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FROM
PASTOR LEANNE



I have been told that I am a very (overly) emotional person. I've come to terms with that. I will get teary-eyed during a show or movie when the lovers must part, when the some character dies, when someone overcomes all odds, when... it's a lot. I love a good story that hooks my emotions and lets me invest in the lives of the characters.

But I am always surprised when the stories in scriptures surprise me with tears or shock or even joy. Our stories have become so known that many have lost the connection. It's why we like new translations, in words we know and use, the stories become just a bit more relatable. It's why we like Bible movies and shows, we can relate to the people we see before us.

The Scriptures are full of stories of people who were trying to understand their world around them, who were trying to understand their place in the world, they were trying to understand the divine, they were holding a mirror to society of lives lived well and lives that needed to turn, they were painting images of how the world could be. It's full of narratives, poetry, songs. It tells the stories of lovers and siblings and violence and survival and hope. It tells stories of what it means to be human.

We believe that God is still speaking in the world and through people. The poets and storytellers today are still trying to put words to the world as it is and as it could be. There is a sacredness in creativeness, in stories and words and art. It doesn't have to only tell the stories of God to be sacred. The stories that tell us about who we are, that bring joy or teach us to grieve, those are holy and sacred, too.

It's why we can spend part of our summer on the Gospel of Broadway. Because West Side Story taught us about love, hate, and forgiveness. Because South Pacific proclaimed that we have to be carefully taught to hate, fear, and discriminate. Because Newbies reminds us that together we can fight the powers. Because there is truth and hope in these stories that remind us what it is to be human.

Composers and songwriter are the poets who are trying to understand the world around us, who are holding a mirror to the lives we live, who are painting an image of what could be. They help us understand ourselves and the world God created.

So, you're invited this summer to imagine and think deeply and sing songs from musicals.

(ticket below to cut out of newsletter and give away or email to a friend!)

Emmanuel UCC Presents
THE GOSPEL OF BROADWAY
 Unlimited Admission
 Sundays 9:30
 Starting May 26
 EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Messenger



May 5

prayers for Jo & John Quaden and the Rivera family

Acts 1:1-141

Corinthians 13:1-13

HOLY COMMUNION & FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY FOR THE CHURCH GROUNDS!

**M-F: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman area Home Meals
 Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM**

May 12

prayers for Pastor Leanne & Kelly and Judy & Peter St. Martin

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57
MOTHER'S DAY!

Coffee Hour

Monday: Trustees meeting, 4:30 PM

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

Wednesday: Deadline for June newsletter articles

May 19

prayers for the Smith family and Julia Starbuck

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

**Council meeting after worship
 Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM**

May 26

prayers for Sue & Tom Stelling and Steve Thompson

Monday: Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

Wednesday: Home-Brewed Faith Discussion at Rosati's, 7 PM



CLEANING THE CHURCH
Charlotte Voigt & Shirlene Hazelberg

COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE FOR MAY 12TH
Mary Branson, Kristen Voskuil & Donna Newland

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
5	Shirlene Hazelberg	Jeannie Phelan
12	Kristen Voskuil	Steve Thompson
19	Laurie Buckett	Ann Carpenter
26	Kris Davidson	



BIRTHDAYS

Maven Laur	2	Kris Davidson	25
Nicole Kerr	8	Loey Erickson	26
Michael Doering	11	Vera Ortmann	28
Taylor Rivera	21	Ann Carpenter	30
Arlo Lynch	23	Gabs Rivera	31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kris & Dick Davidson	2
Jenny & Todd Mickle	7
Peggy & Pete Hazelberg	17
Terese Leonhard & Michael Birch	20
Kristen Voskuil & Adam Brandes	21
Don Boychuk & Robert Zondag	24
Pat & Mike Doering	24
Sarah Erickson- & Ruchir Bhatt	26
Fran & Ken Pike	26
Carol & John Pfalz	31

ANNIVERSARIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Jessie Brinkmann	5,	1996	28 years
Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk	12,	2002	22 years
Sandy Jarrett	12,	2013	11 years
Craig Berentsen & Michael Grant	15,	2022	2 years
Erin & Jon Lynch	15,	2022	2 years
Donna Newland	15,	1988	36 years
Michele & Andrew Smith	15,	2022	2 years
Sarah Erickson-Bhatt	27,	2018	6 years



Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Day in April. Over \$88,000 was donated and will be used to prevent homelessness for those that are on the brink of losing their homes and supporting the

Apartment Shelter Program. We are looking to start another apartment shelter in the Oconomowoc area since there are at least 20 area students identified as homeless at this moment.

