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FROM  
**PASTOR LEANNE**



## Faces of the/our Faith A Summer of Stories

At the UCC Wisconsin Southeast Association Meeting we had the opportunity to share stories. We learned from a pastor in Chicago who co-founded a church called Gilead whose theme and mission is "True stories that save lives."

That's not how we usually think about stories, as something that can save lives. But the telling and hearing stories is at the very heart of what it is to be human. We can find each other in our stories, learn from each other, celebrate together, grow together. In stories we are able to be vulnerable, to be fully seen and known, and then accepted and loved.

This summer we are going to look at some of the lesser known and lesser told stories in the Bible. There will be characters you think you know but we've never focused on, there will be characters you've never heard of, there will be fuller stories of characters you've only seen part of.

We will learn from these characters and their stories. But I hope that we will learn from each other as well, that we can tell stories and get to know each other in new ways. We'll hear stories that connect to our own, stories that will surprise us, maybe even stories that will save lives.

So what are your stories? Who are the characters who have influenced your story? Will you share?

Sign up to share a story of someone who has impacted or changed your life! Share a story of someone who has influenced you, your life, your purpose, your faith. This could be someone you've known really well, who you met briefly, who you read about. Write and share a 2-5 minute story of what they were like, why they were important to you, how they influenced you today or who you are becoming.

### Some guiding questions:

- When/when/how did you meet?
- When did you really get to know them?
- What characteristics were attractive?
- Was there a single moment that impacted you? What was that like?
- Was it over years that they impacted you? Was it a teaching? a characteristic? a value?

### Guiding ideas for a telling story:

- Your story should be true as you remember. Don't let exact facts get in the way of your truth!
- Put words in people's mouths: use quotes instead of describing what they said.
- Focus on a moment or a single idea across time.
- Add details that set the story in a time and place. What did you touch, see, smell, taste?
- But also, part of what makes a story good is editing, you don't need every detail!

Pastor Leanne

## The Messenger



### June 4

#### ONA Sunday

*prayers for Kathy Zebrowski and Craig Berentsen & Michael Grant*

**Numbers 27:1-11**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

**Honoring our Graduates Sunday!!**

**Coffee Hour!!**

**Pastor Leanne out of the office this week**

**Monday-Friday: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals**  
**Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM**  
**Friday-Sunday, June 11: Annual Conference Meeting**

### June 11

#### Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Guest Preacher will be Jeannie Phelan**

*prayers for Linda Berlin and Sarah & Ruchir Bhatt*

**Matthew 27**

**Monday: Trustees meeting 4:30 PM**

**Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM**

**Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside, 8:30-10 AM and Newsletter Deadline**

### June 18

#### Third Sunday after Pentecost

**FATHER'S DAY!!**

*prayers for Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk and*

*Don Boychuk & Robert Zondag*

**Philemon 1**

**Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM**

**Pastor Leanne out of the office beginning Wednesday**

**Thursday: Emmanuel volunteers at the Family Promise Shelter, 5-8 PM**

### June 25

#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Guest Preacher**

*prayers for Mary Branson and Jessie & John Brinkmann*

**Jeremiah**

**Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM**

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

## JUNE TEAMS

**CLEANING THE CHURCH:** Carol Pfalz  
**Coffee Hour Committee for June 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Lorna & Jere Marheine & Carol Pfalz

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
4	Charlotte Voigt	Mary Branson
11	Lorna & Jere Marheine	Michele Smith
18	Debbie Morgan	Francine Langlais
25	Carol Pfalz	Kris Davidson



### BIRTHDAYS

Kristen Kramer	1	Izaiah LaPrade	18
Jay Obenberger	1	Corrine Mayer	18
Jon Lynch	4	Jessie Brinkmann	21
Bob Krantz	6	Jared Kramer	24
Connie Motelet	8	John Brinkmann	28
Jenny Mickle	10	Eliza Kerr	28
Lorna Marheine	17	Steve Thompson	29

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Alex Langeder	9	Renee & Jay Obenberger	20
Kristen & Jared Kramer	13	Erin & Jon Lynch	27
Sue & Tom Stelling	13		

### MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Wesley Hazelberg	8	2014	9 years
Ben Lui	8	2014	9 years
Ben Obenberger	8	2014	9 years
Emma Phelps	8	2014	9 years
Kris Davidson	9	1991	32 years
Pat Doering	9	1991	32 years
Adam Langreder	9	2019	4 years
Olivia Obenberger	9	2019	4 years
Michael Phelps	9	2019	4 years
Egann Stack-Vaughn	9	2019	4 years
Xavier Hazelberg	10	2012	11 years
TJ Lui	10	2012	11 years
Betsy & Bill Welch	17	2007	16 years

### A little humor to brighten your day...

*The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Johnny interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once, while she was DRIVING," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"*



Congratulations to  
**Michael Phelps** and **Egann Stack-Vaughn**  
 who are graduating from high school!!



