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United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 7:00pm

We will also be blessing the food that has been collected throughout the month of November for Emmanuel's Food Pantry.



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Pastor Andi's Message

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In the book of Acts, we find Paul starting a new church in Corinth, one of the most influential cities in the Roman world. Because of its location on a narrow isthmus between the Corinthian Gulf and the Aegean Sea, it was an important center for commerce and transportation throughout the Mediterranean region. Paul started his evangelism in Corinth by preaching in the synagogue (where he faced a lot of resistance) and then changed his focus to non-Jews, or Gentiles. There he found more success. Paul stayed with this new church for about a year and a half, teaching God's word to these new believers.

Because of the differences in their background, (some Gentile and some Jew), divisions arose in the church in Corinth. These issues—disunity, immorality, bad doctrine, and false teaching—threatened to tear the church apart.

Paul wrote letters to the church in Corinth as a response to these challenges they were facing. He provided guidance and support to the Corinthians as they navigated their faith and community.

While, the city of Corinth is some 5400 miles away, and Paul's letters were written sometimes around 56AD, the core issues remain relevant for today. No, we aren't fighting about speaking in tongues, or whether to eat food that had been sacrificed to idols, but we still allow disunity to destroy us.

Differences of opinion will always be a part of our society and our churches. Conflict is a natural part of being in a relationship. If we are always agreeing, that simply means one person or party doesn't feel safe voicing their true opinion.

Paul didn't write to the church in Corinth to tell them not to disagree, but to disagree as people guided by love. In first Corinthians 13, Paul tells us that if we have the words of angels, but don't share those words through love, we're just a clanging gong or a clashing symbol. If we are true prophets who know everything and have complete faith, but don't have love, we are really nothing. If we give away everything we have so we can feel good about what we've done, but don't have love, we receive no benefit. Love makes all the difference.

We live in a world that no longer seems to value love. And like the church in Corinth, the church of today is tasked with showing the nation and the world how we live united while disagreeing. And the secret to it all is love.

Love is patient and kind. It isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, and it isn't rude. It doesn't demand things always go its way. It isn't irritable and it doesn't keep a record of complaints. It isn't happy with injustice but is happy with the truth.

And that, my friends, is why we find ourselves in such deep turmoil and chaos. We have forgotten that to follow Christ, means being a people of love. When we live in love and disagree, we cultivate a culture of respect where all can thrive. When love is absent one side always seeks to choke out the other, so it eventually dies away.

At the end of the day, you might just be right. But if you haven't shared your truth in love (and with love) it is just noise. And it doesn't really matter. Love makes all the difference!

Pastor Andi

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You can sign up for ushering on our website in the "get Involved" Section. You can also call the church office if you are interested in ushering.

Please consider signing up!

November Usher Schedule

Sunday, November 2nd – Ron & Sandra Golliher

Sunday, November 9th – Dan & Rene Rogers

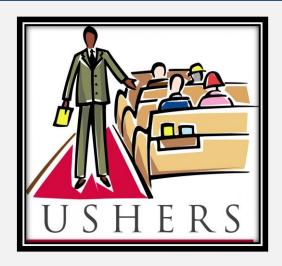
Sunday, November 16th – Brad & Liz Schultz

Sunday, November 23rd – Mike & Alice Peppler

Wednesday, November 26th (Thanksgiving Eve) – Volunteers Needed

Sunday, November 30th - Volunteers Needed

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November 2025

September cash flow is a negative for the month (\$3,888). With a year-to-date negative cash flow of (\$8,378). Thank you to all that participated in the Raise Right program which we will also have carwash cards for sale to help keep your cars clean through fall. Also, a couple of fund raisers coming up in time for the holidays. Vande Walles candy bars will be for sale once again for those stocking stuffers. Thank you to all that participated in the Soup to Go fund raiser. If you have any questions regarding the Raise Right program stop at the desk before the service on Sunday morning or give our office a call.

September 2025 Results

The Numbers	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Direct Giving	17,128	16,536	155,156	141,965
Other Income	3,839	1,942	37,749	51,837
Total Income	20,967	18,478	192,905	193,802
Total Expenses	21,495	22,366	201,393	202,180
Cashflow/(Deficit)	(528)	(3,888)	(8,488)	(8,378)

Rene Rogers
Rene Rogers
Treasurer





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RaiseRight – Gift Cards

RaiseRight orders are due on Sunday, November 2nd We will give you a call when your gift cards are here.



Believe it or not, it's time to be thinking about the holidays!

