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FROM

PASTOR LEANNE



How is your Lent going?

I overheard a woman talk about her early Lent gathering and giving up meat, only eating fish during Lent. This older Irish woman proclaimed, "It's supposed to be hard! In Ireland, the fish was terrible. In Wisconsin, you've perfected the fish fry!" Sometimes I think Lent can be like that, we give something up, or add something, because it's good for us to eat less sweets, drink less soda, read a devotional, or spend more time in prayer. We sometimes use Lent to freshen up our already forgotten New Year resolutions. It is suppose to be hard, maybe even hurt a little.

Lent serves many purposes but I think two are most important: wholeness and solidarity.

Lent is a chance to reflect our lives, our actions, where we need forgiveness and to forgive, what are the crutches and things we are quietly tied to, some inner truth we're trying to avoid. Do you always need something playing in the background? What are you trying to avoid in the silence? Do you find a drink or an extra snack at the end of every day? What are you trying to fill? There is new life at the end of Lent, there is resurrection. While these reflections can happen any time of the year, we set time aside in this season to set our direction right and grow more in wholeness. We grow in the that wholeness when we live in reconciliation with

each other, building the wholeness of community, learning and practicing life together.

There is a long tradition of giving something up at Lent, I'm not discounting that. It is to remove the obstacles between us and the Divine (toward wholeness), and the obstacles between us and the world. Jesus knows what it is to suffer, to face abuse and abandonment and death. What we give up, or become aware of, at Lent ought to put us in solidarity with the poor, those who are struggling, those facing abuse or violence. How might fasting from food for a day a week or eat simply during Lent bring you to prayer and care for those who are food insecure? How might giving up alcohol bring to mind and care for those who face abuse by a domestic partner, particularly when they are drunk? How might giving up fancy coffee drinks bring to mind the coffee pickers around the world (often children) and perhaps that money could be given to a supporting cause?

There are a lot of ways to Lent. For the month that is left, perhaps we could lean into it, try something, be uncomfortable, eat the terrible fish, draw closer to God, and see the world anew.

May your Lent be a blessing to you and all that God loves.

Pastor Leanne



### March 3

*prayers for the Laur and Lui families*

**Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]**

HOLY COMMUNION & FOOD  
PANTRY SUNDAY

"Think Again" discussion after  
Worship

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

Wednesday: "Think Again"  
discussion 6 PM;

PFLAG meets: Aurora Summit 6:30 PM

Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside  
Restaurant 8:30-10 AM

### March 10

*prayers for the Lynch and Marheine  
families*

**Mark 12:28-44**

One Great Hour of Sharing offering  
Coffee Hour

"Think Again" discussion after  
Worship

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; Blood Drive 1:30-  
6:30 PM

Friday: Deadline for March  
newsletter

### March 17

*prayers for the Mayer families*

**Rev. Andrew Warner from the WI  
Conference will be our guest  
preacher**

**John 3:1-10, 7:45-52, 19:38-39**

Council meeting after worship

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM

### March 24

*prayers for the McGraw and Mickle  
families*

**Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9**

PALM SUNDAY

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

**March 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**March 29 GOOD FRIDAY**

**March 31 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 AM  
Worship & Egg Hunt!!**

*prayers for the Milos family and  
Debbie Morgan*

**Mark 16:1-8**



**CLEANING THE CHURCH: John Lui & Donna Newland**  
**Coffee Hour Committee for March 10<sup>th</sup>: Connie**  
**Motelet, Sherri Krantz and Laurie Buckett**

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
3	Shirlene Hazelberg	Steve Thompson
10	Carol Pfalz	Dramatic Reading: Smith family
17	Connie Motelet	Dramatic Reading: Jesus: Ann Carpenter
24	Marheines	Dramatic Reading: Jesus: Mary Branson
31	Kristen Voskuil	Jeanne Phelan



#### BIRTHDAYS

Autumn Kramer	5	Jack Mayer	23
Penelope Zabel	8	Melanie Laur	30
Marian Speerless	17	Rhienne Stack-Vaughn	30
Pete Hazelberg	12		

