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FROM
PASTOR LEANNE



On nice days, from my office window, I can watch birds, rabbits, and squirrels. From other windows at church I see deer, cranes, and turkeys. I like it because at home we only have wild cats.

The land and life around the church, and our communities, is a blessing to and for us. It brings us beauty and wildlife and a reminder that new life is coming. But too often humans have looked at the earth's blessings as commodities to take, not blessings to be honored. And too often humans have thought blessings should only be one-sided and have not blessed the earth in return.

Theologian Dr. Sallie McFague wrote: "There is only one world, a world that God loves. Since God loves it, we not only *can* but *should*. In fact, loving the world, (not God alone), or rather, loving God *through* loving the world, is the Christian way."

As another spring begins to bloom, another Earth Day is coming. We spend a moment, a day, with intentional thoughts of the care for the earth, but we love God by loving the earth and the creatures that fill it. We love by caring for them.

Ray Simpson of the Community of Aidan and Hilda offers this prayer
 God bless the earth that is beneath us
 The sky that is above us
 The day that lies before us
 Your image deep within us.

But that image loves this world and calls us to love and care for it as well. It reminds us that we are sometimes the means of blessings. How might you be a blessing this Earth Day, this season, and all your days?

To find out more about the work the Creation Care work of the Wisconsin UCC visit:

<https://www.wcucc.org/kairos-call-to-action/>

Pastor Leanne

**Dousman/Lake Country read and discussion
 April 30 and May 1 and 8
 Three Pillars–Village on the Square Community Room**

We read Think Again by Adam Grant not just for ourselves but to offer to our larger community an opportunity to engage in conversations about how to have conversations. As we are entering into this time of elections and debates, we would love to have the community come together and not be driven apart. We hope to see you on Wednesday nights for the discussion

**Light meal at 5:30pm
 Program 6-7:30pm**

The Messenger



April 7

prayers for the Motelet and Newland families

Acts 1:1-14

HOLY COMMUNION & FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

M-F: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman area Home Meals
 Monday: Trustees meeting at 4:30 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM;
 Ladies Fellowship meeting at 1 PM

April 14

prayers for the Obenberger and Ortman families

Acts 3:1-10

Coffee Hour

Monday: Deadline for May newsletter

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM

April 21

prayers for Carol & John Pfalz and Jeannie Phelan

Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thesalonians 1:1-10

Council meeting after worship

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM

Wednesday: HomeBrewed Faith Discussion at Rosati's 7 PM

April 28

prayers for the Phelps and Pike families

Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

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

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



CLEANING THE CHURCH

Laurie Bucket, Sherri Krantz, Connie Motelet

COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE FOR APRIL 14TH

Charlotte Voigt, Kathy Zebrowski, Shirlene Hazelberg

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
7	Debbie Morgan	Steve Thompson
14	Carol Pfalz	Ann Carpenter
21	Donna Newland	Michele Smith
29	Sue & Tom Stelling	Mary Branson



BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Erickson-Bhatt	3	Erin Lynch	24
Bob Hazelberg	8	Don Boychuk	26
Kristen Voskuil	11	Todd Mickle	29
John Quaden	20		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy & Gregg Jarrett	8
Shirlene & Bob Hazelberg	10

ANNIVERSARIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Edwards	7,	1955	69 years
John Quaden	9,	1972	52 years
Ken Pike	10,	1960	64 years
Frieda Goetsch	19,	1962	62 years
Kristen Kramer	27,	2003	21 years
Judy & Peter St. Martin	27,	2021	3 years
John Mayer	29,	2001	23 years



It was our honor to participate in the Sacrament of Baptism for Olivia Jane Mayer on March 24th. Olivia is the daughter of Molly and John. Her "big" brothers are Jack and Harry and her Emmanuel grandmother is Corrine Mayer. Molly's aunt and uncle are her Godparents: Marie Mayer and Paul Mayer III.



The community shelter in Waukesha where we have been supplying meals once a month was a program of Family Promise. The facility was leased from the Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha County (HAC).

Funding for HAC ran out in mid February and the shelter had to be closed. Accommodations for the families in the shelter were found as quickly as possible.

Future plans for the program are being discussed at this time.



The Trevor Project

This January and February our Singing Bowl collected \$238.81 to 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.

Also in February, Souper Bowl Sunday was a great success with many food items donated by our congregation and delivered to the Food Pantry along with February's collected feminine hygiene products. The Pantry's shelves were almost empty of hygiene products, so donations of any kind of cleaning supplies and toiletries are always welcome.

UCC Global H.O.P.E.

