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May we offer ourselves and each other grace for all the "excepts."

A Vessel of Love and Light

by Rich Orloff

I am a vessel of love and light
Except when I haven't slept well
And then I'm just cranky

I am a vessel of love and light
Except when I've been fasting...
For over half-an-hour

I am a vessel of love and light
Except when people interrupt me,
And then I think
"I am a vessel of love and light,
so shut the hell up"

I am a vessel of love and light
Except when I'm on hold with Verizon
And then I would like to smite Verizon

I am a vessel of love and light
But sometimes when I see another
vessel of love and light
I get vessel envy

I am a vessel of love and light
Except last Thursday night
Don't even ask

I am a vessel of love and light
But sometimes I'll watch the news
Just because I'm in the mood to get
pissed off

I am a vessel of love and light
Except when I'm around my family
But around your family I can be a
vessel

I am a vessel of love and light
Except when I'm reciting a poem
And I look at everyone looking at me
And I begin to wonder

"Do these people even like vessels of love and light?"

I am a vessel of love and light
Except when I meet someone I like but
who I'm not sure likes me
And then I become a babbling idiot

(Which also explains why
When I pray to God
I often mumble)

I am a vessel of love and light
But I'm not always skillful at it
So sometimes the love comes out as
ambivalence
And the light comes out as a glare

I am a vessel of love and light
Except when I'm insecure
Or hungry
Or feeling broken
Or when I don't believe my needs will get
met by being me
And I refuse to be vulnerable
Or even ask for my needs to get met
Because I'm afraid that if I do
Someone may destroy my vessel

So I pray:

God, let me be your vessel of love and
light
And when I'm not
May we both forgive me
For we both know
How difficult it is to be a vessel
And how scary it can be to let the light
either in or out

And if I can remember that with every
breath
Then I can be your vessel of love and light

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The Messenger

 **OCTOBER** 2025

October 5

Exodus 16:1-18

"Daily Bread, Daily Trust: Trusting"

prayers for Debbie Morgan and

Connie & Dan Motelet

WORLD COMMUNION / FOOD

PANTRY SUNDAY

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR

NEIGHORS IN NEED

Men's Group planning meeting

after Worship

GAME DAY 4 – 6 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

October 12

1 Samuel 3:1-21

"Speak, Lord: Listening"

prayers for Donna & Jack

Newland and the Obenberger

family

COFFEE HOUR

Crafting with Julia, 1-3 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM; Adult

Fellowship meeting, 1 PM

Wednesday: Deadline for

November newsletter articles

Saturday: Kids' Storytime at 11:30 AM

October 19

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

"The Heart of the Matter:

Aligning"

prayers for Vera & Don Ortmann

and Carol & John Pfalz

Council meeting

M-F: Emmanuel delivers the

Dousman Area Home Meals

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM;

Poetry/Writers Group at 6:30 PM

Saturday: Dousman's Halloween

on Main, 11 AM – 3 PM

October 27

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

"A House for God: Building"

prayers for Jeannie & Barbara

Phelan and Michael & Emma

Phelps

FALL CLEAN UP DAY!

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

Wednesday: Home-Brewed Faith

Discussion at Johnny's, 7 PM



CLEANING THE CHURCH: Debbie Morgan

**COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE: Christy & John Lui and
Jenny & Todd Mickle**

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
5	Shirlene Hazelberg	Heather Cathey & Blue Thiele
12	Kristen Voskuil	Kris Davidson, Barbara Phelan, Steve Thompson, Will Plautz
19	Laurie Buckett	Jeannie Phelan, Ann Carpenter, Lorna Marheine, Jenny Mickle
26	Kris Davidson	Kris Davidson



BIRTHDAYS

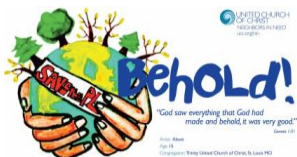
Sandie Horne	4	Mike Doering	16
Francine Langlais	4	Mira Laur	16
Laurie Buckett	6	Shirlene Hazelberg	18
Hunter LaPrade	7	Olivia Mayer	24
Andrew Smith	8	Kara Lynch	29
Jo Quaden	9	John Pfalz	29
Carol Pfalz	12	Ruby Smith	30
Stephen Turley	13	Don Ortmann	31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sherri & Bob Krantz	1
Jessie & John Brinkmann	6
Melissa & Rick Rivera	11
Jo & John Quaden	14
Donna & Jack Newland	23

ANNIVERSARIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Heather Cathey	13,	2024	1 year
Kathy Zebrowski	14,	1979	46 years
Marian Speerless & Stephen Turley	21,	2007	18 years
Mary Branson	30,	2011	14 years



Neighbors In Need Offering Sunday, October 5

While we look to the Bible for God's words and message to us, sometimes the people we

hear about, like Noah or Abraham, seem bigger than life and we find ourselves falling short. This summer we spent time hearing how one holy disruptor after the other took these stories and used them as a support and motivation to put God's love into action in the circles of their own lives. We also saw how the characters in the musicals came together to magnify the power of the collective. In

addition to our familiar biblical examples, let's use these more contemporary examples to help inspire us to not only strengthen our own connection to God's Word, but to bring it into our daily lives as we move forward.

