



Emmanuel

United Church of Christ

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the lamplighter

Hearing Loop Installed in Sanctuary.
Switch Hearing Aid to Telecoil.



Trunks for TREATS

Sunday, October 22, 2023 | 10:00a

Sunday School children can dress in their costumes after worship followed by trick or treating in the parking lot.

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From the Desk of Pastor Andi

October 2023

Two things captured my attention this past month, both postings from random people I don't know. The first I came across in mid-August when everyone was sharing opinions about Pumpkin Spice Lattes. 'Could we,' one Mr. Roger posted, 'without relentlessly criticizing, let people have their pumpkin spice, and avocado toast, and their fandoms, and their D&D, and their too-early-Halloween-decorations, and whatever little harmless things in which they've managed to find a tiny, shriveled flower of joy?'

"YES!" I actually said out loud, sitting alone in my living room. Yes! Why can't we just let people enjoy what they enjoy without criticizing that it is too early or too late or too fattening or too hipster? What is going on with us that it almost angers us that someone else is finding joy? Now to be honest, I don't much like pumpkin spice anything (but my Becca sure does, and their arrival was a time of simply joy for her) or avocado toast. I am not a part of any fandom, nor do I play D&D (but my Zach does, and he loves it and could talk to you for hours about how it pulls out his creative and imaginative side). I don't decorate a lot for Halloween, but I am super impressed with the displays of others! So, I am not on here defending my own likes. I am posing a serious question—what is wrong with us that we get so disgruntled about such silly little things? What is missing...could it be a simple thing named joy?

The other post came from a young man named Caleb. He writes, 'I'm not a Christian because I want the reward of heaven. I'm not a Christian because I'm running from hell. I am a Christian because the character of Jesus Christ is so compelling to me that I want to spend my life chasing it, embodying it, and sharing it.' Again, I literally spoke out loud, "Yes!"

I think we have lost sight of why we follow Christ. We don't follow him because he is leading us to heaven when we die. We follow so that we can be a part of the contingency that brings the reign of God here to earth. Eternal life in paradise is an awesome thing—don't get me wrong. But I want to be a part of the ones who are not just going to church but are out there trying to tell the story of grace and mercy we know in Jesus with the living of my life. I want to err on the side of love and show the mercy and acceptance I have found as a child of God by the way I treat others. I don't just want to go to church I want to be the embodiment of what Christ call the church to be. I want to be such a joy-filled, love and mercy sharing, justice-working disciple of Christ that when the devil nears he knows it isn't even worth the effort to try.

And when I fall short of that goal, I fall back into grace. And I am thankful. So thankful that I get back up and try again the next day to be a joy-filled, love and mercy sharing, justice-working disciple. And I think that all starts with the simple act of resisting the urge to criticize others and just being happy they have found something that brings them a little bit of joy.

Let's all be encouragers and not critics! - Pastor Andi, pastor.andi@emmanueloshkosh.org

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October Usher Schedule	
	Ushers
Sunday, October 1, 2023	Ron & Sandra Golliher
Sunday, October 8, 2023	Craig & Alison Geiger
Sunday, October 15, 2023	Dan & Rene Rogers
Sunday, October 22, 2023	Brad & Liz Schultz
Sunday, October 29, 2023	Mike & Alice Peppler

Treasurer's Nook

The warm summer months seemed to fly by and we have now officially entered the fall season. Enjoy the cooler weather and the beautiful colors that will soon be around us.

Our summer months at Emmanuel typically reflect lower income and August unfortunately lived up to that. While we are still doing okay, as we go into the final months of 2023, we are hopeful, that with everyone's help, we will end the year with a positive cashflow. We will need to be mindful of the upcoming costs that will be associated with the sidewalk replacement. While this work is in progress, we still do not know what the final cost will be but are guessing approx. \$13,000. Additional information regarding this and how you can help is located in this lamplighter in a different article.

We ended August with a negative cash flow of (-\$2,366) causing us to have a year-to-date deficit of (-\$3,723).

Some things that have made a positive impact for us include the various fundraisers we have held, the ongoing sale of RaiseRight cards, and donations received from groups that utilize our facility such as the Quilters Group and A/A. By participating in these activities, you are helping to make a financial difference for us.

Thank you and enjoy Fall.