For March and April, the Singing Bowl donations will be collected for UCC Global Hope Disaster Response and Refugee Support. The Global H.O.P.E. (Humanitarian. Opportunities. Progress. Empowerment) 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. Some of the areas our donations will go to support needs such as: Hawaii Wildfires, Ukraine, Middle East Support and USA Emergencies. There are many humanitarian concerns in the world today so please help by contributing to our Singing Bowl if you can. Thanks as always to a compassionate congregation.



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.

We are FAMILY!



♥ Everyone who donated candy and eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt AND those who will be donating flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

- ♥ Gary Phelps and Rick Rivera for covering snow shoveling in March.
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan and Erika Weiss for helping Pastor Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship.
- ♥ Our March Meals drivers: Nansi Hawkins, Jo Quaden, Shirlene Hazelberg, Barb & John Wood, Laurie Buckett, and a special thank you to Sue Stelling for not only delivering on her assigned days, but helping out by covering Kathy Zebrowski's days while she was under the weather.
- ♥ March Ushers: Shirlene Hazelberg, Carol Pfalz, Connie Motelet, Lorna & Jere Marheine and Kristen Voskuil.
- ♥ Scripture Readers: Steve Thompson, Donna Newland, Ann Carpenter, Mary Branson and Jeannie Phelan
- ♥ Our March Coffee Hour Committee: Connie Motelet, Shri Krantz and Laurie Buckett.
- ♥ Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water coolers.
- ♥ Ann Carpenter and Masy Rivera for leading worship singing.
- ♥ John Lui and Donna Newland for cleaning the church in March.
- ♥ Lorna Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that we get our rebate!!



- ♥ Julia Starbuck, recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Fran Pike
- ♥ Gregg Jarrett, who will be receiving proton therapy for his cancer.
- ♥ Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica.
- ♥ 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you, Emmanuel, for your generous support of our OGHS mission offering. \$465.00 has been collected to date.

Your contributions put you in the right place at the right time to help the most vulnerable. Your dollars carry God's message of love and hope to people in crisis.

Thank you,
Your Stewards Board

Continuing Opportunities...



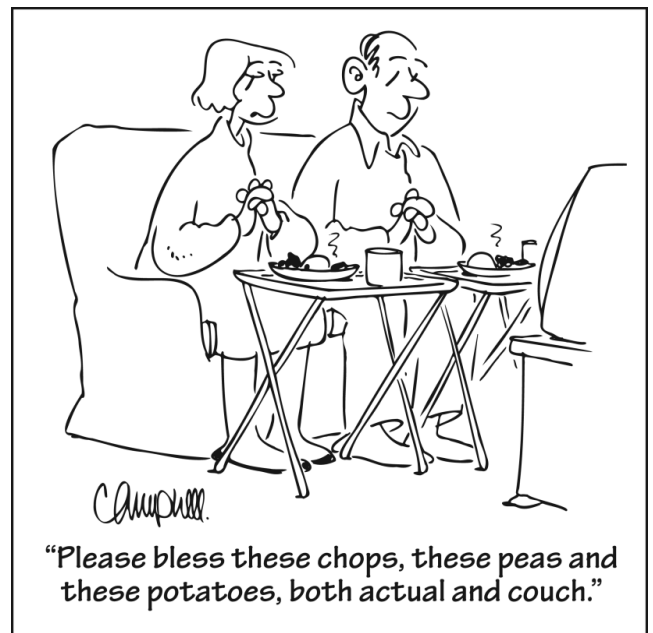
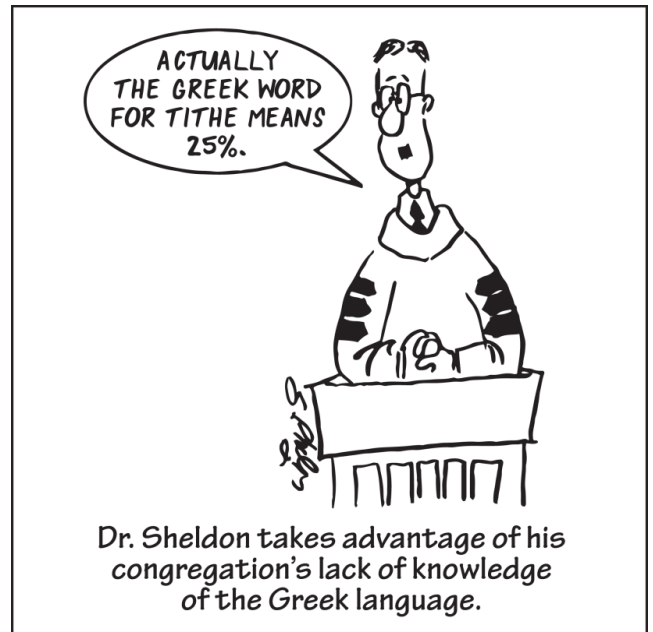
TUESDAY MORNINGS
10-11 AM in the library
Each week the Scripture for the following Sunday is discussed.

