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FROM

PASTOR LEANNE

As I write this, it has really begun. Iowa has caucused and the rest of the year is on the path toward another election year. We're also going to hear more and more about how divided, isolated, "in our own camps" we have become as a society. We will probably feel it in our community with yard signs, bumper stickers, and comments in stores.

It has become a mark of pride to dig one's feet into an opinion or fact you learned once, and never let any new information change our minds. Some of it is silly and metaphorical, like, a frog thrown into a boiling pot of water would surely die and one slow heated does, in fact, feel the heat and jump out. But the metaphor is so good, that perhaps we never questioned it.

Our ideas, opinions, the things we KNOW, sometimes we hold on to them so tightly that we cannot hear another's opinions or experience, we cannot learn, and we cannot grow. It can break down families, friendships, and communities.

But could we find a way to hear each other, learn together, build community, and be more united, even through this political season?

During Lent, you're invited to read and discuss *Think Again* by Adam Grant. In it, Grant proposes that intelligence ought not to be fixed but thinking and rethinking

our views. That mental flexibility, humility, and curiosity are vital to our lives together. "If knowledge is power, knowing what we don't know is wisdom."

In the spring, Emmanuel and St Mary's will host discussions for the larger Dousman/Lake Country community, so that we might all be more open to conversations, discussion, learning from each other, and rethinking.

Pastor Leanne

Join the discussion Sundays or Wednesdays 3 sessions each

Sundays after Worship

February 25

March 3

March 10

Wednesdays at 6 PM

February 21

February 28

March 6

The Messenger



February 4

*prayers for the Peggy & Pete
Hazelberg family and Shirlene &
Bob Hazelberg*

Mark 5:21-43

HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

**Wednesday: PFLAG meets at
Aurora Summit 6:30 PM**

February 11

WAKE UP WITH GOD

SOUPER BOWL!!

*prayers for Sandie Horne and
Sandy & Gregg Jarrett*

Mark 8:27-9:8

Coffee Hour

**M-F: Emmanuel delivers the
Dousman area Home Meals**

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

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

**Thursday: Deadline for March
newsletter**

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Mark 9:30-37

February 18

*prayers for the Jondle and Kerr
families*

Mark 10:17-31

Council meeting after worship

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

**Wednesday: "Think Again"
discussion 6 PM**

February 25

*prayers for the Kramer family and
Sheri & Bob Krantz*

Mark 10:32-52

**After Worship: "Think Again"
discussion**

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

**Wednesday: "Think Again"
discussion, 6 PM**

FEBRUARY Teams

CLEANING THE CHURCH: The Smith family
Coffee Hour Committee for February 11th: the Smith family & Corrine Mayer

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
4	Carol Pfalz	Ann Carpenter
11	Donna Newland	Dramatic Reading; Narrator Mary Branson
18	Stellings	Dramatic Reading; Narrator Jeannie Phelan
25	Kristen Voskuil	Dramatic Reading;

FEBRUARY Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Rick Rivera	2	John Lui	16
Melissa Rivera	7	Josh Kerr	19
John Mayer	10	Molly Mayer	21
Kelvin Hazelberg	11	Miles Kerr	23
Aurynn Stack-Vaughn	12	Masyn Rivera	23
Kierwynn Stack-Vaughn	12	Mary Edwards	24
Peggy Hazelberg	14	Donna Newland	25
Leanne Rose	15	Jeannie Phelan	26

We have no February wedding anniversaries or anniversaries of membership!



Remembering MaryEllen Jondle...

On December 23rd, one day after her 102nd birthday, MaryEllen went home to be with God.

MaryEllen came to us in 2018 when she moved from Florida to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Ned and Dawn Jondle.

Many of us did not have the opportunity to get well acquainted with MaryEllen, and now knowing her life's story, that is truly a shame...we missed out!

She was born in Minnesota on December 22, 1921. Her family moved to North Dakota after the Great Depression, and ultimately ended up back in Ladysmith, WI. She attended Superior State Teacher's College and while student teaching, she met and fell in love with Ralph Jondle. They married in 1944 and moved to California where Ralph worked on welding gun turrets to B-17's and MaryEllen worked as Rosie the Riveter.