**Emma Phelps** graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance with a minor in Marketing. During her time at UW-W, she was most proud of performing at Carnegie Hall with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, winning the 2022 Concerto Competition and

performing as a soloist with the Whitewater Symphony Orchestra, and being a Lead Mentor and Peer Mentor for the First Year Experience Office. She was involved with organizations such as the UW-W Flute Club (President, Vice President), UW-W Jazz Education Network, and Delta Omicron-Omicron Phi. Emma was accepted to graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro pursuing a Master of Music in Performance and will begin her studies there in the fall.

### Peggy Hazelberg

earned her Master of Science in Nursing Degree with an emphasis on Nursing Education (MSN-NE). She is teaching student nurses in nursing skills and simulation courses along with an OB/pediatric course and will also be starting her own lactation support business, hoping to open this September. Peggy thanks her church family for your continued support in her endeavors!





to interact with  
once again

Shirlene  
Sue Stelling,  
Voigt and

Since our Family Promise church  
rotation ended three years ago,  
we are  
finally able  
our guest

YOU CAN HELP



Hazelberg,  
Charlotte  
Charlotte's

friend, Mary went to the static site in Waukesha on April 27<sup>th</sup> to provide a meal and evening activities for two families. It feels good to once again connect personally with families instead of just sending food. Our church will be providing this service once a month through October. This facility is able to accommodate five families, so as our numbers increase, we will again be asking the congregation to help us provide food.

We currently have 5 families in the apartment program and 3 families in the shelter program with the possibility of a fourth family coming next week.



You must be trained to volunteer at the shelter. If you are interested in the training, contact Sue Stelling or Charlotte Voigt.

Thanks to everyone for your donations for the UCC Global H.O.P.E. emergency project for relief to the many victims of

the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We were able to collect \$368.00.

For the month of May, we have been collecting for the National Alliance for Mentally Ill, (NAMI) of SEWI. This organization offers free resources, education, and support to anyone who needs it, whether families of those needing help or individuals with mental health concerns. Our church is lucky enough to have a speaker from NAMI who will be giving a presentation on the organization after church on Sunday, May 21. Please continue to give to this much needed non-profit.

Our Singing Bowl donations for June will go to RIP Medical Debt (A Nation that Cares Campaign supported by UCC Conference). Medical debt is one of the clearest examples of unjust debt in the United States today. More than 1 in 3 Americans struggle to afford the cost of their medical care – and it's the leading cause of bankruptcy.

**No one chooses to become sick, have a chronic illness, or be in an accident. These are debts of necessity. RIP Medical Debt** is able to abolish debt by mimicking for-profit debt buyers by using fundraised dollars to purchase medical debt in large, bundled portfolios for pennies on the dollar. **One dollar donated erases an average of \$100 of medical debt.** The emotional weight and toxicity of unpaid medical bills affects both insured and uninsured people.

UCC donations from past campaigns for RIP helped to abolish over \$104 Million of medical debt. Our church donated money to RIP during their earlier campaign and was a part of that abolished debt. Once again, with our Singing Bowl, and in partnership with many other congregations across the nation, we can ease the



burdens of many Americans who walk into a care facility with hope for healing and walk out with staggering medical bills.

Thanks as always to a compassionate congregation.

The Strengthen the Church Offering was collected May

21. The total amount will be shared next month. This special collection reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. New churches, youth ministries, leadership development and innovative programs in existing congregations can receive grants. If you have an idea that addresses ways to make a more just world for others in our community, please share that with the Board of Stewards. We could be one of the UCC churches receiving a grant in 2024! Thank you for participating in this second of five special offerings.

## Opportunity to represent Emmanuel...

Emmanuel needs 2 delegates to attend the WI Conference Annual Meeting.. Please speak to Pastor Leanne if you are interested. Emmanuel pays for lodging and meal expenses for our delegates.

### Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting...

Thursday, June 8 – Sunday, June 11 at the Green Lake Conference Center, W2511 WI-23, Green Lake, WI 54941.

Important information you will need if planning to attend: Both lodging and meals need to be booked directly with the **Green Lake Conference Center (GLCC)**. In order to arrange this, please call the GLCC directly at **920-294-3323** and identify yourself with the **Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ Annual Meeting** in order to receive the discounted rates.