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Betsy & Bill Welch	19
Connie & Dan Motelet	24

#### ANNIVERSARIES OF MEMBERSHIP

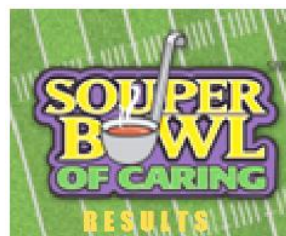
Sharon Perez	11,	2007	17 years
Rev. Terese Leonhard	20,	2011	13 years
Julia Starbuck	20,	2011	13 years
Jan & Jim McGraw	22,	2009	15 years

poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through your generosity, the United Church of Christ provides food, water, medicines, education and opportunities for sustainable development. When you give to OGHS, you are making the difference in the lives of many in need both at home and around the world.

**Our OGHS special offering will be received on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Special offering envelopes are located on the table next to the offering plates. You may also mail in a check to the church at any time (PO Box 216, Dousman 53118). Please indicate OGHS on the memo line of your check.

Thank you, The Board of Stewards



Kansas City Chiefs, 15; San Francisco 49ers 39 and GREEN BAY PACKERS 65!! Food Pantry 119!!! Thank you all who participated!!


# THANK YOU!

Emmanuel United Church of Christ's 2024 Collection


raised:

## 119 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 11, 2024



Alison Reese  
Executive Director  
Tackle Hunger; Home of the  
Souper Bowl of Caring



One Great Hour of Sharing is the first of our 5 for 5 special mission offerings received each year across the nation by UCC congregations.

This offering involves you in disaster relief, refugee/immigration and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme



Beginning in March, our Singing Bowl donations will benefit the UCC's Global Hope fund for Disaster Response and Refugee support. The Global H.O.P.E. team in United Church of Christ Wider Church Ministries brings together the UCC's refugee and migration ministries, volunteer engagement, disaster response and recovery, and sustainable development support. The acronym H.O.P.E. makes clear the team's vision: Humanitarian. Opportunities. Progress. Empowerment.



2023 was an eventful year for Family Promise of Waukesha County. In partnership with Hebron Housing services, the emergency overflow shelter opened and Emmanuel continued to provide a meal

once a month.

Beginning in April, The Community Shelter began providing services for families experiencing homelessness. Emmanuel was one of 31 partner organizations with 250 trained volunteers providing meals and hospitality. This year the shelter has served 27 households which included 98 individuals, 66 of which were children.

The Prevention Program which provides assistance with rent, utilities and car repairs served 75 households this year, made up of 255 individuals, including 150 children.

In addition five leased apartments were filled with families at all times. This was a record year for helping families, 102 households or 353 individuals.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in serving our homeless families in some way, providing food, serving food or donating money to the program.



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 PayPal. An administration fee is deducted from our receipt.



We have a supply of empty plastic eggs! Help yourself, take them home, fill with wrapped candy, tape shut and return by Sunday, March

24<sup>th</sup> OR purchase new plastic eggs, fill and return. (please no candy containing nuts or peanuts). THANK YOU!!

Please help us beautify the Sanctuary for our Easter service by donating a spring-blooming flower such as an Easter lily, tulip plant, daffodil, etc. THANK YOU!



Want to enjoy some refreshments while the littles hunt for their Easter Eggs after Easter morning

Worship? We'd love you to bring a treat to share (similar to coffee hour goodies...keep it simple!

## DOUSMAN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, March 12**

**1:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

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

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

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! Sign up at [bit.ly/dousmanmarch24](https://bit.ly/dousmanmarch24) or use the QR code! 50 available spots!**

Appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are welcome and will be invited to take an open spot in the schedule. Save time and fill out your health screener here: [bit.ly/versipass](https://bit.ly/versipass)



**It's Time to plan for your summer camping experience! The UCC has beautiful camping experiences for all ages available in Wisconsin! Check them out at [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org).**



- ♥ February Ushers: Laurie Buckett, Donna Newland, Sue & Tom Stelling and Kristen Voskuil.
- ♥ Scripture Readers: Ann Carpenter, Peter St. Martin, Jeannie Phelan and Lorna Marheine.
- ♥ Our February Coffee Hour Committee: the Smith family, Corrine Mayer, Julia Starbuck and Sandy Jarrett.
- ♥ Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water coolers.
- ♥ Ann Carpenter and Masyn Rivera for leading worship singing.
- ♥ The Smith family for cleaning the church in February.
- ♥ Lorna Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that we get our rebate!!