August 2023 Results

The Numbers	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Direct Giving	17,006	13,038	139,028	128,900
Other Income	4,209	3,387	31,095	37,584
Total Income	21,215	16,425	170,123	166,484
Total Expenses	21,793	18,791	176,192	170,207
Cashflow/(Deficit)	(578)	(2,366)	(6,069)	(3,723)

Kim Winter
Treasurer

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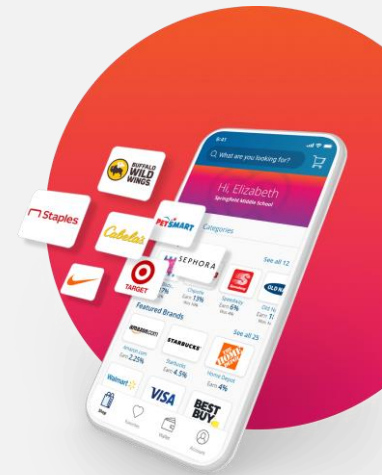
RaiseRight Gift Cards

RaiseRight orders are due Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Please drop off your order any weekday morning prior to the 1st in the church office. We will give you a call when your order is ready for pickup!

We do have a limited supply of certain gift cards available on Sunday mornings in the lower narthex and weekday mornings in the church office.

A HUGE thank you to Leanne Monroe and Lisa Smith for managing the program. Thank you to Margaret Yoder, And Sandra Golliher for selling the cards on Sunday mornings!



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Food Pantry

Thank you to those of you who brought in Peanut Butter during the month of September. **The item needed during October is CANNED PASTA MEALS.** Please pick up a can or two when you are out shopping!

Our numbers are continuing to go up in the pantry. We served 91 families in August. 77 Adults and 136 children were served. 14 new families came to our pantry. This is an increase of 31 families compared to the 60 we served in January. We feel these numbers will continue to increase. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to **HENRY CARON, MARGARET YODER, RAY HITZ, CHERYL PEPPLER, SANDY FOLSKE, GAIL HABLE, DEBRA KRAEMER, LISA SMITH, MARY DINKINS, RICK PEPPLER, PETER SMITH & DAN MONROE** for your continued help in the pantry. We appreciate all that you do to keep this important ministry of Emmanuel running smoothly.

Thank you to **JAY KOEPKE & FESTIVAL FOODS, AND RED'S PIGGLY WIGGLY** for their continued support.



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Thank You

*We are still collecting metal tabs from beverage cans for the Ronald McDonald House in Wisconsin. You can bring them in and drop them off in the office or in the little white church in the upper narthex. Thank you to **EARL & LAURIE DORST** for picking up and delivering these to St. Paul.*

Thank you to **JIM SCHAICK** for taking care of the lawn and maintenance outside.

Thank you to **DENNIS & KAREN CHAPIN** for picking up the donuts and coffee hour supplies every Sunday. Thank you to **MARY DINKINS, MARILYN MORRISON & KAREN CHAPIN** for cleaning up after coffee hour.

Thank you Ray!! 😊

Thank you to **CORY SCHULTZ & LISA SMITH** for keeping our website current.

Thank you to **MARILYN MORRISON** for providing the beautiful fall flowers in the outdoor planters. These are in memory of her Mother, Mildred Hinz.

Thank you to **CORY SCHULTZ, ZACH WOLF, KIM WINTER, JODY SCHAICK, LISA SMITH AND LEANNE MONROE** for videotaping the services and running the projection screen for our worship services.

Thank you to **LEANNE MONROE, LISA SMITH, KIM WINTER, RENE ROGERS & DEBRA KRAEMER** for cleaning around the building.

Thank you to **LEANNE MONROE, LINDA STOWE, PETER SMITH, DEBRA KRAEMER, CONNIE WHITTAKER AND JULIE BARTHELS** for reading the liturgy during worship.

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Chime Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 5:30p

Sunday School

October 8, 2023 at 10:00am

October 22, 2023 at 10:00am (Trunk for Treats)

Firehouse Subs Fundraising Night

Monday, October 9, 2023 at 4:00p – 7:00p

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30p

SOUP2GO Orders are due October 15, 2023

SOUP2GO Orders will be ready for pickup October 22, 2023

TRUNKS FOR TREATS

Sunday, October 22, 2023 (After Worship)

Students can change into their costumes after worship and go out into the parking lot and trick or treat from the cars of those who would like to participate. Please bring treats in your trunks for the children to Trick or Treat.