Family Promise was awarded a 5 year grant to collaborate with other agencies in Wisconsin, creating a program to work toward zero unsheltered families in Waukesha County, reduce the number of families needing shelter and hasten the time it takes for families to find permanent housing.

Monday, July 22, will be the Family Promise Golf Outing held at Oconomowoc Golf Club. The cost to golf will be \$200 per person. If you are not a golfer, then join the festivities on the 19th hole for \$60. Sponsorships are welcomed.

Looking for other ways to give, volunteer or more information about the items mentioned above? Go to the Family Promise website at: familypromisewaukeshawi.org.



UCC Global H.O.P.E.

For March and April, the Singing Bowl donations have been 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. Thanks to your generosity, we've so far collected \$240.

Stay tuned for our next opportunity to help a worthy organization in the coming months. Also, if you have a suggestion for a charity that is near and dear to your heart, please contact Sherri Krantz or Shirlene Hazelberg. Thank you!



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.



New Ministries

Youth Spirituality

Practices Supporting a Just World

Question: What do these three items above, have in common?

Answer: All three are supported by the special offering, "Strengthen the Church."



On May 19, we will be taking our second of five special offerings of the year in support of the many local churches affiliated with the United Church of Christ. This special offering, known as "Strengthen the Church", invests in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities that support a just world for all. It also will support programs that help develop the spiritual life of our youth and young adults.

Please consider a donation to this special offering. Special offering envelopes will be located next to the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary. If not using one of those envelopes, please indicate on your check or envelop that you are making a donation to "Strengthen the Church." You can also mail your contribution to envelop that you are making a donation to "Strengthen the Church." You can also mail your contribution to Emmanuel U.C.C., PO Box 216, Dousman, WI 53118. Thank you!

The Board of Stewards



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We are FAMILY!



♥ Everyone who brought goodies for our after Worship fellowship time on Easter Sunday, those who brought flowers to decorate the Sanctuary and donated candy and eggs for our Easter

Egg Hunt!!

- ♥ Jeannie Phelan and Erika Weiss for helping Pastor Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship.
- ♥ Our April Meals drivers: Nansi Hawkins, Jo Quaden, Shirlene Hazelberg, Barb & John Wood, Laurie Buckett, Kathy Zebrowski, Charlotte Voigt, and Kathy Bleecker-Piirto.

- ♥ April Ushers: Debbie Morgan, Carol Pfalz, Donna Newland, Sue & Tom Stelling.
- ♥ Scripture Readers: Steve Thompson, Ann Carpenter, Jeannie Phelan and Mary Branson.
- ♥ Our April Coffee Hour Committee: Charlotte Voigt, Kathy Zebrowski, Shirlene Hazelberg, and Sandy Jarrett.
- ♥ Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water coolers.
- ♥ Our 'pop-up' choir who performed on Palm Sunday: Corine Mayer, Heather Thiele, Erika Weiss, Ann Carpenter, Jeannie Phelan and Peter St. Martin.
- ♥ Ann Carpenter and Masyn Rivera for leading worship singing AND Christy Lui who joined them on Easter Sunday.
- ♥ Laurie Buckett, Sherri Krantz and Connie Motelet for cleaning the church in April.
- ♥ Lorna Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that we get our rebate!!
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan for representing Emmanuel at the Southeast Association Annual Meeting on April 27th.



- ♥ The Phelps family as they mourn the passing of Gary.
- ♥ The Milos family as they mourn the passing of Dan's mother.
- ♥ Fran Pike and her sister, Frieda.
- ♥ Gregg Jarrett.
- ♥ Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica.
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Vera Ortmann and Betsy & Bill Welch.

