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United Church of Christ

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the lamplighter

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



The background of the entire image is a digital painting of a scenic autumn landscape. In the foreground, a golden-brown field of tall grass or wildflowers stretches across the bottom. In the middle ground, a calm lake reflects the warm light of the setting or rising sun. The background is dominated by majestic mountains with peaks covered in snow and slopes adorned with trees in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The sky is a deep blue with soft, white clouds, and numerous colorful leaves (red, orange, yellow) are shown falling through the air, creating a sense of movement and seasonal atmosphere.

Join us for

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024 at 7:00PM

We will also be blessing the food collected during November for the food pantry.

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From the Desk of Pastor Andi

November 2024

The mornings are getting chilly, and the leaves are changing. Autumn, it feels, is here for a while. Fall always seems to remind me that we experience a changing of the seasons in our personal and spiritual lives. If we look at our lives through a wide lens, we experience springtime in our youth, summer growth in those younger years of adulthood, the fall harvest where we really begin to bring in all that we are going to need for our later years in life, and that last season, winter, where we can rest from our labor and enjoy the harvest. An idyllic picture, to be sure. If we zoom in a little more, we see that we experience the seasons over and over in this lifetime.

I know that I am pretty much in the autumn of my lifespan—maybe a late late summer early fall, I don't know. What I do know is that within this season of my lifespan, mini seasons play themselves out over and over. Maybe not yearly, but routinely.

Spring is that time when we act. We might be meeting new people or starting a new job or promotion, or embracing a new hobby, or experiencing a new family dynamic. Something has ignited the flame of our faith, and we are renewed. This is a time of new beginnings and hope. Something new is growing. We don't really know what it's going to grow into, but we are kind of excited to see where all this takes us.

Summer is when we feel that new growth flourish. And while we might be tempted to just relax and enjoy this time, it is the time when we really keep working. We are running the kids everywhere, practicing to improve our pickleball game, working to get ahead at our jobs. That flame of faith is burning brighter and growing into something bigger and more encompassing in our lives. We want to learn more and grow closer to God, and that is done through work. Summer is a time to labor.

Fall is when we begin to reap what we have planted. Now we experience reward or regret. Either our effort has paid off, or our laziness has caught up to us. In fall, we begin to understand the consequences of our spring planting and summer effort.

Winter is when things really come full circle. Here in the cold and bitter times of life, we begin to hear ourselves saying either, "I am so glad I..." or "I wish I would have..." It is in these moments when our faith and friends, our work and hobbies, make a difference. All the effort, or lack of effort, comes to the surface. But regardless of whether the winter is harsh or mild, spring is just around the corner. And so, some of the winter time is set aside to plan for the new life of spring.

Jesus spent a great deal of effort reminding us that we reap what we sow. If we sow seeds of grace, love, and generosity, that is what we will feed on when the cold and difficult times of winter come. Likewise, if we sow seeds of selfishness and bitterness, that is what we are left to chew on during the harsh days of winter. Now (and all days) is the time to water the seeds of righteousness and labor to bring them to fruition. When we faithfully labor in the fields of Christ during the spring and summer, we are blessed in the fall. Those are the blessings that carry us through the winter. What, my friends, have you been planting?

Pastor Andi

pastor.andi@emmanueloshkosh.org

Usher Schedule

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

November 2024	
Sunday, November 3, 2024 9:00am	Ron & Sandra Golliher
Sunday, November 10, 2024 9:00am	Dan & Rene Rogers
Sunday, November 17, 2024 9:00am	Brad & Liz Schultz
Sunday, November 24, 2024 9:00am	Volunteers Needed
Wednesday, November 27, 2024 7:00pm <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	Volunteers Needed

If you would like to be an Usher – please let us know!

You can sign up on the sheet in the Usher’s closet, or contact Lori in the Church office at office@emmanueloshkosh.org.

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Treasurer's Nook

As we enter the final months of the year, we look forward to the Thanksgiving season which is a time to reflect on all of the many blessings that we have been given and are thankful for.

