



# Emmanuel

United Church of Christ

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the lamplighter

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



# Dine out with Emmanuel



Monday, August 19, 2023

4:00p – 8:00p

Pizza Ranch – Oshkosh  
1051 W. Washburn Street



*Emmanuel will receive 10% of all sales and tips from 4-8p!*

***Volunteers are needed to help bus tables and bring out guests pizzas.***

***If you are interested in helping please call the church office or send us an email!***

***[office@emmanueloshkosh.org](mailto:office@emmanueloshkosh.org)***

# From the Desk of Pastor Andi

August 2024

While Jesus never said, “kill em with kindness,” or “Don’t let the haters get you down” he did teach such models of behavior.

In this crazy, and sometimes hateful ‘me first’ world, we sometimes get so bombarded by the voices of the world that the teachings of Jesus get drowned out. While there is no way for me to test this theory, I believe that if a “new prophet” came preaching the ideals set forth by Jesus, he would be instantly rejected by the power structures of this world.

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus instructed us to ‘Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great,’ In Matthew, he says, “but I say to you who here comma love your enemies comma do good to those who hate you comma bless those who curse you comma pray for those who abuse you.” In general, Jesus tells us that whatever we wish that others would do to and for you, do also for and to them.

So, if you are like me, and a little unsettled and frustrated (maybe even fatigued and overwhelmed) about how people are behaving these days, it makes sense! They are openly violating the ideals of Jesus Christ and deep within us we know it. We feel in our very spirits that it isn’t right. But we aren’t sure what we can do about it.

In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians he writes, ‘Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put always from you, along with all malice. “These behaviors are from the old self – the person we were before we got to know Jesus. But once we let Jesus into our lives, our behavior changes (most of the time. We still revert to our old ways now and then. That is why we continue to depend on the gift of grace.) Paul outlines the new self, the one that walks with Jesus. The new person we are in Christ chooses to ‘Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.’

And so really, we try to be the people Jesus calls us to be. There’s a lot going on in this world. And sometimes it feels like too much. We know things have to change, but we don’t know how to change them. We know things aren’t moving in the right direction, but we don’t know how to turn in the direction we need to be traveling. In these times, Jesus continues to instruct us to simply continue to be the people we were created to be. Don’t let the negativity keep you from being brothers and sisters in Christ. When the haters come, when the negativity surrounds you, simply shake the dust from your sandals and continue on. Continue following Christ. Continue to walk in kindness. Continuing to be disciples.

*Pastor Andi*

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# Usher Schedule

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August 2024	
Sunday, August 4, 2024 9:00am	Ron & Sandra Golliher
Sunday, August 11, 2024 9:00am	Dan & Rene Rogers
Sunday, August 18, 2024 9:00am	Brad & Liz Schultz
Sunday, August 27, 2024 9:00am	Volunteers Needed



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## Treasurer's Nook

This summer has been one of rain, rain and more rain. While I haven't had to water my garden much, the weds have also liked all the water and are growing quickly too.

We have done a better job this year of keeping our income and expenses consistent, ending the first half of the year with a year-to-date deficit of (\$4,985). Last year at the end of June, we had a very large deficit of (\$26,289) which we had to try to overcome.

We have received our sidewalk invoice which totals \$12,590.94. We have \$6,690 available leaving us \$5,940.94 remaining to raise by November 1.

Once again this year, we all have the opportunity to help raise funds by participating and/or volunteering with the upcoming events including the EAA parking of cars (July 22-28), the Pizza Ranch night our (August 19) and the purchasing of RaiseRight (scrip) cards. If you have any questions regarding any of these fundraiser, please contact the church office.

We continue to be a blessed people. Enjoy the rest of the summer months.