As individuals, we all have the ability to open up to God's dream for this world. As members of this congregation, we can come together to not only support one another in this mission, but magnify our impact by working together to make connections in our community both locally and globally.

Our October special collection will go towards the United Church of Christ's Neighbors in Need offering. These gifts are distributed between direct service projects and programs that can be put into work in the future. The offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC Justice Ministries.

The designated Sunday to receive the offering is World Communion Sunday, October 5; however you may donate on any Sunday in October. Special NIN offering envelopes will be located near the offering plate. If not using a special envelope, please mark your check "Neighbors in Need."

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

PFLAG

October 1, 2025

6:30 PM at Aurora Summit Hospital

Marg Produe Speaking About Being Intersex

Marg Produe will speak about the "I" in the LGBTIQ+ community. Marg is a person living with Intersex traits. Marg speaks with candor, kindness and a bit of humor.

She is married and has children. Her story is deeply moving and informative. Marg will talk about the 2% of the population living with intersex traits and how these people usually don't know about the condition unless there is a problem. Marg holds multiple degrees, is a US Army Volunteer and is a member of many LGBTIQ+ organizations. Marg also regularly attends and volunteers at local and national meetings and conventions. This presentation will help you to understand intersex folks.



**FALL CLEAN UP DAY!
October 26th
after Worship**

It will be time to cut down plants and rake leaves around the church property AND do a Highway Clean up of our stretch of Hwy. 18.

PLEASE plan to stay after Worship on the 26th to help out.



Thank you, Char, for reminding us on the Sundays during September about how important our connection is with Family Promise.

We have been supporting them in different ways for many years.

Thank you, Emmanuel, for your generous contributions of paper products that we will share with Family Promise. There is always a great need for so many items.

We are grateful that Joe Nettesheim, Executive Director of Family Promise could share his message with our congregation on September 21st.

Here is one more quiz related to Family Promise.

Question: What weighs 92 pounds and is made of 165 rolls and 14 boxes?

Answer: Your generous donations of paper products collected in September for the clients of Family Promise. Thank you!

Congratulations to Julia, Jenny, Blue and Donna for winning Aldi Gift Cards and being part of those who correctly answered questions about Family Promise during the month of September.



From August 17 through September, our Singing Bowl donations are going to **Family Promise** to help fund their future dreams and goals. We have been supporters since their inception in Waukesha County, and we hope to help with their new dream soon. So far,

we have raised \$213 for families in need.

On the first two Sundays in October, we'll be collecting donations for the Humane Animal Welfare Shelter of Jefferson County. On Sunday, October 12 will be Blessings of the Animals service. Bring your pets or a picture of them to church for treats and blessings.

Thanks once again for caring and giving. Stewards and Social Concerns realize there are many needs in the world right now and appreciate your donations.



From recent Singing Bowl donation recipients...

Thank you for your donation to the United Church of Christ. Your gift of \$65.89 for empowering refugees was received on 3/17/25. As you stand with us, we

confront the injustices of our day.

On behalf of the College of Menominee Nation, I sincerely appreciate your support and generosity. We are deeply grateful for your recent donation of \$196.24.



The first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. Non-perishable donations may be **placed in the** labeled bin in the foyer.

Please remember to check expiration dates...anything with a date within 6 months must be discarded!

Donations are normally given to the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry located just south of Wales. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation for the Pantry, please indicate "Food Pantry" on your check or use one of the special envelopes located near the offering plate.



Sunday, October 12 in the Sanctuary!

Bring your pets for their annual blessing!!



We are interested in forming a men's group here at Emmanuel. A planning meeting will be held following Worship on Sunday, October 5...hope to see you there!!

home-brewed faith

HomeBrewed Faith is a monthly discussion in cooperation with St. Mary's Episcopal with widely varying topics. We meet at Johnny's in Oconomowoc from 7-8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month...

JOIN US!