Thank you for helping us to meet our sidewalk expense needs. We have raised the needed funds and will be able to fully satisfy the amount required. We continue to be a blessed congregation.

This past month, our expenses were higher than our income, leaving us with a monthly deficit of (\$10,872) but still leaving us with year-to-date positive results of \$10,051.

Thank you to everyone that supports us through your regular giving, various fund raisers, giving of your time and talents and ongoing prayers.

September 2024 Results

The Numbers	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Direct Giving	16,970	13,358	153,378	151,369
Other Income	5,478	3,205	42,895	44,813
Total Income	22,448	16,563	196,273	196,182
Total Expenses	22,458	27,434	204,022	186,130
Cashflow/(Deficit)	(10)	(10,872)	(7,749)	10,051

Kim Winter
Treasurer

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RaiseRight Gift Cards

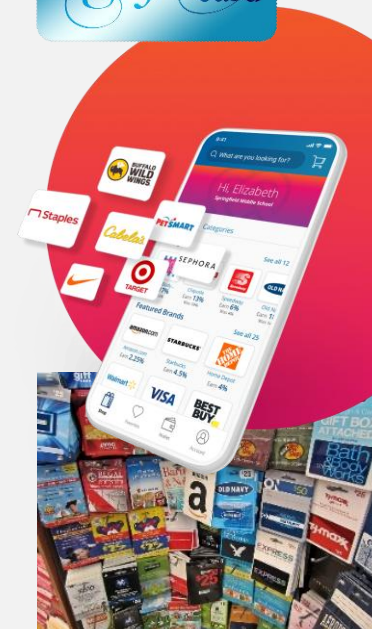
November RaiseRight Orders are Due Sunday, November 3rd

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas shopping!

We will give you a call or send you an email when your cards arrive. Every card purchased gives cash back to Emmanuel! We have a limited supply of some gift cards available on a daily basis.

Thank you to **Lisa Smith** for continuing to place the orders and for managing the program.

Thank you also to **Margaret Yoder & Sandra Golliher** for selling the cards on Sunday.



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Food Pantry

Food Collection in November...

During the month of November, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and placing them by the altar. The food will be blessed during the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 27th.

Anything you find on sale and would like to pick up and donate to the food pantry would be greatly appreciated. Cereal is always an item we are a low on and it can be expensive. So, if it's on sale please pick it up!

Thank you for supporting Emmanuel's food pantry each month by bringing in the requested food items.

Food Pantry Update...

During the month of September 85 families were helped in the food pantry. 146 adults and 111 children were served. We had 12 new families come to the pantry. Thank you to everyone who brought in diced tomatoes and tomato sauce during September. We appreciate your continued support of the pantry!

*Thank you to **Jay Koepke and Festival Foods, Red's Piggly Wiggly and Craig Geiger and 4Imprint** for their continued support of our pantry.*

*Thank you to **Henry Caron, Ray Hitz, Gail Hable, Sandy Peppler, Sherry Peppler, Deb Kraemer, Lisa Smith, Peter Smith, Jody Schaick, Mary Dinkins, Rick Peppler, Jim Schaick, Mike Winter and Dan Monroe** for volunteering your time and talents to keep the food pantry running smoothly!*

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Thank you!

Thank you, friends for all your sympathy, support, prayers, kind words and many cards that came to me and our family during Ron's illness and after his passing. Ron enjoyed the church projects, especially the Food Pantry, and conversations with his friends here at church. We are planning a Celebration of Life for Ron on May 24, 2025 at South Park. - Save the Date!

God Bless You All!