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NOISY COLLECTION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

BENEFITTING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

MISSION PROJECT

Save your loose coins and let's make some noise!!



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Church Council Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Leanne. Opening prayer by Pastor Andi.

President's Report: Blinds—received approval from Memorial & Endowment on August 13 and blinds will be installed this Thursday. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser—raised \$598.00. Voted electronically to move ahead with Kwik Trip Car Wash and Firehouse Subs Fundraisers. Carwash cards will be ordered end of September and October. Going through the council terms, we will be in need of 2 Deacons to replace Robin Wilson and Connie Whittaker

Secretary's Report: Minutes were accepted with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed August financial reports. We had a negative cash flow of (\$2,365.82) with a negative YTD of (\$3,722.57). Alliant Energy stock was -\$3.57 (6.64%) this month, with a YTD of -\$5.04 (9.13%). Majority of expenses for the month were Employee Pension & Pastor's Health Insurance, Pastor's Taxes, 2nd Qtr Fed & SS Taxes, WPS, a Unitel repair bill (from March) and half of our Association dues. Treasurer's Report accepted as printed.

Pastor's Report: Last Month: The Pizza Ranch Fundraiser was a success. Thanks to those who supported it by working or coming to eat. I think the Sunday Service on August 20 when I was on vacation went well. I was watching from a parking lot at the soccer fields in Waukegan, IL. Karen Darnick will be someone I call again. This Month: Sunday School began this past week. We had a good turnout. Still in need of additional help. Allison Geiger and Becca Wolf are with the little ones, Candy Stark is with grades 3-5, and I am with grades 6-8. Mary leads music and Kay is our Superintendent. I am requesting vacation September 22-28. Zach Wolf will be preaching that Sunday. For the Future: We have a baptism on October 15 for Weston Jeffrey Winter, son of Devin and Joelle Winter. Council agreed to allow Pittsville UCC (Pastor's home church) to use Pastor's recorded sermons.

Deacon's Report: Bought new juice and wine so we are set with communion supplies.

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Trustee's Report: Robin noticed a significant crack in the ceiling by the balcony. Craig believes that with the condition of the roof these will show up more and more. The Trustees are seriously looking to install security light in the back parking lot.

Old Business: Financial Reconciliation/Internal Audit - No update. Sidewalk Replacement--We have no real idea how much the sidewalk replacement will cost. We have a fund set up to offset the cost. There was concern that the money coming into the sidewalk fund might skew our budget numbers so we will have to be aware of that when reporting. Council discussed ways to accommodate this when we have ongoing fundraising needs. Internal Audit Process—No update

New Business: Wrongful Entry/missing items It seems some folks were in the building and took suckers and the communion wine. We will look at additional security options, but feel this is an isolated incident.

Fundraisers Suggestions were discussed. We will sell Vandewalle's Candy Bars and we are putting a suggestion for Arby's on hold. Working at Waterfest was suggested as well. Dan will look into that.

Good & Welfare: Deb shared that she has Fisher Price toys and wonders if there is someplace they could find a home.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is on October 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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Join us at Firehouse Subs For another fundraising event! 1890 S. Koeller Street from 4pm-7pm on Monday, October 9th. Pick up a flyer at church or mention it at the register for Emmanuel to receive 15% of your order total. Bring your family and friends and join us for a night of food & fellowship!



Sign up for a Kwik Trip Car Wash card at the gift card table in the lower narthex. This is a presale so payment is due when you order the card. Each card will be \$40 – good for 5 car washes. This is a profit of \$20 per card which will go towards our general fund. We will run the sale through the end of October. The cards will be available for pick up in early November. This would be a great stocking stuffer for the holidays!

You can also call the church office at 920.235.8340 or email us at office@emmanueloshkosh.org to place your order.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In 2023, the Neighbors in Need **"BEHOLD!"** theme continues. This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet! One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

We will be accepting donations to Neighbors in Need throughout the month of October. Please use the enclosed envelope for your donation. Please remember to put your name on the envelope to receive proper credit to your giving statement. Thank you for your support!

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First Congregational Church holding annual Pet Blessing / Pet Remembrance Service in October

On Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. the Animal Ministries Group of First Congregational Church in Oshkosh will hold its 10th annual Pet Remembrance / Pet Blessing service, in conjunction with Trinity Episcopal Church of Oshkosh.