**October 29th's discussion will be about
HELL!**



What is a dream? It is a succession of images, dynamic scenes and situations, ideas, emotions and sensations.

What does God dream about? I believe He dreams of all of His people, living in peace, caring for each other and being good stewards of the land and its creatures.

Can we dream the same
dream God dreams? I believe

we can, but it is not an easy task.

First, we must trust that what God provides us is enough. In fact, it is more than enough and can be shared with others.

Second, we must open our ears and our mind to what God is saying to us. Too often, we don't hear God speaking to us so we chose to follow our own thoughts and ways.

Third, we need to commit to God's vision, God's dream.

Fourth, we then strive to build a community of worship, mission and hospitality that follows God's dream.

In October, the Board of Stewards/Social Concerns will point out ways in which Emmanuel has shared with others, shown love toward each other and has cared for those in our community. This will lead up to our Commitment Sunday in November where we are invited to invest in our church and its missions.

The Board of Stewards/Social Concerns

MONTHLY CRAFTING CLASS: Dreamcatchers
OCTOBER 12th SUNDAY 1 pm – 3 pm



FUN FACT: In some Native American and First Nations cultures, a dreamcatcher Ojibwe: ᐱᓂᑲᓴᓵᓯᓂᓄᓗ, romanized: asabikeshiin, the inanimate form of the word for 'spider' is a handmade willow hoop.

on which is woven a net or web. It may also be decorated with sacred items such as certain feathers or beads. Traditionally, dreamcatchers are hung over a cradle or bed as protection. It originates in Anishinaabe culture as "the spider web charm" – asubakacin 'net-like' (White Earth Nation); bwaajige ngwaagan 'dream snare' (Curve Lake First Nation) – a hoop with woven string or sinew meant to replicate a spider's web, used as a protective charm for infants. The Ojibwe tribe is from the Great Lakes area, and I learned this craft directly from a Ojibwe tribe member.

Cost \$20 per person (proceeds go to the church) Prices are low so that it's an affordable outing and also because I work as a volunteer.

RSVPS are required. Class size limited to 20 Ages 10 to Adult. Call or Text Julia at 414-335-9521 to confirm your spot.

Class is held at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 36821
Sunset Dr, Oconomowoc, WI 53066
No supplies needed. Everything provided.

November 9th: Christmas Floral Decoration or Wreath

Saturday, October 25
11 AM – 3 PM

Emmanuel will hand out candy during Dousman's Halloween on Main event. Please consider donating wrapped candy (no nuts please) You may place your donations in the bin in the Gathering Area .

We also need people to help hand out the candy. Let Pastor Leanne know if you can work a shift during the event.



A reminder who is on the committee:

Carol Pfalz cjpfalz@att.net, 262-720-7669
 Connie Motelet connie80@yahoo.com
 262-227-0012
 Julia Starbuck buowerks@gmail.com
 4140335-9521



The pastor parish committee would like for the congregation to reach out more to members of the church family that you don't normally interact with. There is a concern that Emmanuel is losing our sense of community. Say hello and ask about their week something very simple that will help us connect. The thinking is that we can create a better sense of community which will help morale, attendance and membership. Give us your thoughts.

Also, looking ahead we will need another committee member for the next 3 year term. Carol Pfalz's term will be up in January and she will be leaving the committee.



We are FAMILY!

- ♥ Heather Cathey for running the video system during Worship.
- ♥ Tom Stelling and Rod Podszus for mowing the lawn.
- ♥ Erika Weiss, Jeannie Phelan and Heather Cathey for helping Pastor Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship.
- ♥ Our August & September drivers for Dousman Meals: Julia Starbuck, Charlotte Voigt, Sue Stelling, Nansi Hawkins, Kathy Zebrowski, Sue Richer, Kathy Bleecker-Piirto, Kris Davidson, Jo Quaden and Barb & John Wood.
- ♥ September Ushers: Carol Pfalz, Donna Newland, Charlotte Voigt and Sue & Tom Stelling.
- ♥ September Scripture Readers: Heather Cathey, Kris Davidson, Steve Thompson, Ann Carpenter, Lorna Marheine, Jeannie Phelan and Blue Thiele.
- ♥ Our September Coffee Hour Committee: Corine Mayer, Julia Starbuck and Kristen Voskuil.
- ♥ John Lui for purchasing the water for our water coolers.
- ♥ Ann Carpenter and Blue Cathey-Thiele for leading worship singing.
- ♥ Lorna Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that we get our rebate!!



