuil.
- Julia Starbuck for preparing Communion on December 4th and 24th.
- Scripture Readers: Mary Branson, Nora Smith, Francine Langlais and Jeannie Phelan.
- Advent candle readers and lighters: Jeannie Phelan, Taylor Rivera, the Smith family and John Lui.
- Keyboard Operators: Jenny Mickle and Craig Berentsen.
- Camera Operator: Melissa Rivera.
- Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water cooler.
- Mary Branson for being our SCRIP coordinator
- Ann Carpenter for leading worship singing each week.
- Our Coffee Hour Committee for December: Julia Starbuck, Obenbergers, Smiths, Mary Branson and the Riveras.
- Kristen Voskuil for cleaning the church in December.
- Our December snow shovelers: Ron Blaschuk, John Lui and Peter St. Martin.
- Shirlene Hazelberg and Sherri Krantz for taking care of geting our Angel Tree gifts to the recipients.
- Kathy Zebrowski and Charlotte Voigt for taking the Vet Bags into the Veterans' Hospital...and everyone who helped load them into their vehicle!!
- Ann & Bill Carpenter and Peter St. Martin for playing and singing at our Christmas Eve Service.



- Fran Pike
- Sue & Tom Stelling's daughter, Jenny who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ▼ Everyone dealing with all the various viruses that have

been plaguing us!!

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

Please keep these families in your prayers...

Jan & Jim McGraw as they mourn the unexpected passing of Jan's sister, Judy on November 19th.

Ann & Bill Carpenter as they mourn the passing of Ann's aunt Anne.





Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, words of support and cards on the death of my father. His passing was peaceful and I'm

thankful for that. He was a wonderful father and I was blessed to have him for 92 years.

-Corrine Mayer

I appreciate everyone who reached out to me with kind words and cards after the death of my sister in November...thank you!

-Donna Newland

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

Tuesday January

10

1:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



Denor! As a thank you, all attempting donors will receive a Versiti Beans!

DOUSMAN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE! Join us in saving lives!

LOCATION: Dousman Community Community Center 235 N. Main St. Dousman, WI 53118



RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! Sign up at bit.ly/ dousmanjan23, call 877-232-4376, or use the QR code!

Appointments are encouraged, and walk-ins are also welcome (and will be invited to take an open spot in the schedule as space allows).

"Versiti and the Milwaukee Admirals are teaming up to help spread the word about the importance of our mission and blood donation, All attempting donors in January with a valid email address will receive an ecode via email that's good for 1 FREE ticket to an Admirals home game in January or February.







Congratulations on your generosity! We raised a little over \$300 in October and November for R.U.B.I.E.S. We hope our donation will help the good work this organization does to reach girls who are at risk of exploitation and help them recover.

For our December Singing Bowl, we supported 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. So far, our Singing Bowl has raised \$52.79 plus gift cards for the fund from the Scrip order. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who took one of the 20 Vet Bags and filled it with warm socks, gloves, toiletries, and other goodies. They were delivered to the Zablocki Veterans Center by Sandie Horne and Kathy Zebrowski to be given to homeless Veterans. We all hope the items will give those who have served our Country some comfort.

Thank you also to all who helped our three adopted families by taking a gift tag from our Angel Tree and purchasing Christmas gifts and gift cards. We helped a recovering Mom and Grandma, a single Mom with a 10 year old daughter, and a single Mom with 3 children. Extra items were even purchased, and all were given to Family Promise to distribute. Thanks for your generosity!

In January and February, our Singing Bowl contributions will be given to the Lake Area Free Clinic (LAFC) located in Oconomowoc. The Clinic opened its doors in 2001 and has been providing medical services to residents of Waukesha County who lack health insurance and the ability to pay for health care ever since. Over the past 21 years, thousands of Waukesha County residents have received medical care, medication and practical information needed to improve and maintain their health. The Clinic also serves as a valuable resource arranging for follow-up medical services and offering health insurance enrollment assistance. It's staffed by four full-time employees and more than 260 volunteers (including our own Francine Langlais, RN).

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



Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

January 1st will be our monthly collection for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry! Please place your donations in the bin located in the foyer. Check expiration dates please...they must be at least 6 months into the future.

Laurie Buckett takes our donations to the Pantry each month (as well as Kris Davidson when she's here)....THANK YOU LADIES!!



There is so much to thank you for as we end 2022 and begin 2023...

You pledged financial support for 2023 in the amount of \$109,020!!!

You gave \$1,510 to the 2022 special offering for The Christmas Fund in December!!!!

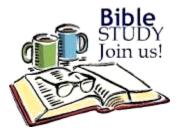
You stepped up whenever the need arose financially, spiritually, volunteering your time and services, and the list goes on and on.

