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## The Messenger



### From Pastor Leanne...

The beginning of a New Year often comes with heavy expectations—a chance to “correct” what went wrong the year before: too many cookies, not enough walks, too few calls home to mom. And there is often a lot of pressure on the day to set the best New Year’s resolutions and keep them this time. Then we make it to the gym for a few weeks, and we drink more water for a couple of days, and then it’s someone’s birthday at work and we have that extra slice of cake. No judgment, we’ve all been there!

Maybe we need to take the weight away from this event, this day. We are always experiencing endings and beginnings. We are always in the midst of change. And if there is a moment in March when THIS is the time you want to start over, then that is the new moment for you.

Whether it is January 1st, April 23, or October 8th, may all your new beginnings and endings be blessed. And may this prayer be a blessing for those days.

### From Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie The Lives We Actually Have Bless this Beautiful, Limited Life for Beginnings and Endings

This life is made up of so many beginnings and so many endings. We start new jobs and leave old ones. We move to new cities and leave our childhood hobbies in our parents’ basement. (Sorry, Mom.) We become new people slowly (hopefully kinder and funnier?). Friends and relationships come and go. Dreams blossom and then they wither.

And we find ourselves here once again at the precipice of change.  
Afraid to let go, and afraid of what will happen if we don’t.  
Might this be a place of blessing too?

Blessed are we standing in the hallway  
between closed doors  
and ones still to come,  
between the old and the new,  
between the worn-in  
and the doesn’t-quite-yet-fit,  
between who we were  
and who we might become.

God, make it remotely possible  
to grow and change,  
become open to new adventures, and  
untethered to routine  
or to the same-old.  
Because the anxiety rising in my shoulders and filling my throat  
tells me I am unlikely, unwilling,  
to step forward.

Blessed are we who take a minute  
to look over our shoulder  
at all we learned from what was,  
the people we became,  
the people who loved us into becoming.  
The peace that came with familiarity.

Blessed are we who trust this timing,  
and who open our hearts anew  
to change, to new friends, to hope.  
Nervous, maybe heavy-hearted,  
but brimming with gratitude for a life  
so beautiful that it hurts to say goodbye.

Blessed are we, turning our eyes ahead  
toward a new path not yet mapped.  
God, give us courage to take this next step,  
and enough for the one after that, too.  
Remind us that you have gone before,  
and behind, and around,  
and are with us now.

In our leaving, in our arriving,  
in our changes, expected or shocking,  
surprise us with who we might become.

## JANUARY WORSHIP

### January 7

prayers for Laurie & Buck Buckett and Ann & Bill Carpenter

**Mark 1:21-45**

**Celebrating EPIPHANY**

**HOLY COMMUNION & FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**  
Help needed to take down the Christmas trees & decorations!!

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

**Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM / Ladies Fellowship, 1-3 PM**

### January 14

prayers for Michael Clark and Kris & Dick Davidson

**Mark 2:1-22**

**Coffee Hour**

**Monday: Deadline for February newsletter articles**  
**M-F: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman area Home Meals**

**Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM;**

### January 21

prayers for the Doering family and Mary Edwards

**Mark 4:1-34**

**Council meeting after worship**

**Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM**

### January 28

prayers for Nancy Edwards and Frieda Goetsch

**Mark 5:1-20**

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation follows Worship**

**Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM**

**Wednesday: Home-Brewed Faith discussion at Rosati's, 7-8 PM**

**Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside with Pastor Leanne, 8:30-10 AM**

## Stone Soup Worship

**What can we bring? How can we decorate and participate in worship?**

12/31 **Mark 1:1-20** John the Baptist, Jesus announces the kingdom, calls the disciples.--We're starting a new Gospel season and moving fast! What reminds you of baptism or a call or invitation to something special? Ideas: Water, Baptism, Ocean, Fishing, Shells, Call: Old Phone, Letter; Also Christmas! What is your favorite thing from this Christmas Season!

