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SUNDAY SCHOOL 2024 - 2025 RALLOAD 1306 MICHIGAN STREET | OSHKOSH, WI | EMMANUELOSHKOSH.ORG

Sunday. September 8. 2024

Rally Day begins with 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!

Hot dogs. pizza. snacks and beverages.



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From the Desk of Pastor Andi

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Today I was thinking about the advice we give. Specifically, I was mulling over that little gem of advice we offer – unsolicited advice. It is a little funny how when we see people struggling with things that come to us quite easily, we are quick to give them a few 'pointers'. But here's the thing...if I am struggling to lose weight and you have always been relatively fit and genuinely enjoy working out and eating healthy, you are NOT going to understand my struggle. If you are a type A personality that is structured and organized and that is how you function best, you are NOT going to understand my haphazard ways and how I have tried time and time again to be more ordered but it is a lot of work and it's hard to maintain. And don't even get me started on relationship advice because none of us, regardless of our past, understands the trails and struggles of two completely different people. Simply put, what works for me does not always work for someone else. And the reason is quite simple – they aren't me!

On a broader scheme, we would do well to understand that we all have different life experiences and different ways of understanding that is going on around us. While we all might agree with that message, problem arise when two people, with very different life experiences, approach the same issue or topic. I carry over 5 ½ decades of life experience with me and all of those experiences inform the choices I make in the present day. Having come from a close knit and supportive family means I will see life differently than someone with parents that are not dependable or siblings that aren't trustworthy. And chances are, we will butt heads on the 'right' way to do things.

But here is the rub – neither of us is really wrong, nor are we completely right. It is entirely possible (and quite likely) that we are both right and wrong. And as soon as we begin to understand that (and the reasons people might interpret things differently) the better our relationship will be. As we struggle to understand one another in the church, in the nation, and in the world, let me offer some of that unsolicited advice. Maybe we need to stop the knee-jerk response of arguing our point and instead try to understand. Try to see another person's perspective and value their life experiences. It doesn't mean you were wrong, just that the information you use to make your decisions is a little different than the information they have. When we get to a place where we value relationships more than being right, and loving one another more than winning the fight, we will be one step closer to being the people God has created us to be.

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It isn't easy, but great things usually aren't. The path of discipleship is a rough one at times. Paul wrote letter after letter to churches that were struggling to live out the gospel message. But when we create these communities built on a foundation of mutual love and respect, and cherish the gifts of grace and mercy, we understand how precious it is to be a part of the body of Christ.

Pastor Andi pastor.andi@emmanueloshkosh.org





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Would you like to Usher? Call the church office if you are interested. We will work around your schedule!

September 2024				
Sunday, September 1, 2024 9:00am	Ron & Sandra Golliher			
Sunday, September 8, 2024 9:00am	Dan & Rene Rogers			
Sunday, September 15, 2024 9:00am	Brad & Liz Schultz			
Sunday, September 22, 2024 9:00am	Volunteers Needed			
Sunday, September 29, 2024	Volunteers Needed			





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What a blessing it has been to have the opportunity to raise funds by parking cars for the EAA event. This event takes a lot of help from many members and it makes a very large difference to our financial health. This event added \$21,827 to our cashflow leaving us with a year-to-date positive cashflow of \$14,572 rather than a negative cashflow of (-\$7,255) had we not participated in this event. Thank you to Jeff and Mary Ann Bartels for letting us do this and for everyone that came out to help run the event. It is a lot of effort and requires the help of many people.

Our sidewalk invoice is due by Nov. 1 which totals \$12,590.94. As of July 31, we have \$6,690 available leaving us \$5,940.94 to raise.

As we move closer to the fall season, enjoy the beauty of the changing colors and the cooler temperatures.

July 2024 Results

The Numbers	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Direct Giving	16,760	13,490	119,659	120,462
Other Income	3,859	23,275	32,561	35,460
Total Income	20,619	36,764	152,220	155,922
Total Expenses	24,457	17,207	159,689	141,350
Cashflow/(Deficit)	(3,838)	19,557	(7,469)	14,572

Kím Winter Treasurer





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RaiseRight Gift Cards

Order your RaiseRight Cards for all of your back to school needs!

Orders are due by Sunday, September 1st.

We will notify you when your cards have arrived! Please remember we have a limited supply of certain Cards available on weekday mornings in the church office or on Sunday morning in the lower narthex.