Joan Gorchels

- Thank you to **Jim Schaick** for mowing the lawn around the property.
- Thank you to **Ann Stark** for providing the children's activity bags.
- Thank you to **Dennis & Karen Chapin, Mary Dinkins, Marilyn Morrison & Val Basler** for providing coffee hour for us so we can share in fellowship every Sunday after worship.
- Thank you Ray! We are so looking forward to your return!! 😊
- Thank you to **Jody Schaick, Lisa Smith, Leanne Monroe, Kim Winter, Cory Schultz, Zach Wolf, Noah Wilson, Paige Geiger and Craig Geiger** for your willingness to learn and work with the projection system and video equipment during our worship services.
- Thank you to **Quinn Bursack, Peter Smith, Linda Stowe, Deb Kraemer and Candy McGinnis** for leading us in worship as Liturgists.
- Thank you to **Lisa Smith, Leanne Monroe and Kim Winter** for continuing to clean throughout the building.
- Thank you to **Craig Geiger** for hauling all of the material for shredding.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday Evenings

Chime Choir at 5:30p

Confirmation at 6:00p – *No class on November 27th.*

Chancel Choir at 6:30p

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Church Council at 6:30p

Saturday, November 30, 2024

Decorating for Christmas at 9:00am – *Volunteers are Needed.*



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SEPTEMBER MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM REPORT

In loving memory of **RON GORCHELS**

A gift to the **Memorial Fund** by

Peter & Lisa Smith

Mike & Kim Winter

Gerry & Lisa Keuler

Dale & Janet Hettenbach

Dan & Leanne Monroe

Ron & Sandy Golliher

Debra Kraemer

Mary & Dan Konrad

Robert & Marilyn Paulick

Hope Bush

Ellien Osmus

John & Julie Anderson

Marilyn Morrison

Jim & Jody Schaick

Sherry Peppler

Mark & Sandy Anderson

Jeff & Ann Stark

Frances Schneider

Dan & Rene Rogers

Bill & Joyce Freiberg

Dorothy Ruedinger

Robert & Mary Lee Hoffman

Brenda Bush & Eric Moline

Jim & Marie Filer

Shelly Peterson

Tony & Judy Ambroso

Sandy Folske

Dennis & Karen Chapin

Carol Harnitz

Al & Jan Schaick

Patricia Fenrich

Tom & Merry Pupeter

Constance Koch

Faith Lueck

Bridget Bush & Sean Sennott

Don & Suzie Marheine

Amy & Doug Overton

In loving memory of **RON GORCHELS**

A gift to the **Sidewalk Fund** by

Earl & Laurie Dorst

Valeria Basler

In loving memory of **RON GORCHELS**

A gift to the **Food Pantry** by

Dennis & Bev Edwards

Lynn Kron

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OCTOBER MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM REPORT

In loving memory of **RON GORCHELS**

A gift to the **Memorial Fund** by
Donald & Michele Lynch

In loving memory of **JOANN COSTELLO**

A gift to the **Sunday School Fund** by
Mike & Kim Winter
Dan & Leanne Monroe
Ron & Sandra Golliher
Family & Friends

Peter & Lisa Smith
Beverly Garro
Dan & Rene Rogers

In honor of **JEFF & ANN STARK'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

A gift to the **Memorial Fund** by
Stephen & Ann Calder

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Church Council Meeting Highlights, October 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Leanne. Opening prayer by Pastor Andi.

President's Report: Quilters update: They will not need additional day and space for a board meeting at this time. Blinds update: They are finally done!

Secretary's Report: Nothing major to change on the minutes. Minutes accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed September financial reports. We had a negative cash flow of -\$10,871.70 with a positive YTD of \$10,052.43. Alliant Energy stock was +\$2.421 (4.15%) this month, with a YTD of +\$9.39 (18.30%). Report accepted as printed. Beginning discussion about the 2025 budget. Deeper discussions will take place later. Discussion about having a snowblower available for use at the church. Do we really need one?