- ♥ Laurie & Buck Buckett and their family
- ♥ Cas Thiele
- ♥ Taylor Rivera
- ♥ Blue Thiele
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan.
- ♥ Fran Pike.
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Nancy Edwards, Vera Ortmann and Betsy Welch.



Laurie and Buck Buckett's daughter, Jennifer passed away unexpectedly on September 15. Our love and support will



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.



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.



On Sunday, November 2, during our 9:30 AM Worship Service we will have our Service of All Saints as we prepare to remember those loved ones who have passed away in this last year.

If you have loved ones you would like included in our remembrance, please contact Donna in the office, 262-965-4022 or office@seeyouonsunday.org.



Oconomowoc Area Senior Center
210 South Main Street, 262.567.4288
OconomowocSeniors.org



**Saturday, November 1
9 am - 2 pm**

Oconomowoc Area Senior Center
210 S. Main St, Oconomowoc

Our many crafters will offer you great choices for you or as gifts -
Holidays are coming!

Bake Sale, Raffle, and Lunch available!

Our own Sandy Jarrett will be selling her beautiful creations at the Craft Fair!



Sat	1	Daylight Saving Time will be ending...set clocks back an hour
Sun	2	Holy Communion / Food Pantry Sunday All Saints Remembrance Service
Mon	3	Open & Safe Community Conversations, 5:30 PM
Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM.
Thurs	6	Peer-to-Peer Disabilities & Chronic Illness Group, 5:30 PM
Sat	8	Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction, 5:30- 8:30 PM
Sun	9	Pledge Sunday- luncheon follows Worship
Tues	12	Adult Fellowship Meeting, 1 PM.
Sat	15	Kids' Story Time
Sun	16	Council meeting after Worship
M-F	17-21	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home meals
Wed	20	Home-Brewed Faith Discussion, 7 PM at Rosati's
Tues	25	Poetry/Writers Group, 6:30 PM
Thurs	27	Thanksgiving Day



THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

**\$3,735.68 in income was deposited from the
Rummage Sale!!**

**THANK YOU to all who helped in any way AND thank
you to everyone who made baked goods and food to
sell from the kitchen...your efforts brought in over
\$1,300!!!**

Good job everyone!!



**Second Annual
CHILI COOK OFF
&
SILENT AUCTION
November 8th**

***You've got until November to perfect
your favorite chili recipe and be
ready for the Cook Off!
also...***

***we will be seeking baskets of various
types for a silent auction...ideas for
basket themes will be shared soon!!***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 19, 6pm Transgender Day of
Remembrance

November 22, 9-11am Tools for a Hectic Season:
Pre-Holiday Prayers and reflections. @
Emmanuel with St Mary's

December 14 Healing service

December 17, 6pm Blue Christmas Service

Treasurer's Report for August 2025

PLEDGED Income received

(August 2025)	\$10,205.00
(August 2024)	\$8,290.00
Difference	\$1,915.00

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(August 2025)	\$857.69
(August 2024)	\$504.47
Difference	\$353.22

Total INCOME for (August 2025) *	\$15,558.07
Total INCOME for (August 2024)	\$14,289.76
Difference	\$1,268.31

Total EXPENSE for (August 2025)	\$15,025.76
Total EXPENSE for (August 2024)	\$12,121.41
Difference	\$2,904.35

Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2025	\$6,146.49
Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2024	\$2,696.77
Difference	\$3,449.72

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$224.38
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$235.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$250.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for August 2025	\$4,817.22
RBC Balance	\$179,375.38

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
<div> <div> September 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> <div> November 2025 S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> </div>			1 6:30 PM PFLAG meets at Aurora Summit	2 5:30 PM Peer-to-Peer Disabilities & Chronic Illness Group	3	4 2-4 PM Celebration of Life for Jennifer Aguirre
5 WORLD COMMUNION Neighbors in Need Offering Food Pantry Sunday Men's Group meeting after Worship GAME DAY 4-6 PM	6 5:30 PM Conversation Cafe	7 10 AM Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE in the Sanctuary Coffee Hour 1-3 PM Crafting with Julia Dream Catchers	13 10 AM Social Concerns/Stewards meeting	14 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM Adult Fellowship meeting in fellowship hall	15 	16	17	18 11:30 AM Kids' Storytime 
19 Council meeting after Worship	20	21 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Poetry/Writers Group	22	23	24	25 11 AM – 3 PM Dousman's Halloween on Main
26 26 FALL CLEAN UP DAY for the church grounds & Highway 	27	28 10 AM Bible Study	29 Home-Brewed Faith discussion at Johnny's	30	31 HALLOWEEN 	

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Emmanuel delivers Dousman Area Home Meals