Thank you to **Lisa Smith** & **Leanne Monroe** for managing the program and having it available to us. Thank you to **Margaret Yoder** & **Sandra Golliher** for selling the cards on Sunday morning.







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Thank you to those of you who bright in crackers or cookies during August. In September we are asking for **Pasta Sauce** and **Diced Tomatoes**. If you see these on sale, pick up some extra jars or cans for the food pantry. These are items that we don't have coming in our government commodities and they are great items that are well received.

During July we served 82 families. 6 families were new to our pantry. We served 155 adults and 112 children. We continue to see an ever-growing need in our community. We appreciate everyone who continues to support our pantry. In the community we continue to receive food from **Red's Piggly Wiggly** and **Jay Koepke** at **Festival Foods**. We would like to thank them for their ongoing support.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, Henry Caron, Gail Hable, Sherry Peppler, Snay Folske, Ray Hitz, Deb Kraemer, Jody Schaick, Mary Dinkins, Peter Smith, Lisa Smith, Dan Monroe, Jim Schaick, Rick Peppler and Mike Winter. We wouldn't be able to operate the pantry without your continued help.



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Thank you!

- > Thank you to **Tom Stark** for replacing the light bulbs in the lower narthex ceiling.
- Thank you to Jim Schaick for installing the new bricks in the labyrinth. Thank you also for mowing the lawn and trimming around the property.
- > Thank you to **Leanne Monroe** for weeding around the property.
- Thank you to Dennis & Karen Chapin, Mary Dinkins & Marilyn Morrison for providing a time of fellowship with donuts and coffee during coffee hour on Sunday mornings. Thank you also for cleaning up the area after everyone has finished.
- ≻ Thank you Ray ☺
- Thank you to Cory Schultz, Zach Wolf, Kim Winter, Leanne Monroe, Jody Schaick and Lisa Smith for running the video equipment and projection equipment during our worship services.
- > Thank you to Lisa Smith, Leanne Monroe, Kim Winter and Rene Rogers for cleaning.
- > Thank you to **Quinn Bursack, Linda Stowe, Deb Kraemer** and **Peter Smith** for doing the reading during worship.

If you would like to help with cleaning, reading during worship or running the projection system.... Sign up is easy! Got to our website, <u>www.emmanueloshkosh.org</u> 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 cleaning, this will take you to the sign-up page and you can select what days and tasks work for you! If you have questions on what these jobs entail, please feel free to ask any of the people already volunteering in the various areas.





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Wednesday, September 11, 2024 Chime Choir at 5:30p Chancel Choir at 6:30p

Sunday, September 8, 2024 Rally Day Sunday – Sunday School at 9:00a

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 *Church Council at 6:30p*

Sunday, September 22, 2024 Sunday School at 9:00a

Sunday, September 29, 2024 *Noisy Collection Benefitting the Sunday School Mission Project*







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Rally Day Sunday September 8, 2024

Rally day begins with Worship at 9:00a, after worship the children will be gathering in the Sanctuary before they go to their classrooms for a brief lesson.

At 11:00a we invite EVERYONE to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a lunch of Pizza, Hot Dogs, Snacks & Beverages.

Help us kick off the 2024/25 Sunday School year!

2024/25 Sunday School Mission Project

The Sunday School year kicks off with Rally Day on September 9. While we will continue our support of Operation Not Alone, we are excited to share a new mission project. In an effort to help increase literacy rates, we are partnering with Jefferson Elementary to provide books across all reading levels. In the months ahead we will let you know how you can help Emmanuel Sunday School in this year-long book drive. We are excited about the possibilities and hope you are as well.







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Church Council Meeting Highlights August 13, 2024 Meeting called to order by Leanne. Opening prayer by Pastor Andi.

President's Report: Blind Purchase Update – they are in but not perfect. They were cut incorrectly, so the installer will bring the correct ones when they come in. EAA parking - \$21827 profit. Memorial & Endowment report sent out to council as FYI. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser on August 19. Discussed expiring council terms. Quilters asked to use the building on second Wednesday of the month and the council saw no problem with that. Leanne will provide a sidewalk update for the Lamplighter.