They returned to Wisconsin after WWII and settled in West Allis, ultimately, both involved in teaching careers. Not surprisingly, parents requested MaryEllen as their

children's kindergarten teacher. She made learning fun with her creativity and youthful spirit.

It's hard to say what MaryEllen's passions were...there seems to have been many. She was a lifelong artist, mostly self-taught. She crafted, sewed, knitted sweaters (the gorgeous sweaters she wore to church were made by her hands), made cards, diamond art, painting and woodworking. She also was an avid traveler. From the time her family was young, they went camping all around the country. Being teachers, MaryEllen and Ralph had their summers free and they used that free time well. Her travels also took her to Mexico, Central American, China, Russia, India, Africa and all over Europe.

After retiring from teaching, MaryEllen and Ralph wintered in Florida before deciding to settle there full time. After almost 20 years of retirement, they went to work part time at Disney World, which they really enjoyed. MaryEllen took 88 Disney cruises. Her goal was to go on her 100th cruise on her 100th birthday. She would have likely made it if the Covid pandemic had not happened.

This lovely lady was an inspiration...May she rest in peace....we will miss you MaryEllen!

Collection for Feminine Sanitary Supplies

begins Sunday, February 4th and continues for a couple of weeks...



Our Scripture reading for February 4th is Mark 5:21-43,

which contains the story of Jesus healing the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. It has come to our attention that the food pantries rarely get donations of feminine sanitary products, so what a better time to start collecting these items to help them out!

We will have the basket out on the 4th for your donations that day and a couple of weeks following. THANK YOU!

FEBRUARY 11TH!!



Before you start your pre-Super Bowl preparations, remember to pick up some non-perishable items for the Food Pantry in support of this year's SOUPER BOWL!!

We'll have boxes in the Sanctuary for your donations....there will be a box for each team participating in the Super Bowl and you may place your donations in the box decorated for the team you wish to win.

As always, our local Food Pantry will be the real winner. Let's get behind this important, fun yearly mission event and support it like never before!!

**And for our kids, February 11th is also
WAKE UP WITH GOD!!**

Kids come to church in your pj's or comfy clothes, have breakfast and play game & do activities!!



DOUSMAN AREA MEALS DRIVERS NEEDED!

During the winter months, some of our faithful volunteers who deliver meals on wheels each month leave for warmer climates. As of February we will be without 5 of our drivers, most until spring.

Won't you consider volunteering for this important ministry??? ...even if it is only during the months we are short of drivers??? Emmanuel delivers every four weeks. The meals are prepared and picked up at Three Pillars. We do 2 routes: one route covers Dousman proper and at this time two clients who live a little north of us. The other route covers mainly the Delafield and Wales area.

We are asking for about an hour or so of your time once a month...please help out!! Speak to Donna if you want more information or to volunteer.

Stone Soup Worship

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

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?

The Christmas Fund...THANK YOU!!

I am so pleased to announce that we raised \$1,380.00 for the Christmas Fund. Thank you to all the generous folks that gave to this cause remembering those who work for the Church and have sustained financial crisis this past year. The money we have raised, combined with other UCC congregations, will help supplement salaries, pension funds and medical plans for pastors, teachers, church workers and their families. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Steve Thompson for the Board of Stewards.



ACAP

The past two months, we've been collecting dollars for Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP) and raised \$160.63. That's a lot of art supplies, theater props, or gas money for transportation for

ACAP's clients with disabilities and cognitive challenges. 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



