



# Emmanuel

United Church of Christ

1306 Michigan Street  
Oshkosh, WI 54902  
920.235.8340  
[emmanueloshkosh.org](http://emmanueloshkosh.org)

the lamplighter

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



*Join us for*  
**EASTER**

*LIFE OVER DEATH*  
**WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025**



**LIVE**  
**STREAMING**

**7:30AM | 9:00AM**



***Are you going out of town, or  
unable to attend worship?***

**You can still worship  
with us on each Sunday!**



**LIVE**

**STREAMING**

**YouTube.com – Search Emmanuel Oshkosh or  
log onto our website at [emmanueloshkosh.org](http://emmanueloshkosh.org)**

# Pastor Andi's Message

---

April 2025

Easter is right around the corner—but it's not here yet!

We are still firmly in the midst of Lent. How are you different from a few weeks ago when we started? I can't even explain how disappointed I am that our Ash Wednesday service was cancelled because of the weather. I can't say I really enjoy the service, but it is so very precious to me. I enjoy Christmas Eve and Easter services. The joy and the singing—I always leave happy and uplifted. Ash Wednesday isn't like that. But it feeds me in a way that leads me into the wilderness of Lent like the Spirit led Jesus after his baptism. We are still firmly in the midst of Lent. How are you different? How has the contemplative and self-reflective nature of Lent transformed you? We have a tendency to just scurry (or trudge) through each day without giving it much thought. Lent asks us to suspend that practice for just a bit. Lent is the season where Jesus pats the seat beside him and calls to each of us to sit down for a spell and have a little chat. I wonder what he wants to talk about this year...

This year is different from every year before it and every year that will follow. That's because WE are different—each and every day we are different from every day we traveled through before. Lent calls us to break out of our routines and see the changes that have taken place and commit anew to positive changes for the future. Change isn't always easy. Self-discipline isn't always fun. Self-reflection doesn't always shine a light on positive attitudes and behaviors.

And that is why Lent is critical to strengthening our faith. It is in the midst of the hard stuff in life where growth takes place. When facing disappointment and difficulties in our lives, our true nature comes out. And Lent challenges us in amazing ways. Easter is right around the corner, and it is going to be a great and mighty celebration. I cannot wait to celebrate the risen Christ with all of you. But for right now, we are still firmly in the midst of Lent. Seriously—how different are you from when we began?

*Pastor Andi*

[pastor.andi@emmanueloshkosh.org](mailto:pastor.andi@emmanueloshkosh.org)

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

# Ushers for April

## March Usher Schedule

### Usher Schedule

Sunday,	April 6, 2025	9:00am	Dan & Rene Rogers
Sunday,	April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)	9:00am	Randy & Connie Whittaker
Thursday,	April 17, 2025 (Maundy Thursday)	7:00pm	Volunteers Needed
Friday,	April 18, 2025 (Good Friday)	1:00pm	Volunteers Needed
Sunday,	April 20, 2025	7:30am	Brad & Liz Schultz
		9:00am	Volunteers Needed

We could always use more ushers. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 920-235-8340. Thank you!

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

## Treasurer's Nook

As the winter months start winding down February cash flow ended with a deficit (5,443) even though the year to date cash flow is a positive of 9,903.

Thank you to all that participated in the Eaton pizza coupon sale and the Raise Right program which will also have carwash cards for sale to help get the salt off. If you have any questions regarding the script program stop at the desk before the service on Sunday morning or give our office a call.

Another way for someone to support us is through your regular giving. In April we will have our first dining out fund raiser at Qdoba. Hope to see you there.

### February 2025 Results

The Numbers	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Direct Giving	16,853	11,424	33,707	44,383
Other Income	4,855	3,561	8,694	5,390
Total Income	21,708	14,985	42,401	49,773
Total Expenses	21,122	20,428	43,832	39,870
Cashflow/(Deficit)	586	(5,443)	(1,431)	9,903

*Rene Rogers*

Rene Rogers  
Treasurer



## RaiseRight – Gift Cards

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARD ORDERS ARE DUE ON **SUNDAY, April 6, 2025**

We will contact you when your gift cards arrive.