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

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed June financial reports. We had a negative flow of -\$3,745.23 with a negative YTD of -\$4,984.65. Alliant Energy stock was -\$0.9 (1.15%) this month with a YTD of -\$0.40 (0.78%). Majority of expenses for the month were Emp Pension & Andi's Health In, WPS – Gas & Electric, 2nd Qtr 2024 Fed & SS Payroll Taxes, Facts – Church website annual hosting, Accu-Com – Replace Alarm Panel. Reviewed July financial reports. E had a positive cashflow of \$19556.97 with a positive YTD of \$14,984.65. Treasurer's Report accepted as printed.

Pastor's Report: I was on vacation July 17-23. Zach Wolf filled in for me Thursday evening and Karen Darnick on Sunday morning. EAA Parking was July 22-28 and I think it went great. We really are learning more and more every year. I was also out of town July 31-August 3. Leanne Monroe and Mary Dinkins filed in for me Thursday evening. Mary was on vacation this past week and the music being recorded went OK. There are some issues with scratchiness that was raised by those using the hearing loop. It was turned up about as loud as we could have it and I thought it would have been good for it to be a little louder. I hope we can get it all worked out. Memorial Endowment meeing is August 20. I will be meeting with confirmation students and their families in the next few weeks. We have only 7th graders this year and the class should have 6 students.

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Pastor's Report *continued*: Our Christian Education year starts with Rally Day on September 9. After class the Sunday School department has arranged a luncheon with pizza, hot dogs, and such. We are still in need of teachers. Becca Wolf is taking a class on her own this year. Rachel Dehne will have nursery to 1st grade, Becca will have 2nd to 4th grade, Candy Stark will have 5th and 6th grade, and I will have the Confirmation Class. Kay Lund is Superintendent and Mary Dinkins will have music with them each session. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. In addition to Operation Not Alone, the Sunday School mission will be a book drive for Jefferson Elementary School. We do have some baptisms that will be happening in September. Callie Schumann, daughter of Jeremy and Abby Schuman has decided she would like to be baptized. Lainey Sauer, daughter of Codey and Julia Sauer, will be baptized either the 15th or 29th.

Deacon's Report: Deb asks about parament organization.

Trustee's Report: Tom replaced the lightbulbs in the lower narthex to LED and Craig sprayed for bugs and the weeds.

Old Business: Sidewalk payment – a request will be sent to Memorial and Endowment in case we do not collect the full amount. Payment is due November 1. Fund request will also be sent to blinds. Jim replaced all the batteries in the headsets and it looks like we magically got new headsets donated.

New Business: Discussed fall projects around the building. Fundraisers – Arby's emailed Lori. Vandewalles Candy bars will be ordered. Kwik Trip Car Wash cards will also be offered.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.





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Church Council Message

On behalf of Emmanuel's Church Council, I am writing to you our members, friends, and supporters of Emmanuel United Church of Christ. As most of you know by now, we have received the invoice for our sidewalk replacement from the city. The total amount due by November 1, 2024 is \$12,590.94. Approximately \$5,000 is still needed to pay this bill.

We as a Church Council have been working very hard with many fundraisers over the last yar trying to help ease the burden of the amount needing to be raised to make this payment. Thank you to all who have helped with these efforts.

We are asking you now to prayerfully consider if you have not done so already, donating directly to the sidewalk fund. If everyone could contribute something, whatever you are able, it would help to lessen the amount we will have to take from other sources.

We are blessed to have a positive balance in our budget right now, but we all know how quickly that can change with an unexpected expense. Now is the time your help is needed with the expense to be paid soon.

We will continue to work together to provide opportunities for gathering funds that supplement what is received or falls short in general fund giving. Many opportunities exist to contribute to this our church via the "Wish List" as well as volunteer positions needed.

Thank you for considering where you can help and contribute to this our church Emmanuel.

Leanne Monroe 2024 Church Council President





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CHOIR REHEARSALS STARTING AGAIN!!

Is it just us, or did the summer 'fly' by way too guickly??? Well! It IS that time again! September is almost here and that means that we will be resuming choir rehearsals. We will be re-uniting on Wenesday, September 11! Chime Choir at 5:30 and Chancel Choir at 6:30. And! Once again – we are warmly and eagerly welcoming any and all new folks that are willing to share their musical talents. (By the way - in the Chime Choir - you really don't need *musical* talent – you just need to be able to count! ^(C)) So please consider joining us! We are looking forward to seeing all of you on September 11!!! ③

GriefShare

Hope & Healing after the death of a loved one.