### May 2024 Results

The Numbers	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Direct Giving	16,895	16,107	86,142	89,621
Other Income	6,476	2,706	24,806	10,503
Total Income	23,371	18,813	110,948	100,124
Total Expenses	21,438	17,769	112,765	101,364
Cashflow/(Deficit)	1,933	1,045	(1,817)	(1,239)

Kim Winter  
Treasurer

### June 2024 Results

The Numbers	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Direct Giving	16,757	17,351	102,899	106,973
Other Income	3,896	1,689	28,702	12,185
Total Income	20,653	19,040	131,601	119,158
Total Expenses	22,467	22,785	135,232	124,142
Cashflow/(Deficit)	(1,814)	(3,745)	(3,631)	(4,985)

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## RaiseRight Gift Cards

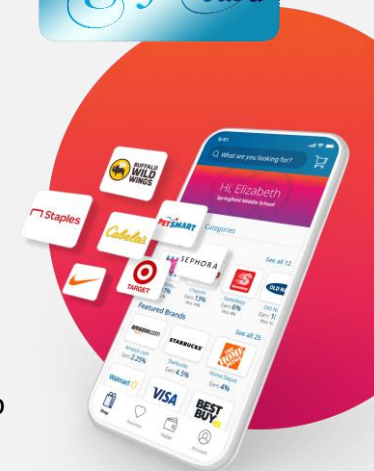
**RaiseRight orders are due on August 4, 2024!**

***We will give you a call when your order is in!*** The summer is flying by! It's time now to start thinking of back to school. There are gift cards available for all of your back to school needs.

Do you have someone going off to college? Pick up a gas or grocery card for them.

Remember we have a limited supply of certain gift cards available on hand for purchase.

Thank you to **Lisa Smith & Leanne Monroe** for managing the program and placing the orders. Thank you also to **Margaret Yoder & Sandra Golliher** for their help with sales on Sunday.



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## Food Pantry

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During the month of May we served 99 families. 9 families were new to our pantry. We served 194 adults and 167 children. The month of June 72 families were served. 12 families were new. 136 adults and 116 children were served. We anticipate July and August also being big months. We are going through the food collected during the various food drives rather quickly. Any donations you can bring in would be greatly appreciated.

The food items we are requesting for the month of August are **cookies and crackers**. With children home for the summer months, snacks are always needed. Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you to those who help in the Food Pantry... **Henry Caron, Cheryl Peppler, Sandy Folske, Gail Hable, Ray Hitz, Deb Kraemer, Lisa Smith, Jody Schaick, Mary Dinkins, Peter Smith, Dan Monroe, Mike Winter, Rick Peppler and Jim Schaick.**

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## Thank you!

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Thank you to our Liturgists...

**Deb Kraember, Quin Bursack and Leanne Monroe.**

Thank you to those running the Projector...

**Jody Schaick, Kim Winter, Lisa Smith and Leanne Monroe.**

Thank you to those who Clean...

**Lisa Smith, Leanne Monroe, Kim Winter and Renee Rogers.**

Thank you to **Jim Schaick** for mowing the lawn around the property.

Thank you to **Leanne Monroe** for weeding around the property.

Thank you to **Dennis & Karen Chapin, Mary Dinkins and Marilyn Morrison** for providing a time for fellowship with donuts and coffee during coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

Thank you Ray ☺

Every month in the Lamplighter you are seeing our need for volunteers. Well that message is here again! We really could use your help. While we have a great core group of volunteers willing to give of their time and talents, at some point they are going to get burned out and will say enough is enough.

Will you prayerfully consider signing up to help with the cleaning of the church, being a liturgist on Sunday mornings or help with running of the video equipment or projection screen on Sunday or help out in the food pantry? These are all things that we are counting on volunteers to help with. None of these opportunities need a big commitment of time. You can pick and choose what works best for you.



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## Coming Up

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**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

*RaiseRight Orders are due*

**Tuesday, August 12, 2024**

*Church Council Meeting at 6:30p*

**Monday, August 19, 2024**

*Dine with Emmanuel at Pizza Ranch 4:00 – 8:00p*

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

*Rally Day begins with Worship at 9:00a*



# Sunday School

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## Looking for a way to volunteer your time at church?

Our Sunday school program is looking for caring individuals to help co-teach Sunday school. We are looking for volunteers to help once a month or in the classrooms when you can.

Our Sunday school hour is 10:00am – 11:00am. We meet twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The first 15 minutes, all of the classes meet in church and the students practice a song with Mary. They then go to their individual classrooms for their 15-20 minute lesson. Then craft time for the rest of the hour.

If you are interested in co-teaching in our Sunday school program please contact the church office or Kay Lund.

