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The start of a new school year was always an exciting time. The time getting ready: collecting all the supplies in the right colors, learning where the classroom is and meeting the teacher, seeing if any friends will be spending their days in the same room. New school years are filled with excitement and anxiety, uncertainty and learning, struggle and celebration. They are filled with the expected ad surprises. And for all those reasons we offer blessings over our students.

But, as has been for generations, schools continue to be a place where the adults in positions of power play out the politics of the day: issues of class, integration, gender and sexuality have gotten fought with schools as our battle field. It is no wonder when schools become the places where some have made children the casualties of fighting, and it's no wonder so many students are searching out places to be fully themselves and to be safe.

And for all those reasons we offer blessings over our students.

We bless and pray for our students and our teachers. We believe that they are becoming and



growing into who God is calling them to be, unique and built for community.

We bless and pray for our students to find safe places and peopleteachers and friends-to be wholly themselves. And pray that they feel and know this community of Emmanuel is a safe place for them, too.

So, on September 10th, just as the school year has started, we're going to bless our teachers and students with a Backpack blessings. Students: bring your backpacks with you on Sunday morning to church!

Are you and your family struggling this year? Do backpacks and school supplies feel like a huge financial struggle? Let Pastor Leanne know, we want to help lighten that burden.

Pray for our students this year, for their safety and their learning, for who they are and who they are becoming.

Sunday School starts on September 10th for the year!

Pastor Leanne



# **The Messenger**



September 3

prayers for the Laur and Lui families Acts 20:7-12 Eutychus HOLY COMMUNION / Food Pantry Sunday 11 AM Book Study Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM; Book Study at 6 PM Wednesday: PFLAG meeting, 6:30 PM at Aurora Summit Hospital Saturday: 5:30 PM Tune in for the Cause Gala in support of the Lake Area Free Clinic (at Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee)

September 10

families RALLY DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF! Blessing of the Teachers & the kids' school backpacks!! Genesis 2:4b-25 Garden of Eden Monday: Trustees meeting 4:30 PM Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM; Ladies Fellowship meeting at 1 PM; Blood Drive at the Dousman Community Center 1-6 PM Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside, 8:30-10 AM Friday: Newsletter deadline

September 17 prayers for the Mayer and McGraw families Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 Isaac Born to Sarah Coffee Hour / Council meeting after worship Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside, 8:30-10 AM

September 24 prayers for the Mickle and Milos families Genesis 32: [9-13] 22-30 Jacob Wrestles God Monday-Friday: Emmanuel delivers Dousman Area Home Meals Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM Wednesday: Home-Brewed Faith at Rosati's in Oconomowoc, 7-8 PM Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside, 8:30-10 AM; Emmanuel volunteers at the Family Promise Shelter, 5 PM



#### CLEANING THE CHURCH: the Smith family and Shirlene Hazelberg Coffee Hour Committee for September 17: Connie Motelet, Laurie Buckett, Sherri Krantz and Frieda Goetsch

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
3	Debbie Morgan	Ann Carpenter
10	Carol Pfalz	Francine Langlais
17	Donna Newland	Kris Davidson
24	Stellings	Mary Branson



#### BIRTHDAYS

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

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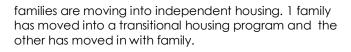
#### ANNIVERSARIES

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### MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Ellen Jondle	2,	2018
Jeannie Phelan	17,	2006



Thanks to everyone who has provided meals or in person volunteering - especially Charlotte who has volunteered many hours.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Sue Stelling or Charlotte Voigt.



Our Singing Bowl donations for September will continue to support local food pantries at a time when their supplies are traditionally the lowest. So far we have a little over \$60 donated and a Food Pantry has resources to use our dollars to buy as

much as \$180 worth of items. One in 8 families are hungry and food insecure.