THURSDAY MORNING BREW!!
FIRST THURSDAYS ONLY!
April 4



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

HomeBrewed Faith Discussion April 24th





Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM.
Wed	1	PFLAG meets at Aurora Summit Hospital, 6:30 PM.
Thurs	2	Morning Brew at Sunnyside Restaurant with Pastor Leanne, 8:30-10 AM.
Sun	5	Holy Communion; Food Pantry Sunday
M-F	6-10	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Sun	12	Mother's Day / Coffee Hour
Mon	13	Trustees meeting, 4:30 PM
Tues	14	Ladies Fellowship meeting 1-3 PM.
Sun	19	Council meeting after Worship
Wed	29	Home-Brewed Faith Discussion, 7 PM at Rosati's

Treasurer's Report for February 2024

PLEGGED Income received

(February 2024)	\$9,220.00
(February 2023)	\$7,185.00
Difference	\$2,035.00

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(February 2024)	\$3,013.00
(February 2023)	\$248.00
Difference	\$2,765.00

Total INCOME for (February 2024) *	\$12,048.67
Total INCOME for (February 2023)	\$7,628.00
Difference	\$4,420.67

Total EXPENSE for (February 2024)	\$12,953.71
Total EXPENSE for (February 2023)	\$12,845.32
Difference	\$108.39

Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2024	-\$2,491.78
Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2023	\$3,144.14
Difference	-\$5,635.92

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$114.62
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$595.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$31.05

RBC Investment Account Growth for February 2024	\$3,029.19
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Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski (262-646-8882) or Jeannie Phelan (414-940-4464)



Hello!

Thank you for being a welcoming and affirming faith community for LGBTQ+ individuals in Wisconsin. GSAFE is a Madison-based organization that works with students, educators, and families to create safe and affirming schools and classrooms for LGBTQ+ youth. We appreciate your commitment to extending those spaces beyond the classroom walls!

Please find the enclosed flier promoting GSAFE's **Online Quilt and Fiber Art Auction**. This event, now on its 4th year, raises funds to support GSAFE's work of creating safe and affirming schools for LGBTQ+ students, educators, and families across Wisconsin. Launched as an early pandemic pivot, the auction has been an incredible opportunity for quilters and fiber artists from across the globe to come together to share their time, talent, and generosity with our students.

The auction is all online, which means items are shipped across the country (and Canada). Each year the number of donations continues to grow, with this past year nearing 200 items from over 100 creators!

A selection of items will be displayed at a Madison-area quilting store throughout the month of November, as well. We advertise the auction and have a booth at the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show each year. We also hold a contest and award several "Best on Theme" awards and gift cards to winning creators.

Please consider posting the enclosed flier to share with your congregation and sharing the opportunity with members who might be interested. This year's theme is "Together" and we encourage submissions from both individuals and groups of creators.

To learn more about the auction, what kind of items we are looking for, and how to submit please visit gsafewi.org/event/2024quiltauction/ or scan the QR code on the flier. We can also provide you with social media images promoting the auction for you to share via that method as well.

Thanks in advance for sharing this opportunity with your congregation and community. If you or your customers have any questions, please contact us at quilts@gsafewi.org.

With gratitude,

The GSAFE Team



Three Pillars opportunities...flyers are available on the rotating kiosk in the Gathering Area



alzheimer's association

Three Pillars' Riverside Lodge Caregiver Support Group

Presented by:

Alzheimer's Association

Wisconsin

Fourth Thursday of the month (starting March 28)
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Riverside Lodge
420 N. Main Street
Dousman, WI 53118

Jennifer Graf
(262) 965-7133
jgraf@threepillars.org

There is parking set aside for Riverside Lodge with signs to direct you to it. Visit alz.org/wi to learn more about caregiver programs and resources.

Build a support system with people who understand.

Alzheimer's Association™ support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care partners to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

800.272.3900 | alz.org

CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA?

WE CAN HELP!

MEMORY LANE LENDING LIBRARY

YOU CAN IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE!

Finding the right activities can decrease behaviors and improve quality of life for someone with dementia! Through a generous grant, we are able to provide a **free consultation and items to borrow, at no cost**, for you to try at home.

