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FROM PASTOR LEANNE



As September begins, we are entering into a new season. Fall brings apple cider, leaves change colors, school begins, and the weather starts to cool (we hope). While we tend to think of starting over, beginning again, is just a New Years thing, there is always a good time to start again. September brings a natural time for fresh starts. Whether you've been away on summer travels or haven't stepped through our doors in a while, we want to say: welcome home.

Fall at our church is all about reconnecting—with God, with one another, and with our purpose. This season, we're launching new opportunities for every age and stage of life to grow in faith and build meaningful community.

- Sunday School Kick-Off: September 13th Join us as our young people dive into our stories together.
- Small Groups & Bible Studies: Looking for community?
 - Our Tuesday 10am Bible Study looks at the scripture for the Sunday coming up.
 - Every other Tuesday at 6pm we deep dive into the Bible having started at Genesis and working our way through the Bible. We've made it to Exodus.
 - On Mondays this month, as we prepare for November's elections, we're having a study on Parker Palmer's *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of*

the Human Spirit. In October, we will be gathering for prayers leading up to the November election (Wednesdays at 6pm)

- Fall Sermon Series Preview: Starting September 13th, we will return to creation. We will be celebrating all the Colors of Creation

3 Ways to Jump Back In This Month

- Find a Group: Visit the welcome desk or check our online portal to sign up for a fall small group.
- Serve with Us: From the welcome team to worship design, discover how your unique gifts can make a difference.
- Bring a Friend: Fall launch is the perfect time to invite a neighbor, coworker, or family member to join you for Sunday service.

Starting September 14th: Monday 2pm @ Emmanuel with St Mary's (4 Weeks)

As we prepare for the general election in November, I'd love to read and discuss Parker Palmer's *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*. Palmer explores five "habits of the heart" that can help us restore democracy's foundations as we nurture them in ourselves and each other: (1) An understanding that we are all in this together. (2) An appreciation of the value of "otherness." (3) An ability to hold tensions in life-giving ways. (4) A sense of personal voice and agency. (5) A capacity to create community.

Pastor Leanne

The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2026

September 6 Exodus 20:17

prayers for the Motelet and Newland families
HOLY COMMUNION /
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY /
Game Day 4 PM
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM; Fellowship, 1 PM;
6 PM Bible Study
Wednesday: PFLAG at Emmanuel, 6:30 PM

September 13 Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

prayers for the Pfalz family and Barbara Phelan
Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM;
deadline for October newsletter articles

September 20 Genesis 12:1-9

prayers for Jeannie Phelan and the Pike family
Council meeting after Worship
Monday-Friday: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM and 6 PM

September 27 Genesis 39:1-23

prayers for the Will Plautz and the Quadens
Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM
Wednesday: Home-Brewed Faith Discussion, 7 PM



CLEANING THE CHURCH: Debbie Morgan

COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE FOR SEPTEMBER 13TH:
Connie Motelet, Sherri Krantz, Laurie Buckett

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
6	Kristen Voskuil	Steve Thompson
13	Stellings	
20	Shirlene Hazelberg	
27	Laurie Buckett	



BIRTHDAYS

Allie Brisk	1	Vivian Hazelberg	20
Christy Lui	2	Debbie Morgan	26
Egann Stack-Vaughn	3	Katie Brisk	27
Paul Mayer	17	Mary Branson	30
Finny Smith	18		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Michele & Andrew Smith 5

ANNIVERSARIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Jenny & Todd Mickle	8,	2024	2 years
Jeannie Phelan	17,	2006	20 years



STEWARDS & SOCIAL CONCERNS

Neighbors
in Need
(NIN) is our



upcoming fall special offering. Each year, this offering gives support to the Council for American Indian Ministry, UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries and to individual grants. This helps a number of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects for our neighbors across the United States.

Last year, the programs that were impacted by this offering were wide ranging, including STEAM programs for kids in underserved communities, a smaller church being able to get the equipment needed to bring their services online for community

members unable to attend in person, and a congregation working on organizing and educating about legislation that harms creation. Our offerings work together to create a larger reach and a bigger impact in all of our communities.

The Neighbors in Need offering will be taken on World Communion Sunday, October 4th. Special offering envelopes are located next to the offering plate. If mailing in a check, please indicate Neighbors in Need on the memo line.

Singing Bowl

Chosen, Inc.

For June and July, we collected donations for Chosen, Inc., a Christian nonprofit dedicated to strengthening foster, adoptive, and kinship families across Southeastern Wisconsin. The organization has a deep calling to ensure every child can grow up in a safe, loving home. We have collected almost \$342 to help them bring resources directly to neighborhoods, churches, and foster care partners.

Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC)

For August and September, we are collecting donations for MADACC. This organization provides regulation and care services that protect the health, public safety, and welfare of people and animals. Besides regulation, they provide safe, temporary shelter, veterinary and humane care for stray, unwanted, abandoned, mistreated and injured animals, while providing a central location for owners to find and recover their lost pets. They also provide and encourage responsible, safe placement opportunities for homeless animals and educate the public about responsible companion animal ownership. See their website for more info on their services and how to adopt a pet at madacc.org.

Thanks as always to a compassionate congregation.

Your Board of Social Concerns/Steward



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.





We are FAMILY!

- ♥ Corrine Mayer for taking down the Pentecost Sanctuary decor and redoing it for summer.
- ♥ Peter St. Martin for leading

Worship on August 2nd.

- ♥ Steve Thompson for leading Worship for the Hymn Sing on August 9th.
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan for leading Worship on August 16th.
- ♥ Charlotte Voigt, Peter St. Martin, Sue and Tom Stelling, Francine Langlais, Ron Blaschuk, Bob Hazelberg and Jack Newland for picking up rummage donations and bringing them to church.
- ♥ ALL OF YOU for donating your treasures for our annual rummage sale, Kristen Voskuil for coordinating the event and everyone who is working so hard organizing, pricing, moving items, baking, selling, etc. etc!!
- ♥ Heather Cathey and Blue Cathey-Thiele for running the video system during Worship.
- ♥ Tom Stelling and Rod Podszus for mowing the lawn.
- ♥ August Ushers: Connie Motelet, Debbie Morgan, Carol Pfalz, Donna Newland and Charlotte Voigt.
- ♥ August Scripture Readers: Jenny Mickle, Jeannie Phelan, Kris Davidson, Will Plautz and Lorna Marheine.
- ♥ August Meals drivers: Sue Stelling, Kathy Zebrowski, Barb & John Wood, Julia Starbuck, Kris Davidson, Charlotte Voigt, Kathy Bleecker-Piirto, Sue Richer and Jo Quaden.
- ♥ Blue Cathey-Thiele and Ann Carpenter for leading worship singing.
- ♥ Lorna Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that we get our rebate!!

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.



Monthly
Game Day

JOIN US!
Sunday,
September 6th
4 PM.

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 ON SEPTEMBER 30TH!



- ♥ Heather Cathey recovering from a fall and a gall bladder surgery.
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan, continuing treatments for cancer.

- ♥ Fran and Ken Pike.
- ♥ Blue and Cas Cathey-Thiele.
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Nancy Edwards and Betsy Welch.



**FOOD
PANTRY
SUNDAY
Sept. 6**

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, please indicate "for the Food Pantry" on your check. Thank you!



Sun	4	World Communion Sunday / Food Pantry Special Mission offering for Neighbors in Need Game Day 4-6 PM
Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM.
Tues	6	6 PM Bible Study
Wed	7	PFLAG meets at Emmanuel, 6:30 PM.
Sun	11	Coffee Hour
Tues	13	Fellowship Meeting, 1 PM.
Sun	18	Council meeting after Worship
M-F	19-23	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home meals
Tues	20	6 PM Bible Study
Wed	28	Home-Brewed Faith Discussion, 7 PM at Johnny's Pizza in Oconomowoc

Treasurer's Report for July 2026

PLEDGED Income received

(July 2026)	\$10,600.00
(July 2025)	\$8,345.00
Difference	\$2,255.00

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

(July 2026)	\$3,755.00
(July 2025)	\$92.45
Difference	\$3,662.55

Total INCOME for (July 2026) *	\$15,119.79
Total INCOME for (July 2025)	\$9,745.88
Difference	\$5,373.91

Total EXPENSE for (July 2026)	\$15,185.43
Total EXPENSE for (July 2025)	\$19,441.25
Difference	-\$4,255.82

Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2026	\$1,849.19
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2025	\$596.99
Difference	\$1,252.20

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$ 187.79
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$ 210.00
Precious Metals	\$ 217.00
Fund Raiser	\$ 150.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for July 2026	-\$3,203.99
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Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski (262-646-8882) or Jeanne Phelan (414-940-4464)



THANK YOU to Julia Starbuck for representing Emmanuel at St. Mary's August 18th Kids' Fest Event. She planned and provided all of the toys, games, set-up equipment, etc. THANK YOU to Jenny Mickle and Sandy Jarrett for helping Julia.

They gave out 287 toys to approximately 143+ children. Some kids came back for seconds!



HOPE HAS A PULSE & IT BEATS IN YOU

DOUSMAN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

WHEN & WHERE

Tuesday, Sept 8
1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Dousman Community
Center
235 N. MAIN STREET

PROMOTION

As a thank you, all attempting donors with
a valid email will receive a \$25 e-gift card.

How will you treat yourself?



◀ **Schedule your appointment**
Appointments preferred.
Walk-ins welcome!

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Blood Center of Wisconsin

September

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																																																																											
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Looking toward October: Wednesdays at 6 PM: Prayer Time Gathering leading up the November elections.