Theme until Lent: Asking the Questions

1/7: **Mark 1:21-45 New Beginnings** Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit, Peter's mother-in-law, and a leper.--This is the first story of Jesus healing someone. What does healing mean to you? Ideas: healing: First Aid Kit, things you used when you were injured, oil,

1/14 **Mark 2:1-22 New Wine** Jesus heals a paralytic and eats with tax collectors.--The paralyzed man is almost unable to meet Jesus. What keeps you from faith? actions? going to a place? Ideas: Barriers, stop signs, caution tape

1/21 **Mark 4:1-34 New Growth** Parables of sower and mustard seed--Jesus tells lots of stories that are centered around planting and growing things, and the people and animals that interact with them. What helps you understand Jesus' stories and world? What images do you have when you read the stories? Ideas: bulbs, seeds, pots, weeds, mustard, yellow things

1/28 **Mark 5:1-20 New \_\_\_?\_\_\_** Jesus heals the Gerasene demoniac--It's a little scary out there. Ideas: cemetery, Halloween? Pigs?

2/4 **Mark 5:21-43 New Life** Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the woman with the flow of blood.--These are some stories about women. An unnamed woman has been suffering for years with uncontrollable bleeding. Let's bring menstrual supplies for our local food bank.

2/11 **Mark 8:27--9:8 New Perspective** Peter's confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration--Symbolizing Jesus' question: 'Who do you say I am?' And the many questions the disciples had about him. Ideas: How do you get ready for Lent? What is something you question? Do you have a question mark? Can you make one?



**CLEANING THE CHURCH: Corrine Mayer**  
**Coffee Hour Committee for January 14<sup>th</sup>: Corrine & Molly Mayer**

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
7	Laurie Buckett	Dramatic reading-kids
14	Connie Motelet	Ann Carpenter
21	Lorna & Jere Marheine	Steve Thompson
28	Debbie Morgan	Dramatic reading-Smith family

## 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.



## ACAP

The past two months, we've been collecting dollars for Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP). ACAP's mission encourages

people with disabilities to acquire life-long skills that will enable them to become contributing and valued members within their communities. So far, we've raised \$145 for their good work.

## Holiday Projects

22 Veterans Bags were filled to the brim by our congregation this December for our male and female Homeless Vets with needed toiletries, socks, laundry supplies, scarves, and gloves. They were delivered on December 17 to the Chaplain at Zablocki Medical Center by Kathy Zebrowski and Sandie Horne. For Family Promise, the congregation generously bought 44 gift cards for groceries and gas for needy families that will help in their efforts to be able to afford their own housing. Thank you.

## The Trevor Project

This January and February our Singing Bowl collection will benefit The Trevor Project, the world's largest suicide prevention and mental health organization for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning (LGBTQ) young people. They provide a confidential Hotline for crisis/counseling along with a community of peer support, on-the-ground advocacy efforts, research on LGBTQ youth and their mental health, and education and public awareness to help youth and adults support the LGBTQ young people in their lives. They have been advocating for over 23 years and their mission is to end suicide among LGBTQ youth.

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

Your Social Concerns Team



THANK YOU to all who pledged your financial support for 2024. This is where we are currently at with pledging:

General Fund: \$111,330.00

OCWM: \$5,320.00

It's not too late to get in your pledge. You may mail it in or drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday.

The annual offering for The Christmas Fund was taken in December. THANK YOU to all who helped. We collected \$1,380!!!!

Board of Stewards,  
Steve Thompson, Francine Langlais, Charlotte Voigt, Sue Stelling

## BIRTHDAYS

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

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Carole & Dan Milos 19

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Vera Ortmann	3,	1971	53 years
Shirlene Hazelberg	27,	2008	16 years
Sherri & Bob Krantz	27,	2008	16 years
Melissa & Rick Rivera	27,	2008	16 years
Charlotte Voigt	27,	2008	16 years



## DOUSMAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Tuesday, January 9  
1:30 – 6:30 PM

Make an appointment

[https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/261058](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/261058)  
or call 877-232-4376



Thank you to everyone who helped provide food for the Family Promise Shelter last month. We are scheduled to serve our next meal on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU to everyone who signed

up to provide the food...our sign-up sheet was filled in no time!! Call Sue Stelling if you have questions, 262-965-3498.

The gift cards from the Angel Tree were greatly appreciated by the families who had to spend their Christmas in the Shelter...thank you!

We DO make a difference!

## Continuing Opportunities...



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

**THURSDAY MORNING BREW!!**  
**FIRST THURSDAYS ONLY!**



**January 4th**  
**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, January 31**  
**TOPIC: Prayer**  
**7-8 PM**  
**Rosati's in Oconomowoc**



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.