If you have a beloved pet or pets that you'd like blessed for the role they play in your life please bring them to this special service being held in honor of pets and St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment.

If you've lost a pet – whether recently or some time ago – and would like to have him or her remembered, you're invited to bring a picture or other memento, like a collar, favorite toy, etc. so they can be honored during this unique and memorable service.

All pets attending should be well-behaved, current on all vaccinations, and either leashed or otherwise contained in a carrier, pet crate, etc., depending on the type of pet you have. If, for some reason you can't bring your pet but still want to attend the service and have them blessed, feel free to bring a photo of them.

While the service is free, we will be collecting donations of cash and most-needed items for the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Please visit the shelter's website at oahs.org to see what items they most need right now. This service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 203 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, directly across the street from First Congregational Church. Both churches have ample parking in their lots, plus there is on-street parking available. We hope to see you on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m.



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Sidewalk Square Purchase –

Anyone interested in purchasing a square of the sidewalk or apron approach, the cost of the typical 5'x5' 4" squares are approximately \$300 and the 6" squares are \$330. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!



Church Council Elections will be taking place in October. On the ballot are: Vice President – Dan Rogers; Secretary – Zach Wolf; Trustee – Noah Wilson; Trustee – Tom Stark

We have two open Deacon positions. One position is for a one-year term, the other is for a two-year term. If you are interested in running for this position please contact the church office or Leanne Monroe. Deacon responsibilities are to prepare for communion and change the paraments in the Sanctuary as needed. Also, attendance at monthly Council meetings. (There is no meeting in July.)

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent by becoming a Deacon.



Reid William Meulemans was baptized on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Reid is the son of Mike & Brittany (Conger) Meulemans.

May God continue to bless Reid and his family.

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Would you like to help with running the Projector, Cleaning or doing the Readings on Sunday? It's easy to sign up! Just go to our website www.emmanueloshkosh.org click on Get Involved, then click on how can I help. Scroll down the page to what you would like to sign up for such as the Cleaning, this will take you to the sign-up page and you can select what days and tasks work for you! Thanks for your consideration!



Coming in November & December Vande Walle's Candy Bar Sale Candy bars will be sold at 1 for \$2.00 Or 2 for \$3.00 These would make great stocking stuffers!

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Orders are due on October 15th, 2023 and pick up will be available after worship on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

You can also call the church office at 920.235.8340 or email your order to office@emmanueloshkosh.org.

\$7.00 per Quart	
Type of Soup	How Many?
Chili without Beans	
Chili with Beans	
Chicken Dumpling	
French Onion	
Loaded Baked Potato	
Name:	
Amount Due:	\$

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Labyrinth Brick Order Form....

The bricks that are available are in the 4x8 size

Three lines, 11 characters per line including spaces

The cost per brick is \$60.00 (this includes engraving and return postage)

If you would like to purchase a brick in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the order blank below. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 920-235-8340 or by email at office@emmanueloshkosh.org.

Please include your name: _____

Number of bricks you would like to purchase_____

Amount Due_____

# of Bricks	Honor, Memory of or...	First Name(s)	Last Name

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If you have any questions or concerns for the Church Council, Memorial and Endowment Committee and Pastoral Relations Committee, please find the contact information below:

Church Council

Leanne Monroe	<i>President</i>	Dan Rogers	<i>Vice-President</i>
Zach Wolf	<i>Secretary</i>	Kim Winter	<i>Treasurer</i>
Craig Geiger	<i>Trustee</i>	Jim Schaick	<i>Trustee</i>
Noah Wilson	<i>Trustee</i>	Tom Stark	<i>Trustee</i>
Debra Kraemer	<i>Deacon</i>	Rene Rogers	<i>Deacon</i>
Robin Wilson	<i>Deacon</i>	Connie Whittaker	<i>Deacon</i>

Memorial/Endowment Committee:

Gerry Keuler	Ann Stark
Kathleen Hable	Henry Caron
Sandy Golliher	Margaret Yoder
Emily Reyes	

Pastoral Relations Committee:

Sandra Golliher	Kay Lund
Julie Barthels	Lori Potratz
Faith Lueck	

Please consider volunteering for any of these committees, please contact the church office 235-8340 if you are interested.

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