Pick up a gift card for all of your Easter supplies. There are grocery store cards available for all of your Easter dinner supplies. We have a limited supply of gift cards on hand as well. Those who have participated in this program. It is a great way to receive income for Emmanuel, and you don't have to run to a store to pick them up!

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



[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

## ***Food Pantry Update...***

During the month of February, we had 93 families come to our pantry. 13 families were new. 146 adults and 107 children were served. Thank you to everyone who has brought in non-perishable food items and paper bags to help support our food pantry.

***We are asking for the following items for April. We could use jelly (to go with our peanut butter), pasta (spaghetti or macaroni noodles), tuna or cookies. If it's one item or twenty, anything is appreciated!***

Thank you to our incredible volunteers! Thank you to **Henry Caron, Gail Hable, Ray Hltz, Sherry Pepler, Sandy Folske, Deb Kraemer, Lisa Smith, Peter Smith, Mary Dinkins, Rick Pepler, Carol Wiechman, Meg Hable, Jody Schaick, Jim Schaick, Mike Winter and Dan Monroe.** We appreciate and depend on all of you to keep the food pantry running so efficiently.

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

***The food pantry is currently open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00am until 10:00am. We are looking to expand our hours to include one shift later in the day so that we can meet the needs of those that are working, and are unable to come in the morning. This is still in the planning stages, so we aren't sure of which day we will do this or the exact times. We are possibly thinking the shift would be from 3-6, which would allow people to pick up food after they get the kids from school, or are done working. Would this be something you would be interested in helping us with? If so, please let Henry know, or call the church office. We won't be able to add another shift unless we can find some more volunteers to help. Please prayerfully consider volunteering in this capacity.***





[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

## Thank you

---

- Thank you to **TOM STARK** for repairing the walls of the ramp in the lower narthex.
- Thank you, Ray! 😊
- Thank you to **CANDY MCGINNIS STARK, QUINN BURSACK, LINDA STOWE, DEB KRAEMER AND JULIE BARTHELS** for participating as Liturgists during our worship services.
- Thank you to **KIM WINTER, LISA SMITH, LEANNE MONROE, CONNIE WHITTAKER AND CAROL WIECHMAN** for your help with the cleaning throughout the building.
- Thank you to **JODY SCHAICK, LISA SMITH, KIM WINTER, LEANNE MONROE, CORY SCHULTZ, ZACH WOLF AND CRAIG GEIGER** for your help with running the projection system and streaming the worship services.
- Thank you to **CORY SCHULTZ & LISA SMITH** for keeping our website up to date.
- Thank you to **CORY SCHULTZ** for creating our ad for the Oshkosh Herald.
- Cory also created a special ad for Holy Week, check it out in the Herald's April 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> edition.

*Thank  
You*

## Coming Up...

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

### LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Tuesday April 1, 8 at Noon

The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton

Sign-up sheet is on the RaiseRight table in the lower narthex

### CHIME CHOIR & CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesdays - Chime 5:30pm

Wednesdays - Chancel 6:30pm

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday – April 9 & 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

\* No Class on April 2, 16 & 23

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:30pm

### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** – Sunday, April 13, 2025 – 9:00am

**Maundy Thursday with Communion** – Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 7:00pm

**Good Friday** – Friday, April 18, 2025 – 1:00pm

**Easter Sunday with Communion** – Sunday, April 20, 2025

7:30am – Live Streamed

9:00am

### Memorial & Endowment Meeting

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:30pm



[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

## Church Council

### Church Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025

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

**President's Report:** Kwik Trip cards had a motion over email between meetings, Linda put forth a motion to go forward with cards seconded by Zach. So, moved.

**Secretary's Report:** A few typos were mentioned, and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed February financial reports. We had a negative cash flow of -\$5,442.44 with a positive YTD of \$9,903.70. Alliant Energy stock was - \$.29 (.47%), this month, with a YTD of +\$5.65 (16.96%). Majority of expenses for the month were Emp Pension & Andi's Health, Wisconsin Conference UCC (Church's Wider Mission), Disaster Relief, Fed & SS Payroll Taxes and WPS-Gas and Electric. Treasurer's Report accepted as printed.