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. When the snow starts flying, please place your bags of cans to the left of the garage service door so they don't get plowed away...thank you. Your cans and metals brought in \$388 in 2023. Thank you to Ron Blaschuk & Tom Stelling for taking the metal in for recycling.



♥ The anonymous donor who sent us the 12 beautiful poinsettia plants to beautify the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

♥ All those who did the Advent Wreath Lighting Service each Sunday of Advent: Molly Mayer, Jenny & Todd Mickle, Connie Martin, Laurie Buckett, John Lui and Corine & Marie Mayer.

- ♥ Ron Blaschuk and Peter St. Martin for covering snow shoveling in December and Ron for getting the Team together and making out the schedule.
- ♥ Everyone who helped put up and decorate the Christmas trees.
- ♥ Everyone who donated poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary for the Christmas season.

- ♥ Jeannie Phelan, Ann Carpenter and Erika Weiss for helping Pastor Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship.
- ♥ We failed to thank Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk for delivering Dousman Meals in November...and for December our drivers were Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Jo Quaden, Nansi Hawkins, Laurie Buckett, Kathy Bleecker-Piirto, Kris Davidson, Kathy Zebrowski, Barb & John Wood, Sue Stelling and Shirlene Hazelberg.
- ♥ December Ushers: Debbie Morgan, Loma & Jere Marheine, Shirlene Hazelberg, and Kristen Voskuil.
- ♥ Scripture Readers: Steve Thompson, Mary Branson, Ann Carpenter and Jeannie Phelan.
- ♥ Camera Operator: Melissa Rivera
- ♥ Judy St. Martin for providing "Advent Cookies" for our after-Worship fellowship time in the Gathering Area during December.
- ♥ Our December Coffee Hour Committee: Julia Starbuck, Mary Branson, and Judy St. Martin.
- ♥ Ron Blaschuk, Tom Stelling and Jere Marheine for converting the lighting to LED on the front sign.
- ♥ Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water coolers.
- ♥ Ann Carpenter and Christy Lui for leading worship singing.
- ♥ Kristen Voskuil & Mary Branson for cleaning the church.
- ♥ Loma Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that we get our rebate!!



- ♥ Laurie Buckett
- ♥ Fran Pike
- ♥ Mary Ellen Jondle
- ♥ Gregg Jarrett, who had yet another surgery for cancer on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica who had another surgery on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Vera Ortmann and Betsy & Bill Welch.



Thurs	1	Morning Brew at Sunnyside Restaurant with Pastor Leanne, 8:30 – 10 AM
Sun	4	Holy Communion / Food Pantry Sunday
Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM
Sun	11	Coffee Hour
Mon	12	Trustees meeting, 4:30 PM
M-F	12-16	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Home Meals
Tues	13	Ladies Fellowship meeting, 1-3 PM
Wed	14	Ash Wednesday / Valentine's Day
Sun	18	First Sunday in Lent Council meeting after Worship
Wed	28	Home-Brewed Faith Discussion at Rosati's in Oconomowoc, 7-8 PM



### Treasurer's Report for November 2023

#### PLEDGED Income received

(November 2023)	\$8,600.00
(November 2022)	\$9,815.00
Difference	<b>-\$1,215.00</b>

#### NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(November 2023)	\$1,371.25
(November 2022)	\$1,306.00
Difference	<b>\$65.25</b>

Total INCOME for (November 2023) *	\$11,126.15
Total INCOME for (November 2022)	\$11,749.70

Difference	<b>-\$623.55</b>
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Total EXPENSE for (November 2023)	\$17,166.44
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Total EXPENSE for (November 2022)	\$11,970.22
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Difference	<b>\$5,196.22</b>
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Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2023	\$113.26
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2022	\$7,758.27
Difference	<b>-\$7,645.01</b>

\*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$189.90
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$530.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$300.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for November 2023	\$9,675.20
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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)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																																	
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 10 AM Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM PFLAG meets at Aurora Summit Hospital  Family Promise Food donations deadline, 11:30 AM in the kitchen	<b>4</b> 8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Sunnyside	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>EPIPHANY</b>																																																	
<b>7</b> HOLY COMMUNION Food Pantry Sunday  Please help take down the Christmas trees & decorations after Worship	<b>8</b> 4:30 PM Trustees meeting	<b>9</b> 10 AM Bible Study 12 PM Ladies Fellowship meeting 1:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive at the Dousman Community Center	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>																																																	
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