Lodging: The GLCC has a variety of lodging options, including hotel rooms, houses and cabins. To see all options, please visit their website directly. Remember to book by calling the GLCC directly in order to receive the reduced group rates.

Hotel rooms in Bauer Lodge, Kern Lodge, and Roger Williams Inn are within walking distance of the dining room and meeting spaces. Rooms are air-conditioned and have private baths. There are no televisions (except in common lounge rooms) and toiletries are not provided.

**Important:** GLCC will release unsold rooms from the room block on **May 1**. Book early in order to guarantee your room.

Meals: Deadline to purchase meals: June 5, 2023

For more information, visit the Conference website: [www.wcucc.org](http://www.wcucc.org).



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.





## Remember Food Pantry Sunday!

We designate the first Sunday of each month as Emmanuel's Food Pantry Sunday. We invite you to bring non-perishable donations for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry and place them in the bin in the foyer.

THANK YOU to Laurie Buckett for taking our donations to the Pantry each month.



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. Please be aware that the church does not receive 100% of your donation via Payal. An administration fee is deducted from our receipt.



## Continuing Opportunities...



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

## THURSDAY MORNING BREW!!

June 15 & 29

stop in for a cup of coffee or breakfast and chat with Pastor Leanne

Sunnyside Up Restaurant on Hwy. 67 in Dousman



**HOME-BREWED FAITH**  
**Last Wednesdays of the Month**  
**7-8 PM**  
**at the Delafield Brewhaus**

Homebrewed Faith is a way for us to discuss specific issues that affect our faith and churches, that matter in our lives, that are in the news, or that are weird and niche (ie: October's exorcism discussion!). How then can we think about our faith? How do we respond? Who do we become?

May 31: Holy Spirit

June 28: God, the Church, and LGBT+ folks

July 26: Christian Nationalism is Dangerous and Evil

August 30: Living, Dying, and Grieving Well  
September 27: St Francis and Living with Creatures  
October 25: Halloween Special: Exorcism  
November 29: An Apocolyptic Advent  
No Homebrewed in December



After what seems like a LONG hiatus, the Ladies Fellowship group will have a lunch outing in June! On June 13<sup>th</sup> we'll meet in the church parking lot at 11 AM and carpool to Chen's Kitchen in Mukwonago for lunch. At this time, there is no meeting scheduled for July; however, we will meet on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM in fellowship hall, to plan for the Rummage Sale food sales on August 26<sup>th</sup>.



♥ Tom Stelling and Rod Podzus for mowing the lawn each week and Tom for spraying the lawn for weeds....AND Bill Welch for loaning us his pull-behind lawn sprayer.

♥ Jeannie Phelan for helping Pastor

Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship services.

- ♥ Our Dousman Home Meals drivers for May...Kris Davidson, Shirlene Hazelberg, Sue Stelling, Kathy Zebrowski, Charlotte Voigt, Barb & John Wood, Nansi Hawkins, Kristen Kramer and Jo Quaden.
- ♥ May Ushers...Kristen Voskuil, Laurie Buckett, Connie Motelet and Kris Davidson.
- ♥ Scripture Readers...Mary Branson, Ann Carpenter, Steve Thompson and Jeannie Phelan.
- ♥ Camera Operators: Melissa Rivera and Mary Branson.
- ♥ EVERYONE who helped with our May 7<sup>th</sup> Clean Up Day of the church grounds and highway.
- ♥ The Ladies Fellowship who provided cookies for the fellowship time after Jim Langreder's Ecclesiastical Council on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ Tom Stelling and Ron Blaschuk for doing 'toilet repairs' in the ladies restroom.
- ♥ Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water cooler.
- ♥ Ann Carpenter for leading worship singing.
- ♥ Our Coffee Hour Committee for May 21...Shirlene Hazelberg, Charlotte Voigt, Julia Starbuck and Sue Stelling.
- ♥ Charlotte Voigt for cleaning the church in May.
- ♥ Kristen Voskuil for teaching Sunday School and planning the Final Day festivities!



- ♥ Gregg Jarrett
- ♥ Fran Pike
- ♥ Lorna & Jere Marheine's niece, Amy
- ♥ Sue & Tom Stelling's daughter, Jenny
- ♥ Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Betsy & Bill Welch and Vera Ortman

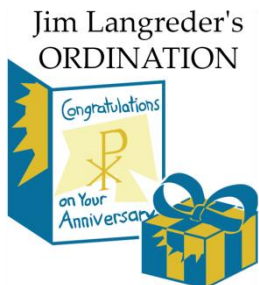


**A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed to our special fund to buy the new lawn tractor!!**



Sun	2	Holy Communion / Food Pantry Sunday
Mon, Wed-Fri M-F	3, 5-7 31-Aug 4	Emmanuel delivers Dousman Area Home Meals
Wed	5	PFLAG meets at Aurora Summit Hospital at 6:30 PM
Sun	9	Coffee Hour
Wed	26	Home-Brewed Faith discussion at the Delafield Brewhaus, 7-8 PM
Thurs	27	Emmanuel hosts at the Family Promise Shelter in Waukesha, 5-8 PM
Sun	30	Dousman Derby Days Parade 11 AM

## Looking toward August!



Jim's Ordination Service will be held here at Emmanuel on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. We will host a potluck meal following the service...mark your calendar!