GriefShare is a 13 consecutive week Bible-based program, open to the public that offers in-person support and tools for anyone (19 years old or older) that has lost a loved one. Participants need not be associated with any church to attend and seek relief.

The first session is Monday, September 9, 2024 from 5:Opm to 7:OOpm. All sessions are held in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel Lutheran Church located on Eagle Street in Oshkosh. There is NO charge to the participant for the workbook or supplies. If possible, please go to GriefShare.org and register. Doing this allows you to view the videos at home.

Included in our Fall sessions, and also open to the public, is an exclusive (one-time) session entitled "SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS". This session offers comfort from grief the holidays cause us to feel and will be held November 18 from 5:30-7:30pm also in the Fellowship Hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you have not already registered for the 13 – week sessions, it's important to go to GriefShare.org and register for the special session.

If you have any questions or concern, please feel free to contact either Ann Gosdeck at 920.509.7656 emailgosdecka@yahoo.com, or Jim Daubert at 920.685.6592 email jdaubert91@gmail.com





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School will be back in session soon. Please pray for the students, teachers, bus drivers, administrative staff and all school employees for a safe and healthy school year.



Please remember to slow down in the school zones so we can keep everyone safe!



Look for our Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser. The cards will be sold as a presale this fall. Each card will be \$40 – good for 5 car washes. Watch for sale dates in upcoming bulletins and the October Lamplighter





We will be selling VandeWalles candy bars again in time for Christmas. Sale dates will be posted in upcoming bulletins and Lamplighters.

If you have any ideas for other fundraisers, let us know. We are always looking for ways to raise money to help the budget!







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Fresh Produce... If you happen to have an abundance of produce from your garden, bring it to church! We can hand it out in the food pantry. Food pantry distribution takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning s. It would be a great treat for everyone to get fresh garden

Council Elections - The governing body of Emmanuel, the church council, is made up of 12 members. Each year about half of those council members are up for election. Typically, two executives (either President and Treasurer or Vie President and Secretary), two deacons and two trustees complete their term. This happens every single year. And every year we struggle to fill those vacancies. Please consider reaching out and letting the church office or any of our council members know if you are interested in learning more about what deacons, trustees and the executives do



to make sure Emmanuel is ready to serve. The only way the church will thrive is if people are willing to give their time and talents to do the ministry set before them.



Please remember, if you have a prayer request you can enter it on our website, or call the church weekday morning.

Sunday morning is usually a busy time for Past 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 <u>office@emmanueloshkosh.org</u> 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!





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EAA PARKING UPDATE...

We had a fantastic week for parking cars at EAA. We would like to thank **Jeff** & **MaryAnn Bartels** for allowing us to park cars on their property. We ended up with a profit of **\$21,827!!!**

We would like to thank **Ron Golliher** for organizing the volunteers and parking. Thank you also to the follinf volunteers for helping park cars for the week. Thank you to, **Sandy Golliher, Rene Rogers, Dan Rogers, Tom Stark, Jim Schaick, Jody Schaick, Mike Winter, Kim Winter, Dan Monroe**,

Leanne Monroe, Al Schaick, Pastor Andi, Earl Dorst, John Moon, Deb Kraemer, Bruce Bursack, Quinn Bursack, Carolyn Rukas, Henry Caron, Mark Holland, Lori Holland and Rick Schumann. *Great Job Everyone!!*

Soup2Go orders are due on Sunday, October 13th. Orders can be picked up Sunday October 20th. Order your soup today!





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Name:			

Amount Due: _____

ORDERS ARE DUE OCTOBER 13TH PICK UP WILL BE AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH

\$8.00 PER QUART

Chili without Beans

How Many

How Many

How Many

How Many

Chili with Beans

Chicken Dumpling

French Onion

Loaded Baked Potato

How Many

You can call the church office at 920.235.8340 or email at <u>office@emmanueloshkosh.org</u> to play your order as well!



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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:

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DaisaDight	Kim Winter	Dan Rogers	
<u>RaiseRight</u>	Debra Kraemer	Earl Dorst	
Food Pantry	Rene Rogers	Laurie Dorst	
Thank you!	Craig Geiger	Noah Wilson	
	Tom Stark	Jim Schaick	
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Sunday School	Memorial/Endowment Committee:		
Memorials & Honorarium	Gerry Keuler	Ann Stark	
Memorials & Honorandin	Deb Bartel	Jeff Stark	
<u>Church Council</u>	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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