Dear Emmanuel Church friends & family, Thanks so much for your kind words of encouragement and support during these difficult days. Much appreciated!
– Dan & Carole Milos



Rest in peace Gary

Gary Phelps, passed away on April 2nd after a short battle with terminal cancer. Gary joined Emmanuel in 2010. His children, Emma and Michael attended Church School and were confirmed here. He served our church as a Trustee, Asst. Moderator, Moderator and helped on our annual snow shoveling team. Gary transferred his membership to First Congregational UCC in Hartland last month. A service in celebration of Gary's life was held in Hartland on April 13th. Our sympathy and prayers go to all of Gary's family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and love him.



Remembering Roger Nathan

Some of you will remember Simone and Roger Nathan. Simone used our facility for a Farm to Table spiritual program prior to 2020 and Roger was her husband of more than 50 years. Simone is the pastor at Good Earth Church of the Divine in East Troy. We are sad to share with you that Roger passed away on March 19th at the age of 95. He was such a friendly, gentle soul.





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!

May 2



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 May 29th



Sun	2	Holy Communion; Food Pantry Sunday
M-F	3-7	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM.
Wed	5	PFLAG meets at Aurora Summit Hospital, 6:30 PM.
Thurs	6	Morning Brew at Sunnyside Restaurant with Pastor Leanne, 8:30-10 AM.
Fri-Sun	7-9	WI Conference Annual Meeting in Green Lake
Sun	9	Grad Sunday! We will be honoring Taylor Rivera who is graduating from KM High School on June 1. Coffee Hour & Celebration cake after worship.
Mon	10	Trustees meeting, 4:30 PM
Tues	14	Ladies Fellowship lunch outing
Sun	16	Father's Day Council meeting after Worship??
Wed	26	Home-Brewed Faith Discussion, 7 PM at Rosati's

Nancy Edwards has moved into an assisted living facility. Her new address is:
 Nancy Edwards
 Oak Hill Terrace
 1805 Kensington Drive Room 132
 Waukesha, WI 53188

Dousman/Lake Country read and discussion

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



DOUSMAN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday,
 May
14

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

<https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/261059>

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



Treasurer's Report for March 2024

PLEGGED Income received	
(March 2024)	\$9,210.00
(March 2023)	\$11,955.00
Difference	-\$2,745.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received	
(March 2024)	\$728.82
(March 2023)	\$358.00
Difference	\$370.82
Total INCOME for (March 2024) *	\$10,851.97
Total INCOME for (March 2023)	\$13,775.72
Difference	-\$2,923.75
Total EXPENSE for (March 2024)	\$12,630.04
Total EXPENSE for (March 2023)	\$11,820.23
Difference	\$809.81
Checking Account Balance as of March 31, 2024	\$547.35
Checking Account Balance as of March 31, 2023	\$5,155.59
Difference	-\$4,608.24

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$53.15
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$680.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$180.00
RBC Investment Account Growth for March 2024	\$5,289.14

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



**Sunday
May 5
after Worship**

**We need ALL HANDS ON DECK to rake, haul branches to
the burn pit and generally get the church grounds
looking good for the summer season!
PLEASE PLAN TO STAY AND HELP
if you are physically able.**

**THANK YOU everyone who helped beautify
the Sanctuary for Easter!
(and thank you Jeannie Phelan for taking the pictures!)**





WESTERN LAKES FIRE DISTRICT
1400 Oconomowoc Parkway., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Phone: 262-567-8282 Email: info@westernlakesfd.org

Dear Friend and Donor:

The Western Lakes Fire District would like to express our sincere thanks for your financial support of our fire safety education program.

It is our sworn duty to provide the Western Lakes communities with the level of fire protection and life safety the public expects. You have recognized that we desperately need to reach our children with accurate and vital facts that will educate and help them grow as safe, happy, and responsible citizens. The materials we have carefully selected were developed exclusively by the National Fire Safety Council, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt organization.

Because of your generous support, we are able to provide this well-rounded fire safety education program. Without your help, this could not have been possible.

Thanks again, on behalf of the fire department, and all the young people who will be touched by your helping hand.

Yours in Service and Prevention,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley R. Bowen", is written over a horizontal line.

Bradley R. Bowen, Fire Chief
Western Lakes Fire District



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





May

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

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