We are very appreciative of those elected church officials and Pastor Leanne who keep everything going. They could not do it without the generous support of the church family.

We received an anonymous gift of 12 huge, beautiful red poinsettias for our Christmas display...whoever you are, THANK YOU!!

Thank you and have a blessed, healthy 2023!!

Continuing Opportunities...



TUESDAY MORNINGS

10-11 AM in the library
Each week the Scripture for
the following Sunday is
discussed.

THURSDAY MORNING BREW!!

January 19 & 26th
stop in for a cup of coffee or breakfast
and chat with Pastor Leanne
Sunnyside Restaurant on Hwy. 67 in
Dousman





Have You Signed Up?

Coffee Hour Committees...we ask that everyone who is able participate in one monthly committee. You may have received an email through SignUp Genius...you may sign up for a Coffee Hour month using that method, or on the bulletin board in the gathering area.





Cleaning Teams...again, if you are physically able, we ask that you sign up for a month of cleaning the church. Multiple people on each team makes it a less daunting task for everyone. Again,

you may have received an email through SignUp Genius...you may sign up for a cleaning month using that method, or on the bulletin board in the gathering area.

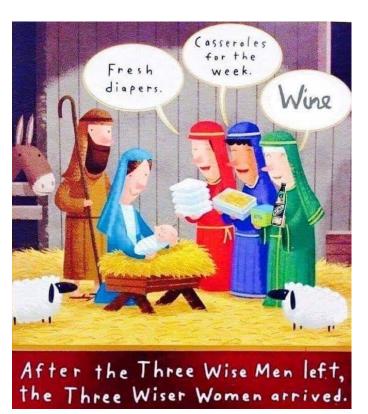
Letter Writing...we send weekly letters to our shut-ins along with a copy of the previous Sunday's bulletin and sermon. You need only write one letter and get it to the church office and we will run copies and mail it.





Wed	1	PFLAG mtg. at Aurora Summit Hospital 6:30 PM
Tues	14, 21, 28	Bible Study 10-11 AM
Thurs	9, 16, 23	Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne 8:30-10 AM at Sunnyside Restaurant
Sun	12	Souper Bowl Guest Preacher: Rachel Bauman, Association Conference Minister Coffee Hour
Mon	13	Trustees meeting 4 PM
Sun	19	Why Emnmanuel presentation- Mary Branson Council meeting 10:45 AM
Wed	22	Ash Wednesday- beginning of Lent





Treasurer's Report for November 2022

PLEDGED Income received

(November 2022)		\$9,815.00
(November 2021)		\$11,476.00
	Difference	-\$1,661.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received		
(November 2022)		\$1,306.00
(November 2021)		\$3,639.34
	Difference	-\$2,333.34
Total INCOME for (November 2022) *		\$11,749.70
Total INCOME for (November 2021)		\$17,238.77
	Difference	-\$5,489.07
Total EXPENSE for (November 2022)		\$11,970.22
Total EXPENSE for (November 2021)		\$16,687.73
	Difference	-\$4,717.51
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2022		\$7,758.27
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2022		Ψ1,130.21
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2021		\$7,753.30
	Difference	\$4.97
*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:		
Singing Bowl		\$207.72

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WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$235.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$76.98

RBC Investment Account Growth for November 2022	\$6,049.74
RBC Balance as of November 30, 2022	\$178,260.14

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
Lessons & Carols Service Food Pantry Sunday	2	3 10 AM Bible Study	4 6:30 PM PFLAG meeting at Aurora Summit Hospital meeting room	5	6 Epiphany	7
		Past	or Leanne on vacati	on		
Jacquie Billings will be our Guest Worship Leader HELP US TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREES! COFFEE HOUR	9 4 PM Trustees meeting	10 10 AM Bible Study 1-3 PM Ladies Fellowship meeting in feelowship hall 1:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive @ Dousman Comm. Ctr.	11 CLEA	12 N THE	13 CHU	14 PRCH
		Past	or Leanne on vacati	on		
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ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	Emmanuel delivers Dousman Meals					
Pastor Leanne is back! Why Emmanuel presentation by Christy Lui	23 CLEA	24 10 AM Bible Study	7-8 PM Home-Brewed Faith at the Delafield Brewhaus	8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Sunnyside Restaurant	27	28
29 Annual Meeting of the congregation following worship	30	31 10 AM Bible Study	December 2 S M T W T 1 4 5 6 7 8 11 12 13 14 15 18 19 20 21 22 25 26 27 28 29	F S 2 3 9 10 5 16 17 2 23 24	5 6 12 13 1	ruary 2023 T W T F S 1 2 3 4 7 8 9 10 11 14 15 16 17 18 21 22 23 24 25 28