Here are four reasons why donating money over food helps more families in need:

- Donated dollars can be turned into more meals. Food banks work with manufacturers, retailers, and farmers to secure healthy food. This means that when you donate a dollar, you're able to put more meals on the tables of families than if you donated food you'd purchased at the store.
- 2) Donations build healthier communities. Although non-perishable foods like rice, pasta and canned good donations are vital, no one can live healthy lives on non-perishable items alone. Your dollar donations can go toward more fresh fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy, and lean proteins. These perishable items can't be directly donated through food drives but are vital for healthy lives.
- 3) Donated dollars can be used to combat food waste. By working directly with farmers, healthy fruits and vegetables that don't make it to the grocery store end up on the plates of families in need instead of a landfill.
- 4) Not all food pantries have the capacity for large food donations.

Food pantries can do a lot with our Singing Bowl donations. Thanks as always to a compassionate congregation.



The Family Promise static shelter program has been in operation since April 2023.

After four months, 10 families have stayed in this community shelter.

During the past few weeks, 7 families have been housed and successfully and have exited the program. 5 of the



## 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.

# Continuing Opportunities...



# **TUESDAY MORNINGS** 10-11 AM in the library

Each week the Scripture for the following Sunday is discussed.

**THURSDAY MORNING BREW!!** September 14, 21, 28 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 DISCUSSION!!** Wednesday, September 27 7-8 PM NEW MEETING PLACE: Rosati's in Oconomowoc

September 27: St Francis and Living with Creatures

October 25: Halloween Special: Exorcism November 29: An Apocolyptic Advent No Homebrewed in December



۷ Kristen Voskuil for being the coordinator for our August 26th Rummaae Sale.

Tom Stelling, John Lui and Rod Podzus for mowing the lawn each

#### week.

- Tom Stelling, Ron Blaschuk, Peter St. Martin and John Lui for cutting up the fallen trees and cleaning up the firewood and debris.
- Jeannie Phelan for helping Pastor Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship.
- Our Dousman Home Meals drivers for August: Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Steve Thompson, Jo Quaden, Nansi Hawkins, Shirlene Hazelberg, Barb & John Wood, Sue Stelling, Laurie Buckett, Charlotte Voigt, Lorna & Jere Marheine.
- August Ushers: Laurie Buckett, Kris Davidson, Kristen Voskuil and Lorna & Jere Marheine.
- Scripture Readers...Jeannie Phelan, Francine Langlais, Kris Davidson and Steve Thompson.
- Camera Operators: Melissa Rivera and Michael Clark.
- Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water cooler AND furnishing us with a second unit (in fellowship hall).
- Ann Carpenter for leading worship singing.
- Our Coffee Hour Committee for August 13th...Julia Starbuck, Mary Branson and the Rivera family.
- Mary Branson for cleaning the church in August.
- Lorna Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that ¥ we get our rebate!!



Mary Ellen Jondle Gregg Jarrett Fran Pike

- Sue & Tom Stelling's daughter, Jenny
- Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica
- All of our dear shut-ins including Vera Ortmann and Betsy & Bill Welch.



Carol Pfalz's brother, Bob Drury, unexpectedly passed away on August 4th. Please keep the family, especially his widow, in your prayers.



We are so grateful for all your prayers and comfort in the loss of my dad. -Jenny & Todd Mickle

I would like to thank the congregation for the cards, prayers on the loss of my brother Bob. I will pass on all the kindness shown to my sister in law she really needs it at this time. - Carol Pfalz

Let Pastor Leanne know if you would like to attend one or both of these events and we will

# Summer Book Study: All Who are Weary by Emmy Kegler

In All Who Are Weary, Emmy Kegler joins the reader on the long walk of reflection, understanding, and compassion, calling followers of Jesus back to ancient practices of lament, vulnerability, honesty, community, and hope. This book is not a map to a cure, nor a



perfectly restorative prayer. Written with a wide community in mind — patients, but also parents and partners, coworkers and friends, pastors and therapists, and the whole church — All Who Are Weary points to the embodied grace known in Jesus, trusting in the promise of a lighter load for all. (from emmykegler.com/all-who-are-weary)

> Chapters 7-12: Sun, Sept 3, 11am or Tuesday, Sept 5, 6pm





"Behold" is the 2023 theme for the Neighbors In Need offering. This year's focus is on

environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other noncompostable wastes are being shipped across and even tossed into our waterways, launched into space as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith we believe these are egregious acts damaging our world. We must do better as stewards of our planet!