## Join us for Rally Day, Sunday, September 8, 2024

Rally Day begins in Worship at 9:00a, followed by a short lesson in the classrooms.

After Sunday School we invite EVERYONE to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00a for lunch! We will have hot dogs, pizza, snacks and beverages.

Mark you calendars and plan on joining us in welcoming all of the EUCC students back for the 2024/25 Sunday School year!



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## Church Council

### Church Council Meeting Highlights June 11, 2024

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

**President's Report:** Kim and Mike are hosting the council get together on July 9<sup>th</sup>, and a sign up for refreshments.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes accepted as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed May financial reports. We had a positive cash flow of \$1,044.63 with a negative YTD of -\$1,239.42. Alliant Energy stock was +\$1.69 (3.39%), this month, with a YTD of +\$0.19 (0.37%). Majority of expenses for the month were Emp Pension & Andi's Health Ins, WPS – Gas & Electric, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2024 Fed & SS Payroll Taxes, Facts – Chruch website annual hosting, Accu-Com – Replace Alarm Panel.

**Pastor's Report:** I purchased a laptop. I am not sure I will be having Link continuously monitor it. A basic antivirus should be sufficient and cheaper. Confirmation was on May 19 and I think it went well. I had my last COP meeting May 21 at Union Church in Green Bay. I am not sure I will be participating in a COP next year as I attend my local Clergy gathering each month. I officiated at a graveside service May 31 for Donald Wolff. This Month: Graduation Recognition was June 2. We recognized 1 college graduate and 4 high school graduates. June 30 is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday so we will be having a Noisy Offering. Just a reminder, I am on vacation July 17-23. I will be out of state and will contact an area minister to be on call in case of emergency. For the Future: EAA Airventure parking is July 22-27. This is a significant fundraiser for us. Last year our portion was about \$18,800. We are not having worship services on July 4. Communion service will be the following week, July 11.

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## Church Council

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Church Council Meeting Highlights June 11, 2024 *Continued...*

**Trustee's Report:** Craig let us know the grass sprayed for weeds by cutting edge about a week ago, also sprayed for spiders/bugs around the property. Leanne said the east side rocks have slowly been pushed further into the ground, and digging them up to make them look a little nicer would be nice. Wooden crosses in the back need to be looked at, they've seen better days. Tom rechecking thermostats, making sure they're set for the summer. As a reminder-close doors to keep the cold air in! Jim asked about the big snow blower we have in storage, seeing if we can sell it, if not get rid of it.

**Old Business:** Blinds – Tom from Red Granite comes on Friday, some of the council will come and look at the blind options and decide what will work best. KT Car wash cards raised \$60 this past month, no harm in keeping it going since it's little to no work.

**New Business:** Headsets for the hearing loops have been having issues. We'll purchase a few more and make sure they work properly.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is on August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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## Miscellaneous

### EMMANUEL'S SIDEWALK PROJECT

Amount Due:	\$12,590.94
Amount Received So Far:	\$ 6,690.00
Balance Due – Nov 1, 24:	\$ 5,940.94



Sunday morning is usually a busy time for Pastor Andi. It would help her to remember if you are having surgery, or a procedure, if you could please call the church office (920-235-8340) or email the office at [office@emmanueloshkosh.org](mailto:office@emmanueloshkosh.org) and let Lori know so Pastor Andi can be with you and your family during this difficult time. Due to HIPAA the hospital is not allowed to call and let us know if you are a patient. Thank you for your help!

### RONALD McDONALD HOUSE of WISCONSIN

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.

One of Emmanuel's members, Greg Golliher, son of Ron & Sandra Golliher had a stroke on May 1, 2021. Greg has been on a difficult journey on his road to recovery. The Golliher family reached out to the Oshkosh YMCA to help with Greg's rehabilitation. Many people might not be aware of the resources available through the YMCA. Greg's journey can be seen by going on [YouTube](#). Greg, with the support of his family and the staff at the Y has come a long way with his rehabilitation. Our prayers are with you Greg!



**Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!**  
Jacob Kapp, Cailey, Grace, Gwen and Hannah!



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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	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
Deb Bartel	Jeff Stark
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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