- ♥ Julia Starbuck, recovering from a hysterectomy
- ♥ Mary Branson, recovering from knee surgery.
- ♥ Laurie Buckett who continues to have problems with her blood sugar levels.
- ♥ Nancy Edwards recovering from a fractured collar bone.
- ♥ Fran Pike
- ♥ Gregg Jarrett, who will be receiving proton therapy for his cancer.
- ♥ Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica recovering from surgery.
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Vera Ortmann and Betsy & Bill Welch.



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 place your bags of cans to the left of the garage service door so they don't get plowed away...thank you.

## 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!**  
March 7th



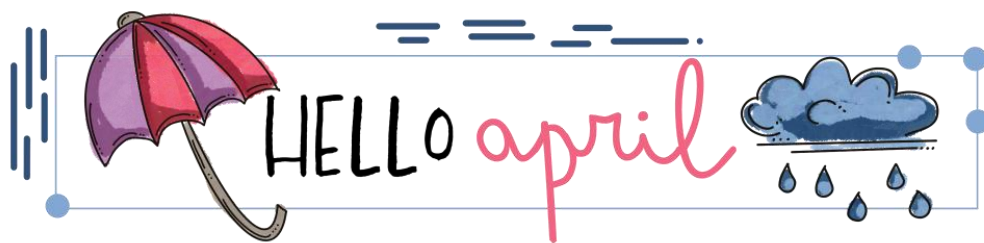
**stop in for a cup of coffee or breakfast and chat with Pastor Leanne**  
**Sunnyside Up Restaurant on Hwy. 67 in Dousman**

**NO HOME-BREWED FAITH DISCUSSION in March**

## We are FAMILY!



- ♥ Laurie Buckett, Sherri Krantz, Ann Carpenter, Charlotte Voigt and Kristen Voskuil for making 'check-in' calls to Julia Starbuck after she returned home following her surgery.
- ♥ John Lui, Sherri & Bob Krantz and Gary Phelps for covering snow shoveling in February.
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan and Erika Weiss for helping Pastor Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship.
- ♥ Our February Meals drivers: Nansi Hawkins, Kristen Kramer, Laurie Buckett, Barb & John Wood, Sue Stelling, Kathy Zebrowski and Jo Quaden.



Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM.
Wed	3	PFLAG meets at Aurora Summit Hospital, 6:30 PM.
Thurs	4	Morning Brew at Sunnyside Restaurant with Pastor Leanne, 8:30-10 AM.
Sun	7	Holy Communion; Food Pantry Sunday
Mon	8	Trustees meeting, 4:30 PM
M-F	8-12	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Tues	9	Ladies Fellowship meeting 1-3 PM.
Sun	14	Coffee Hour after Worship
Sun	21	Council meeting after Worship
Wed	24	Home-Brewed Faith Discussion, 7 PM at Rosati's

### Sudoku

Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

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## Treasurer's Report for January 2024

### PLEDGED Income received

(January 2024)	\$11,020.00
(January 2023)	\$12,015.00

Difference	-\$995.00
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### NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(January 2024)	\$545.00
(January 2023)	\$1,320.00

Difference	-\$775.00
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Total INCOME for (January 2024) *	\$12,053.97
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Total INCOME for (January 2023)	\$14,140.29
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Difference	-\$2,086.32
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Total EXPENSE for (January 2024)	\$18,857.35
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Total EXPENSE for (January 2023)	\$13,574.38
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Difference	\$5,282.97
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Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2024	-\$1,368.99
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Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2023	\$8,383.14
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Difference	-\$9,752.13
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\*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$138.97
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WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$50.00
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SCRIP sales	\$0.00
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Fund Raiser	\$300.00
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RBC Investment Account Growth for January 2024	-\$3,544.09
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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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