Pastor's Report: General: I want to encourage people to send in articles and information about our members and family to be shared on our website (like articles in the paper). Sunday School Book Drive is going well. I will be contacting Jefferson next week to update them and hear if they have any suggestions, comments, and such. I have not been called by First Congregational for any pastoral coverage. Fingers crossed all goes well until their new pastor starts in November. Information about the UCC Disaster Relief and the Church World Service clean -up kits will be shared in worship. Sept/Oct: 2 baptisms in September (Lainey Sauer 09/15 and Callie Schumann 09/22). We no longer have, nor can find, the cradle crosses given in prior years. Joint funeral service held for Johann and Joann Costello on September 20. Visitation Ministry training Sunday, October 20 after church and Monday, October 21 at 11:00am. Additional times will be added if needed. Trunks for Treats October 27 after church. For the Future: November 3 All Saints/Memorial service, November 27 Thanksgiving Eve service.

Vice President's Report: Election update: The deacon position has been filled so we have a full slate.

Deacon's Report: Discussed filling the candles in Ray's absence.

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Church Council

Church Council Meeting Highlights, October 8, 2024 *Continued...*

Trustee's Report: Discussed fall clean-up--Craig and Noah are willing to help out. Hedge trimmer was in the shed and Jim tried it out around the church. There are also a couple of Weber grills out there that need a new home. Fire extinguishers need to be checked each month. Lighted sign panels in front the of the church need to be replaced. Tom got a quote. We need to come up with a new design. Motion to replace the sign panel passed. Tom talked about light bulb replacement in the hanging fixtures in the sanctuary. We will make a decision next month depending on how the budget looks.

Old Business: Sidewalk payment: Funds have been raised in full. Payment will be made next month. Leanne will be requesting the Memorial and Endowment to transfer the interest allocation funds. Phone System: Looking at VoIP phones as our system is slowly failing. Received a quote from Unitel. Will continue to gather information. Candy Bar sellers needed Sunday mornings starting November 10.

Good & Welfare: Council gave a gift to Pastor Andi for Clergy Appreciation.

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

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Preorder your Kwik Trip Car Wash card now! The cards will be sold as a presale during the month of November. Each card will be \$40 – good for 5 car washes. Money will be due when you place your order. The sign-up sheet will be located on the gift card table in the lower narthex.

We will be selling VandeWalle's candy bars again in time for Christmas. Our candy bar sale will start on Sunday, November 10th. The price will be \$2 per candy bar or 2 for \$3. Anyone interested in helping sell candy bars on Sunday morning, please contact the church office. Thank you!

As we turn another page in our calendars, it's time to think about Emmanuel's upcoming "Giving Tree."

This special tree was originally called "The Bunny Tree"...then "The Mitten Tree" – sponsored by Daughters of Sarah. Renamed as the "Giving Tree," it will be located in the lower narthex, and again be collecting warm weather items for members of our community in need for the upcoming winter weather and will be given at Christmas.

If you knit, warm scarves are always appreciated. Men's items most often needed are warm socks and/or gloves and hats. (Hint: Goodwill stores have brand new packs of thermal socks on sale) Colorful scarves, mittens/gloves were given to a local school last year, where they were given to children who had none. Father Carr's Place To Be has been a recipient of women's and children's items over the years, but wherever they go, our gifts are always very much appreciated.

It's time to plan ahead! Items can be dropped off with The Tree Gals...Carolyn, Marilyn or Valeria at Sunday's Fellowship Hour...put in the Lower Level Narthex closet...or give them to Mary Dinkins or Lori in the office. They will be put under tree as soon as it's up!!

Thank you in advance for your help in making the holidays a little brighter (and warmer) for our neighbors!!

When planning your holiday shopping, you also can check the Day By Day Warming Shelter's Wish List...and remember our own Food Pantry!!

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Emmanuel has so many volunteer opportunities! We have something for everyone. You can pick the time that works best for you. Whatever you choose to do we will help make the experience a comfortable one for you!

Projection System – The service is all set up and running the projector consists of mainly clicking the mouse on the labeled slide, which matches the bulletin, and then clicking on “Go Live”. Help is also needed for running the video equipment for the live streaming of our services. You can sit in on one of the services to see how this is all done and decide if it’s right for you. We wouldn’t leave you on your own until you are comfortable!

Liturgist – A liturgist assists the pastor in leading worship by reading the scriptures. The scriptures for the week will be emailed prior to the service. If public speaking is your thing, being a Liturgist is for you!