**Pastor's Report:** General: Our book study of The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton, is going well. We are meeting on Tuesdays at noon. I have 13 people in the study. Deeply disappointed that our Ash Wednesday services were cancelled. The criteria I use centers around the roads, our facility, and neighboring churches. We posted on Facebook, the website and WBAY. The roads weren't awful, but our parking lot was a bit slick, and the sidewalks were pretty bad. I reached out to 101A Algoma Club AA about their building use request, but they had already found a new location. As pre-worship time gets increasingly hectic, a reminder that if you have a prayer concern that is very important for you to share, please write it down and give it to me at least 10 mins before worship begins or place it on the pulpit. Will be doing a weekly blurb for Facebook live on Wednesdays during Lent.

This Month: March 9, we had a double Baptism of Owen Butzen, son of Mack and Melissa Butzen, and Ruby Ruegsegger, daughter of Ryan and Krysta Ruegsegger. Julie Ruegsegger, pastor at Neillsville UCC, and grandmother of Ruby, shared in officiating. A quick reminder to the deacons that making sure there is water in the baptismal font is a deacon responsibility.

**Trustee's Report:** Jim repainted the downstairs bathroom. East side church brick needs to be tuck pointed. Discussion about the bumpers for the parking lot, which the Trustees will figure out what to do with.

Continued

# Church Council

---

Church Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025 Continued

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

**Old Business:** Phone/alarm we are on the list, \$10/month equipment for phones. Lori is giving it one more day before calling again to get the alarm fixed. Connie Whittaker considered for the custodial position. Council voted to offer the position for 6 hrs. a week.

**New Business:** Qdoba Fundraiser for April 7<sup>th</sup> was approved. Culver's Fundraiser for May 19<sup>th</sup> was approved. Easter Ad in the Herald was funded via donation. It will be 1/12 page and run for 2 weeks. Ask Cory to make an ad. Leanne Bloedow is getting some planters (\$60) at Lowe's, then probably \$12-\$15 for soil per planter (\$30). Leanne also would do live flowers for at least until fall. Plants for this summer will be donated by Pastor Andi. Discussion about Administrative Professionals Day. Gift Card & flowers last year, \$50 price point as Leanne's job to take care of for this year.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is on April 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.



## Miscellaneous

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

**QDOBA IS  
BRINGING  
FLAVOR  
TO OUR COMMUNITY**



**FUNDRAISER FOR  
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**MONDAY, APRIL 7, 4PM-8PM**

**1990 MENARD DR  
OSHKOSH, WI 54902**

**25% of sales donated**

Order online with the digital coupon on this flyer, or show this flyer in restaurant. Also valid on Catering orders.

SCAN THIS QR CODE  
IN RESTAURANT



OR ENTER THIS  
COUPON CODE ONLINE  
**QDOBAGIVES**



QDOBA commits to donating 25% of product sales (excluding any tax, delivery, gift card purchases and alcohol purchases) made lawfully and in accordance with this agreement to your organization. In order to receive a donation, your organization must reach the minimum sales amount of \$500. If this amount is not reached, your organization will not receive a check for the donation. QDOBA reserves the right to withhold donations if QDOBA's fundraising guidelines are violated or if your fundraising website is abused and/or used in a manner not in accordance with this agreement. QDOBA Mexican Eats is a registered trademark of QDOBA Restaurant Corporation. ©QDOBA Restaurant Corporation 2025.

**JOIN US AT  
QDOBA MEXICAN EATS FUNDRAISER  
1990 Menard Drive, Oshkosh  
MONDAY, APRIL 7 4:00-8:00PM**

*Order online with the digital coupon on the enclosed flyer, or show the flyer in the restaurant for Emmanuel to receive 25% of sales between 4-8pm!*

## Miscellaneous

---

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)



*As pre-worship time gets increasingly hectic, a reminder that if you have a prayer concern that is very important for you to share, please write it down and give it to Pastor Andi at least 10 minutes before worship begins, or place in on the pulpit. Thank you!*

**Kwik Trip**

**CAR WASH CARDS** will be available at the gift card table during April. The price of each car wash card is \$40. This is good for 5 ultimate car washes. Pick up your card today! Your car will be happy!



