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United Church of Christ

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ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:00a

From the Desk of Pastor Andi

FEBRUARY 2024

Ash Wednesday, as we all know, marks the beginning of Lent. This year it falls on February 14, Valentine's Day. And because of this overlap, I headed to Wikipedia to get a better understanding of the history of the Feast of Saint Valentine. Long story short, a religious feast set aside to celebrate martyrs morphed into something different through legends, folk stories, maybe a little misunderstanding, and commercialism. Still a sweet little 'holiday' to show love to the people precious to you, in my humble opinion.

All of it got me thinking about how we often don't fully understand the origins of the traditions we follow. So much of what we do in the church is rooted in ancient ways of thinking and believing. In the Hebrew Scriptures ashes were used for two purposes—as a sign of humility and mortality and as a sign of sorrow and repentance for our sins. Receiving ashes on our heads is a reminder of our mortality and a sign of sorrow for our sins.

This mark of ashes on our foreheads is a mighty sign. It reminds us that we are mere mortals. The second creation story of Genesis reminds us that God formed Adam out of the dust and breathed life into him. From the dust we were created; to dust we shall return—ashes to ashes, dust to dust. But these dusty humans are greatly loved by the Creator! That ashen cross that is supposed to be an apology letter to God, expressing how sorry we are for the hurt we have caused, is also a sign of the great love we experience by knowing our Jesus. The holy water cross that marked our foreheads at our baptism is redrawn in ash every Ash Wednesday. And so, this is a sacred and special time for me. As you come forward and receive that ash, I can look at you and (hopefully) remind you of how precious you are, how loved you are, and how blessed we are to be in this place.

I hope your Lenten season is one that draws you closer to God and one another as we work together as the Body of Christ.

- Pastor Andi, pastor.andi@emmanueloshkosh.org

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FEBRUARY 2024	
Sunday, February 4, 2024	Craig & Alison Geiger
Sunday, February 11, 2024	Ron & Sandra Golliher
Sunday, February 18, 2024	Dan & Rene Rogers
Sunday, February 25, 2024	Brad & Liz Schultz

If you would like to help out with Ushering, please contact the church office at 920-235-8340 or by email at office@emmanueloshkosh.org

Treasurer's Nook

What a great way to end the year of 2023! December's generous giving far exceeded our expenses resulting in a positive monthly cashflow of \$9,561. This resulted in us ending the year with positive results of \$9,222. What a wonderful blessing.

While we have not yet received the sidewalk bill, we have raised \$2,300 to help offset the anticipated \$13,000 charge. Thank you to those that have contributed to this expense. If you would like to contribute to the sidewalk fund, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it as 'Sidewalk' or talk with the church office.

December 2023 Results

The Numbers	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Direct Giving	17,978	8,226	208,700	209,301
Other Income	5,425	8,151	48,000	56,331
Total Income	24,403	36,377	256,700	265,362
Total Expenses	24,579	26,816	267,558	256,141
Cashflow/(Deficit)	(1,176)	9,561	(10,858)	9,222

Kim Winter
Treasurer

Your 2023 Giving Statements are available in the upper narthex. If you would like to have your statement sent or emailed to you, please contact Lori in the church office (920-235-8340), lori.holland@emmanueloshkosh.org. Thank you!

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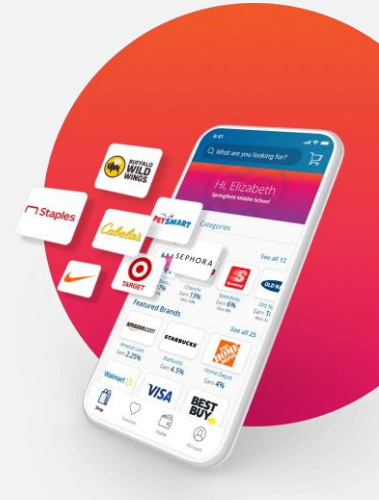
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RaiseRight Gift Cards

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARD ORDERS ARE DUE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

We also have a limited supply of gift cards available on Sunday mornings in the lower narthex, and weekday mornings in the church office. We will give you a call when your gift cards have arrived.

Our continued thanks to **LISA SMITH & LEANNE MONROE** for managing the program and to **MARGARET YODER & SANDY GOLLIHER** for their help with the sale of the cards on Sunday mornings.



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Thank you!

- **Thank you to Our Technology Crew:** Cory Schultz, Zach Wolf, Kim Winter, Leanne Monroe, Lisa smith, Jody Schaick & Noah Wilson.
- **Thank you to Our Cleaning Crew:** Kim Winter, Leanne Monroe, Lisa Smith, Rene Rogers, Meg Hable & The Craig Geiger Family.
- **Thank you to Our Liturgists:** Linda Stowe, Peter Smith & Julie Barthels.
- **Thank you to Our Food Pantry Crew:** Henry Caron, Cheryl Peppler, Sandy Folske, Gail Hable, Margaret Yoder, Ray Hitz, Lisa Smith, Debra Kraemer, Mary Dinkins, Jody Schaick, Peter Smith, Rick Peppler, Dan Monroe, Jim Schaick, and Ron Gorchels.
- **Thank you to Our Coffee Hour Crew:** Dennis & Karen Chapin, Mary Dinkins and Marilyn Morrison.
- **Thank you Ray!** 😊
- ***Thank you to the following people for decorating the church for Christmas and taking everything down. We appreciate all that you did to transform Emmanuel for Christmas! Thank you, Lisa Keuler, Mary Dinkins, Leanne Monroe, Carolyn Rukas, Ann Stark, Jeff Stark, Linda Stowe, Nora Dehne, Kim Winter, Gerry Keuler, Marilyn Morrison, Ray Hitz, Mike Winter and Gail Hable.***

Coming Up

THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 6:30p

CHIME CHOIR

Wednesday Evenings | 5:30p

CONFIRMATION

Wednesday Evenings | 6:00p

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 | 6:30p

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 7:00p

*This year we will be doing things a little different during Lent. We will be having a **Lenten Bible Study at Noon on Wednesday's** that will correlate with the **Lenten Worship Service which will be held every Wednesday at 7:00pm.***



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The January Church Council meeting was delayed a week due to a snow storm, therefore the Council minutes from the January meeting are not available at this time.

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EATON'S PIZZA COUPON SALE CONTINUES THRU FEBRUARY 15TH!

\$8.50 per 12" medium pizza (Eaton's again) single topping. Coupons are available in the office, Sunday mornings scrip table or contact Leanne Monroe. We will have some pizzas available on Sunday morning for sale as well. Leanne can take a request by contacting her by noon on Saturday, day before Sunday service and she will bring it to church Sunday morning.



Please remember that there will be no Worship Service on Thursday evenings during the month of January. Thursday night Worship will resume on Thursday, February 1 at 6:30pm.



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!

VANDEWALLE CANDY BAR SALE FUNDRAISER We will be selling VandeWalle Candy Bars on **Sunday, February 4th & 11th** in time for Valentine's Day. We have a generous selection of the following flavors, Mint, Toffee, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Truffle and Caramel available at this time. You can also purchase candy bars weekday mornings in the church office. Candy bars will be sold for \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00.

Lenten Self Denial folders will be available during Lent in the Upper Narthex.

Miscellaneous

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	Zach Wolf
Kim Winter	Dan Rogers
Debra Kraemer	Earl Dorst
Rene Rogers	Laurie Dorst
Craig Geiger	Noah Wilson
Tom Stark	Jim Schaick

Memorial/Endowment Committee:

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

Pastoral Relations Committee:

Sandra Gollhofer	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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