Cleaning – This is exactly what you think it is! If you like to clean, this job is for you. Each cleaning task is listed separately for a time period. Tasks are scheduled as weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc. according to the need. You can dedicate as much or as little time as you would like.

Signing up for these tasks can be done on our website emmanueloshkosh.org. Click on Get Involved and then How Can I Help!

Food Pantry – Help is always needed answering the phones, and distributing groceries when the pantry is open on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning. The pantry opens at 8am and everything is usually done by 10am. We could always use someone to sub in when needed if you don’t want to make a weekly commitment. Bagging groceries, and taking cardboard to be recycled can be done on your own time. Any weekday morning you can come in and help out.

Call the church office if you would like to volunteer!

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“FAMILY” CHRISTMAS TREES

As always, we would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the church the opportunity to have an ornament representing their family on our “Family” Christmas trees in the upper narthex. If you would like to add an ornament on the tree, please bring it to the church office and we will enter it in the log book and place it on the tree. Thank you!

Sidewalk Update....We needed to reach the goal of \$12,590.94 to pay for our sidewalk by November 1st...AND WE DID IT!!!! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Sidewalk Fund to help us cover this debt. As always, we appreciate your continued support of Emmanuel! We are truly blessed!

A study from the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* found that small gifts, coming as a surprise, have a big impact on the recipient. So do unexpected notes, calls, or texts of encouragement*. Have you ever received an unexpected gift—a bouquet of flowers, a box of your favorite tea, a tray of cookies, or some curious item for your kitchen? Someone saw something nice and thought of you.

Here's a helpful tip learned from generous people. Whenever you're with a friend and they're without some small thing, make a mental note of it and send it to them the next day. Suppose someone says “I've thought about trying that new hand cream” or “What book would you recommend?” Imagine their surprise and pleasure to have that item delivered to their house later in the week!

The islanders on Malta had little, yet they showed Paul unusual kindness. Being generous doesn't depend on how much we have to give. God uses even our small acts of generosity to encourage others and bring honor to Him. Be generous to someone today!

*Julie Coleman, “Surprise Note or Gift to a Friend Means More Than We Think, New Research Shows. Forbes, July 11, 2022

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS AT EAA CAMPGROUNDS

The Celebration of Lights will be held once again at the EAA Campgrounds. We will need volunteers to help with the food collection from 5:00-9:00pm on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH , WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 THRU SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**. We have been asked to have volunteers there at 5:00pm with the lights starting at 5:30pm. There will be 2 booths that need to be manned, with at least 2 people per booth. If you could volunteer for the entire 5-9pm shift that would be great! However, we could split the shifts from 5-7 and 7-9. (Please note the 9pm shift could run later depending on the amount of traffic.) If you have questions, please contact Henry Caron. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church office (920-235-8340) or via email at office@emmanueloshkosh.org. Thanks!

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We have a couple of Weber grills that need a new home. Contact the church office if you would like more information.

FYI...We have an updated church directory (no pictures) available in an electronic version. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the church office and let us know. We can email you one ASAP!



Please remember, if you have a prayer request you can enter it on our website, or call the church office any 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 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!

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POINSETTIA & EMMANUEL CHURCH DONATIONS

We are offering the option of ordering a **Poinsettia** or making a donation to **Emmanuel Church** in honor or memory of a loved one this holiday season. ***If you are ordering a Poinsettia orders have to be in by December 1st with your payment. If you are making a donation to Emmanuel please have your donation in by December 15th.*** Please Print your information clearly. Thank you!

If you are ordering a Poinsettia, please make sure you are able to pick it up after Christmas!

PLEASE PRINT

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

POINSETTIA HOW MANY _____ (\$12.00 EACH) AMOUNT _____

EMMANUEL DONATION AMOUNT _____

DEADLINE FOR POINSETTIA ORDERS IS DECEMBER 1st
DEADLINE FOR EMMANUEL DONATIONS IS DEC. 15th

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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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