- ♥ Peter St. Martin, Pete & Peggy Hazelberg and John Lui for covering snow shoveling in January. Pete & Peggy deserve an award for dealing with the 12+ inches from the Jan. 12th storm!
- ♥ Ann Carpenter for making sure the poinsettias were kept watered throughout the Christmas season.
- ♥ Everyone who helped take down the Christmas trees in January.
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan, Ann Carpenter and Erika Weiss for helping Pastor Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship.
- ♥ Our January Meals drivers: Jo Quaden, Shirlene Hazelberg, Barb & John Wood, Sue Stelling, Kathy Bleecker-Piirto, Nansi Hawkins, Kathy Zebrowski and Laurie Buckett.
- ♥ January Ushers: Laurie Buckett, Connie Motelet, Lorna & Jere Marheine and Debbie Morgan.
- ♥ Scripture Readers/Dramatic Reading Casts: Jack & Harry Mayer, Masyn & Taylor Rivera, Pastor Leanne, Ann Carpenter, Steve Thompson, the Smith family
- ♥ Camera Operator: Melissa Rivera
- ♥ Our January Coffee Hour Committee: Corrine and Molly Mayer, Julia Starbuck and Melissa Rivera.
- ♥ Tom Stelling and Jack Newland for repairing the snowblower.
- ♥ Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water coolers.
- ♥ Ann Carpenter, Masyn Rivera and Christy Lui for leading worship singing.
- ♥ Corrine Mayer for cleaning the church in January.
- ♥ Lorna Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that we get our rebate!!

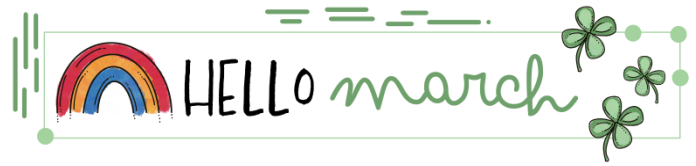


- ♥ Nancy Edwards recovering from a fractured collar bone.
- ♥ Fran Pike
- ♥ Gregg Jarrett and Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica who are recovering from recent surgeries.
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Vera Ortmann and Betsy & Bill Welch.



Nancy Edwards would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards she has received since she fractured her collar bone.

The Wildlife in Need Center thanks you for the donation of \$175.97, collected through our Singing Bowl. The Center provides care for over 1,500 wild animals annually along with sharing educational programs with their neighbors in southeastern Wisconsin. They receive no government aid and rely completely on private donations of members and friends.



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!

February 1st



stop in for a cup of coffee or breakfast and chat
with Pastor Leanne
Sunnyside Up Restaurant on Hwy. 67 in Dousman

NO HOME-BREWED FAITH DISCUSSION
in February

Sun	3	Holy Communion / Food Pantry Sunday After Worship: "Think Again" Discussion
Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM
Wed	6	6 PM "Think Again" Discussion
Thurs	7	Morning Brew at Sunnyside Restaurant with Pastor Leanne, 8:30 – 10 AM
Sun	10	Special Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing Coffee Hour After Worship: "Think Again" Discussion
Mon	11	Trustees meeting, 4:30 PM
M-F	11-15	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Tues	12	Ladies Fellowship meeting, 1-3 PM
Sun	17	Council meeting after Worship
Wed	27	Home-Brewed Faith Discussion at Rosati's in Oconomowoc, 7-8 PM
Thurs	28	Maundy Thursday
Fri	29	Good Friday
Sun	31	Easter Sunday



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

Lenten Word Search

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Serving Others
Crucifixion
Fasting
Give Up Something
Last Supper
Meditation
Repentance
Sins

Abstinence
Donate Money
Fat Tuesday
Good Friday
Lent
Palm Sunday
Resurrection
Volunteering

Ash Wednesday
Easter
Forty Days
Holy Season
Mardi Gras
Prayer
Reverence

Cross
Entry Into Jerusalem
Fourth Century
Holy Week
Maundy Thursday
Reflection
Scripture

Treasurer's Report for December 2023

PLEDGED Income received

(December 2023)	\$7,867.00
(December 2022)	\$7,280.00
Difference	\$587.00

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(December 2023)	\$6,145.81
(December 2022)	\$4,880.23
Difference	\$1,265.58

Total INCOME for (December 2023) *	\$18,616.89
Total INCOME for (December 2022)	\$15,594.39
Difference	\$3,022.50

Total EXPENSE for (December 2023)	\$16,512.79
Total EXPENSE for (December 2022)	\$12,937.90
Difference	\$3,574.89

Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$1,513.16
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$8,207.44
Difference	-\$6,694.28

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$63.76
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$1,535.00
SCRIP sales	\$2,590.00
Fund Raiser	\$323.66

RBC Investment Account Growth for December 2023	\$7,342.57
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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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