## Medicare Savings Programs



### Are you eligible for help?

Medicare Savings Programs help people with limited incomes and assets by paying their Medicare Part B premium. They may also pay some or all of the Medicare deductibles and co-payments (depending on level of income). You may qualify based on the income and asset limits below.

#### MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

	Monthly Income Limit	Asset Limit
Individual	\$1,640.25	\$9,090
Couple	\$2,218.50	\$13,630

For more information and/or assistance, contact:

**Elder Benefit Specialist at the ADRC of Waukesha County  
(262) 548-7848**

## Extra Help

**Extra Help** is a prescription drug assistance program for people on Medicare who have limited incomes and assets. The program assists people with Medicare Part D premiums, deductibles, and co-payments. You may qualify if your income and assets meet these criteria:

#### EXTRA HELP ELIGIBILITY

	Monthly Income Limit	Asset Limit
Individual	\$1,823	\$15,160
Couple	\$2,465	\$30,240

## SeniorCare

**SeniorCare** is a prescription drug assistance program for Wisconsin residents age 65 or older. Everyone is eligible to enroll for \$30 annually. Your level of coverage is based on your income — assets are NOT counted.

#### FOR MAXIMUM HELP FROM SENIORCARE

	Monthly Income Limit
Individual	\$1,944
Couple	\$2,629.33



# Thank You!

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
PO BOX 216  
DOUSMAN, WI 53118

**National Fire Safety Council, Inc.  
and  
YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Thank you EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

For your recent donation of \$70.00

Received on 4/24/2023

National Fire Safety Council, Inc., takes pride in working with dedicated fire departments such as yours, who are committed to teaching your children and community vital fire safety and burn prevention. Your generosity will allow your local firefighters to distribute these materials to a larger number of children and individuals in your area.

For federal income tax purposes, this letter acknowledges your contribution. National Fire Safety Council, Inc., is a not-for-profit federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Donors may deduct contributions according to the U.S. Tax Code.

On behalf of your local firefighters, parents, and their children, we thank you for recognizing the need for this type of life-saving prevention program.

Your donation may directly save the life of a child.

Sincerely,



and National Fire Safety Council, Inc.





## Treasurer's Report for April 2023

### PLEDGED Income received

(April 2023)	\$10,165.00
(April 2022)	\$8,048.26
Difference	\$2,116.74

### NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(April 2023)	\$588.06
(April 2022)	\$497.00
Difference	\$91.06

Total INCOME for (April 2023) *	\$11,117.61
Total INCOME for (April 2022)	\$12,279.19

Difference	-\$1,161.58
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Total EXPENSE for (April 2023)	\$12,424.05
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Total EXPENSE for (April 2022)	\$11,991.79
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Difference	\$432.26
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Checking Account Balance as of April 30, 2023	\$3,720.71
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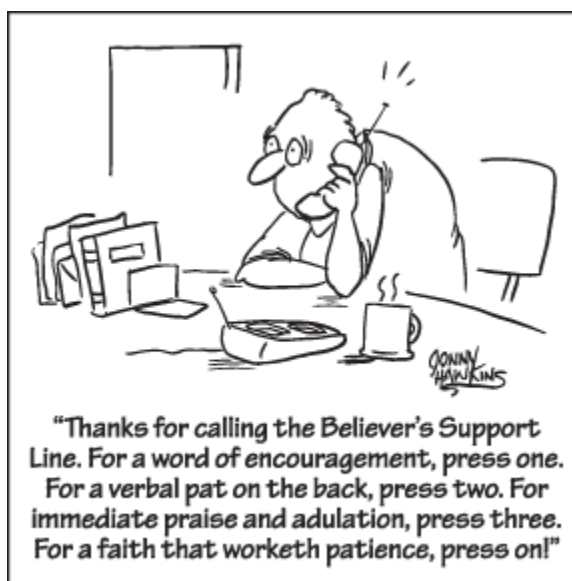
Difference	\$347.43
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\*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$145.94
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$135.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$0.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for April 2023	\$513.81
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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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