Items include, but are not limited to:

- Adapted recreation materials
- Videos
- Fidget toys
- Sensory items
- Games
- Resources for caregivers
- Books

Get info on these resources and more at ThreePillars.org/Memory-Care-Initiatives.

Three Pillars
SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
410 N Main St, Dousman WI | 800.848.5306

CONTACT
Jen Graf, Three Pillars' Director of Dementia Programming
262.965.7133 or jgraf@threepillars.org

GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH BUTTERFLIES!

RIVERSIDE LODGE • 420 N MAIN ST, DOUSMAN
MONDAY, APRIL 22 • 1PM

SPARK! is a cultural program for people with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners. Programs are designed to keep participants actively engaged in their communities by providing experiences that stimulate conversations, provide peer support and inspire creativity through creative engagement, workshops and programs.

Via SPARK!, Milwaukee Public Museum will be presenting a program on butterflies at Riverside Lodge. "Butterflies may be beautiful, but that's not why they're important! Learn about the residents of MPM's Butterfly Vivarium while we get up close and personal with these fascinating animals."

The program includes real butterfly specimens!

ATTENDANCE IS FREE, BUT SPACE IS LIMITED!

RSVP: Jen Graf at jgraf@threepillars.org or 262.965.7133.



You're Not Alone!

Connect With Others Who Have A Movement Disorder

Three Pillars is pleased to offer a Movement Disorder Group on its Dousman campus. The group is open to community members, Three Pillars residents, and their family members. The group was proposed by Three Pillars residents who have an interest in this topic!

THE MOVEMENT DISORDER GROUP

- Friday, March 22, 2024 | 11AM
- Village on the Square Community Room (314 E Village Ct, Dousman)

At our first meeting in March, we will discuss ways the group can provide support, information, and activities for those who are experiencing movement disorders.

It is our hope, through this group, participants will find connections with others and learn how to improve their lives through education about diseases, treatment, and lifestyle choices that can impact progression.



FIND CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS

REDUCE THE IMPACT OF PROGRESSION

Three Pillars
SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...

If you have questions about the meeting, or would like to be involved, but cannot attend, please contact Jen Graf, Director of Dementia Programming, at 262.965.7133 or jgraf@threepillars.org.

Reservations are appreciated, but are not required.

Your Memory Is Everything

A Free Three Pillars Series Focusing On Memory Loss And Brain Health

This presentation series is designed for people concerned about memory loss, experiencing the early stages of memory loss and caregivers. Presentations are open to Three Pillars residents and the public. There is no charge to attend!

MEMORY LOSS: WHAT COULD IT MEAN? — April 11 | 6pm

Explore normal memory loss versus possible disease processes, an overview of different types of dementia and options for assessment.

MY FRIEND HAS MEMORY LOSS — June 12 | 6pm

Understand how dementia affects people and how to adapt your relationships to accommodate memory loss.

MAINTAINING YOUR BRAIN HEALTH — August 14 | 6pm

Making healthy lifestyle choices and managing chronic health conditions to keep your brain healthy.

LIVING DAY TO DAY WITH MEMORY LOSS — October 9 | 6pm

Tips and tricks for people living with early-stage memory loss.

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE HAS DEMENTIA — December 11 | 6pm

Ideas for making the holidays joyous when things just aren't the same.

All presentations will be held in the Community Room in Village on the Square at 314 E. Village Ct. in Dousman, WI.

Reservations are requested, not required.

For more info, or to RSVP, please contact Jen Graf, Director of Dementia Programming, at 262.965.7133 or jgraf@threepillars.org.



Sharpen Your Memory!

Join The Brain Health Group At Three Pillars

Three Pillars is pleased to offer a Brain Health Group on its Dousman campus. The group is open to community members, Three Pillars residents, and their family members. The Brain Health Group was proposed by Three Pillars residents who have an interest in the topic!

THE BRAIN HEALTH GROUP

- Monday, March 25, 2024 | 1PM
- Village on the Square Community Room (314 E Village Ct, Dousman)

The group will investigate, research and learn **concrete ways to sharpen our memories to reduce the likelihood of Alzheimer's Disease.**

We will start with study of the book "High Octane Brain" by Dr. Michelle Braun. You do not have to own, or have read, the book before the first meeting.

The March 25 meeting will be an organizational meeting to determine future meeting dates, times, and content.



REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

OPEN TO OUR RESIDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY!



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...

If you have questions about the meeting, or would like to be involved, but cannot attend, please contact Jen Graf, Director of Dementia Programming, at 262.965.7133 or jgraf@threepillars.org.

Reservations are appreciated, but are not required.



April

9:30 AM WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY
(also live-streamed on Facebook)

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