CELEBRATING

**Did you know...**

April 15 is Mary Dinkins 50th Anniversary as our musician at Emmanuel. 50 years! That is an incredible accomplishment. We will be recognizing her ministry briefly on Palm Sunday, April 13. A bigger reception will take place at a later date that isn't during one of the busiest times of the church year! So, keep your eyes peeled for that date (probably in the summer sometime) and some opportunities for you to let Mary know how much you appreciate her ministry and, if you are so inclined, contribute to a gift for her. What a blessing Mary is to our Ministry Team at EUCC!

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)


[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

## Miscellaneous



Are you having a procedure or surgery in the near future? Please contact the church office at 920.235.8340 and let us know. Pastor Andi would like to make sure she is there for you and your family. If you mention it on a Sunday morning, she might forget. Due to HIPAA the hospital is not allowed to call and let us know if you are a patient or not. Thank you for your help!

**JOIN US FOR EMMANUEL'S NIGHT OUT AT  ON WESTOWNE AVENUE** in Oshkosh, by Menards. Monday, May 19, 2025 from 5:00-7:00pm. 10% of your order will go Emmanuel. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Thank you!



Do you have a concern you would like offered up in prayer? You can enter your request on our website at [emmanueloshkosh.org](http://emmanueloshkosh.org). You can also call the church office at 920-235-8340 any weekday morning.

- [A Note From Pastor](#)
- [Ushers](#)
- [Treasurer’s Nook](#)
- [RaiseRight](#)
- [Food Pantry](#)
- [Thank you!](#)
- [Coming up...](#)
- [Sunday School](#)
- [Memorials & Honorarium](#)
- [Church Council](#)
- [Miscellaneous](#)
- [Calendar](#)
- [Back to Top](#)

# Miscellaneous

## EASTER MEMORIAL & HONORARIUMS

We are once again offering the option of ordering your choice of Easter flowers. Either an Easter Lily or Tulip Plant is being offered. If you don’t want to purchase a flower, a donation can be made to Emmanuel’s General Fund.

DEADLINE FOR EASTER FLOWERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

DEADLINE FOR EMMANUEL DONATIONS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

\*\*\*\*\*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

EASTER LILY (\$11.00)                      HOW MANY \_\_\_\_\_

TULIP PLANT (\$11.00)                      HOW MANY \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION TO GENERAL FUND \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_





[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer’s Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

Sunday School

Memorials & Honorarium

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

# Miscellaneous

We will be placing another brick order in June. If you would like to order a brick to be placed in the labyrinth this summer, please use the form below.

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](mailto:office@emmanueloshkosh.org).

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

*Please include your name:*\_\_\_\_\_

*Number of bricks you would like to purchase*\_\_\_\_\_

*Amount Due*\_\_\_\_\_



[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

[Sunday School](#)

[Memorials & Honorarium](#)

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

## 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
Rene Rogers	Dan Rogers
Debra Kraemer	Earl Dorst
Linda Stowe	Laurie Dorst
Craig Geiger	Noah Wilson
Tom Stark	Jim Schaick

### Memorial/Endowment Committee:

Jeff Stark	Ann Stark
Deb Bartel	Sherri Annis
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.***

Click [HERE](#) for our online calendar.

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

Sunday School

Memorials & Honorarium

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

**[Calendar](#)**

[Back to Top](#)

## Additional Resources

[A Note From Pastor](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Treasurer's Nook](#)

[RaiseRight](#)

[Food Pantry](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Coming up...](#)

Sunday School

Memorials & Honorarium

[Church Council](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Back to Top](#)

We'd love to hear from you!  
Click [here](#) to give us your feedback.

Visit us on social media.