One-third of the Neighbors In Need offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives.

Please join us in supporting this year's NIN "Behold" campaign at Emmanuel UCC. We will be collecting the offering on October 1, 2023. Special Neighbors In Need envelopes will be available next to the offering plate in the Sanctuary. We thank you for your support and generosity.

The Stewardship Committee



Fund-raising Event Tune in for the Cause Saturday, September 9 5:30 PM Ingleside Hotel, 2810 Golf Road Pewaukee 53072

This will be a night of music nostalgia, frivolity and generosity in support of the important work of the Lake Area Free Clinic in Oconomowoc.

- Premier & Live Auctions
- Raffles
- Wine Pull
- Gift Card Tree
- Music
- Themed Games
- Plated Dinner

For more information or to register your attendance, please visit their website: LakeAreaFreeClnic,org.



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 y



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.



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.



Erika Weiss is our new wonderfully talented Music Director! Welcome Erika!!



## Looking toward October...

Sun	1	World Communion Sunday / Food Pantry Sunday Special UCC offering for Neighbors in Need
Tues.	Each	Bible Study 10 AM
Wed.	4	PFLAG meets at Aurora Summit Hospital 6:30 PM
Sun.	8	Blessing of the Pets Service Coffee Hour
Mon.	9	Trustees meeting 4:30 PM
Thurs.	12, 19, 26	Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne at Sunnyside Restaurant, 8:30-10 AM
Sun.	15	Council meets after Worship
Sun.	22	Pledge program for 2024 begins
M-F	23-27	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Wed.	25	HomeBrewed Faith discussion at the Delafield Brewhaus, 7-8 PM. Topic: "Halloween Special: Exorcism"
Thurs.	26	Emmanuel volunteers at the Family Promise Shelter in Waukesha, 5 PM



Emmanuel is now registered with iGive, which is is a free service to causes and members. Since 1997, iGive has grown to 350,000+ members supporting 150,000+ causes and raised over \$10 Million!

- iGive members generate donations by shopping online at any of their 2,000+ <u>Stores</u>.
- There are no added costs, obligations, nor any hidden fees.
- You don't need to enter any codes, notify the store, or iGive. It's all automatic!

**SHOPPING**: iGive is a rebate program where iGive members have the opportunity to donate their rebate to their chosen cause. iGive receives compensation beyond the posted donation amounts, and many stores pay to advertise on our site. When iGive members shop via our special links, an "iGive Cookie" is assigned to your browser. This tells the store, "Here is an iGive Member" using a meaningless member ID number. The store reports back with this number and the purchase amounts so we can calculate the donation to your cause. iGive.com never has access to any payment information.

Kristen Voskuil will be offering information and tutorials to help you get started, or you may visit their website and get going yourself... https://support.igive.com/Main



**Creation Care...**The Wisconsin Conference Creation Care Team to invite you to attend one of the two Creation Care retreats we've planned for this fall. The cost for each retreat is \$250 for two nights, with one-day options available.

On Friday and Saturday Sept. 29-30, we'll gather at Moon Beach, one of the beautiful outdoor ministry sites operated by United Church Camps Inc. Our keynoter will be John Bates, a naturalist and author who sees his professional mission as helping people to develop environmental literacy. John has written 10 books on the Northwoods and Upper Midwest and has written a biweekly column, "A Northwoods Almanac," for the Lakeland Times for the past 31 years. The retreat at Moon Beach will include opportunities for worship and networking, along with workshops that will provide ideas for individuals and congregations that want to exercise care for God's beautiful, but fragile, Creation. Registration deadline is Sept. 21.

On Friday and Saturday Oct. 13-14, we'll meet at UCCI's Daycholah Center, on beautiful Green Lake. There, the keynote speaker will be the Rev. Daniel Cooperrider, a UCC pastor, writer and teacher. An avid outdoorsman, he writes at the intersection of theology, environmental ethics and climate justice and is the author of "Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You," which will provide the theme for his talk. Daniel is co-pastor of Flicker Wild Church, a pop-up outdoor gathering. The rest of the program will mirror that at Moon Beach. Registration deadline is Oct. 5.

The news this summer has underscored the urgency of this kairos moment: Wildfires in Canada and on Maui, devastating heat waves in the United States and elsewhere, and a tropical storm that has produced historic warnings for Southern California make clear that now is the time for decisive action to protect our environment. Please join us this fall as we discern God's call to us amid the climate crisis.

Let Pastor Leanne know if you would like to attend one or both of these events and we will get you registration information.

# Treasurer's Report for July 2023

(July 2023)		\$10,005.00
(July 2022)		\$7,290.00
	Difference	\$2,715.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received		
(July 2023)		\$60.00
(July 2022)		\$1,540.00
	Difference	(\$1,480.00)
Total INCOME for (July 2023) *		\$10,698.53
Total INCOME for (July 2022)		\$9,578.40
	Difference	\$1,120.13
Total EXPENSE for (July 2023)		\$14,224.49
Total EXPENSE for (July 2022)		\$30,257.08
	Difference	(\$16,032.59)
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Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2023		\$1,447.74
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2022		\$3,402.66
	Difference	(\$1,954.92)

### \*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$ 5 223.53
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$ 6 160.00
SCRIP sales	
Fund Raiser	\$ 5 250.00
RBC Investment Account Growth for July 2023	\$1,206.39

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





You all did Emmanuel PROUD!!! Thank each and every person who helped with Jim Langreder's Ordination and Luncheon. It was a huge success.

A few honorable mentions for your efforts....Pastor Leanne....all those who helped moved chairs and tables the Sunday before...and...

Those who provided food, shopped, baked, set-up, served and cleaned up.... Sherri Krantz, Mary Branson, Ken Pike, Julia Starbuck, Shirlene Hazelberg, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Sue & Tom Stelling, the Rivera family, Ann Carpenter, Rev. Terese Leonhard, Kristen Voskuil, Charlotte Voigt, Judy & Peter St. Martin, Laurie Buckett, Connie Motelet, Jeannie Phelan, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Sandy Jarrett,

Corrine Mayer and Donna Newland.

Our ORIGINAL PRAISE BAND...Ann & Bill Carpenter, Pete Hazelberg, Chris Teerlinck and Jim Langreder.

Our Ushers...Kristen Voskuil, Charlotte Voigt, Laurie Buckett and Connie Motelet.

Corrine Mayer washed the fellowship hall windows!!

The Ladies Fellowship purchased the cake!!

Tom Stelling & John Lui made sure the lawn was mowed and trimmed!!

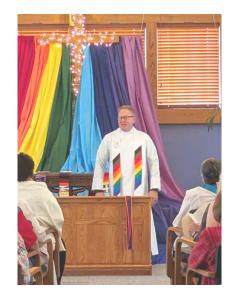
Mary Branson cleaned ALL of the chairs in fellowship hall!!

The Trustees for moving restoring the sanctuary after the event...moving ALL of those chairs!!

It was a hectic, somewhat stressful week, but well worth it...THANK YOU!!

CONGRATULATIONS JIM! We're so proud of you!











# (also live-streamed on Facebook)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10 Sunday School Starts!	11 4:30 PM Trustees meeting	12 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM Ladies Fellowship meeting 1-6 PM Blood Drive at the Dousman Community Ctr.		14 8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Sunnyside Restaurant	15 Newsletter Veadline	16
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<b>24</b> Neighbors in Need Mission Moment	25	26 10 AM Bible Study	27 7-8 PM Home-Brewed Faith at Rosati's in Oconomowoc "St. Francis & Living with Creatures	<b>28</b> 8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Sunnyside 5-8 PM Emmanuel volunteers at the Family Promise Shelter	29	30