Where did the time go?!! There are gift cards for all of your holiday shopping.

Pick up a grocery card for your cooking and baking supplies. It's never to early to pick up gift cards for those hard to buy Christmas presents. Visiting family for the holidays? Pick up a gas card. Emmanuel gets a percentage of every gift card we sell. Thank you to those of you who are regularly taking part in this ongoing money raising opportunity for Emmanuel.

Thank you to **Lisa Smith & Leanne Monroe** for making the program available to us. Thank you to **Margaret Yoder & Sandra Gollliher** for selling the cards on Sunday mornings.





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Food Pantry Update... November 2025

During the month of September, we served 124 families. 233 Adults and 167 Children were served. 21 new families came to our pantry. We distributed approximately 13,020 pounds of food.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers. Thank you, **Henry Caron, Jody Schaick, Gail Hable, Ray Hitz, Sandy**Folske, Sherry Peppler, Carol Wiechman, Deb Kraemer, Lisa Smith, Peter Smith, Kim Winter, Mike Winter,
Meg Hable, Rick Peppler, Jim Schaick and Dan Monroe.

Thank you also to **Red's Piggly Wiggly, Festival Foods, Craig Geiger & 4Imprint and Silver Creed Meats** for their continued support.

We received approximately 325 pounds of food from the Scouting Food Drive on October 12th. Thank you to **Henry Caron, Ray Hitz, Gail Hable, Jim Sitter & Carol Wiechman** for your helping receiving and sorting the food received.

Thank you also to **Jim Sitter** for collecting paper bags from the grocery stores in the area. We can always use paper bags. So, when asked "Paper or plastic?", say "Paper please!"

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 blessed during the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 26th.

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.





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- Thank you to Craig Geiger, Leanne Monroe, Jody Schaick, Brooklyn Schultz, Cory Schultz, Lisa Smith and Kim Winter for running the projector and live streaming our worship services.
- Thank you to Quinn Bursack, Deb Kraemer, Leanne Monroe, Linda Stowe and Milo Dehne for reading scriptures during worship.
- Thank you Ray! 😊
- Thank you to Ann Stark for providing the children's activity bags.
- Thank you to Dennis & Karen Chapin, Ron Golliher, Mary Dinkins, Marilyn Morrison and Val Basler for picking up the donuts, making coffee and cleaning up after coffee hour.
- Thank you to **Gail Hable** for maintaining the headsets for the hearing loop. Thank you to **Jim Schaick** for mowing the lawn and installing the bricks in the labyrinth as well as maintaining the labyrinth.
- Thank you to **Tom Stark** for continuing to maintain the lights around the building.
- Thank you to Carol Wiechman for filling the pew cards, envelopes and pencils.





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JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON IN THE LOWER NARTHEX

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Chime Choir | 5:30PM Confirmation | 6:00PM (No Class Nov. 12 & 26) Chancel Choir | 6:30PM

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 2nd | 5:00PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, November 9th | 10:00AM Sunday, November 23RD | 10:00AM

CHURCH COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 11 | 6:30PM

LAY VISITATION GROUP MEETING

Sunday, November 16th | 10:00AM

LAST THURSDAY WORSHIP FOR THE SEASON

Thursday, November 20th | 6:30PM *Thursday, Worship will resume February 5th.*

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Wednesday, November 26th | 7:00PM

NOISY COLLECTION BENEFITTING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT

Sunday, November 30th | *Save your change and make some noise!!*







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Dear Families,

November reminds us to pause and give thanks — for family, friends, food, and the many blessings God gives us each day. But even more than what we have, we are thankful for **who is always with us** — **God!**

No matter where we go or what we face, God's love goes with us. When we are happy, He celebrates with us. When we are sad, He comforts us. And when we feel alone, He reminds us, "I am right here."

This month in Sunday School, our children are learning that they are **never alone** — God's presence is constant, faithful, and full of love. God never leaves us!

Let's help our children practice gratitude as a way to remember God's goodness.

Here are a few simple family ideas:

Keep a "God Is With Me" thankfulness jar — write down moments each day when you feel God near.

At dinner, share one thing you're thankful for and one way you saw God's love that day.

Pray together: "Thank You, God, for being with us wherever we go. Thank You for Your love that never leaves us. Help us to feel Your presence and remember that we are never alone. Thank You for our families, friends, and blessings. Amen."

As we enter this season of gratitude, may our hearts be full of thanksgiving — not only for our blessings, but for the promise that **God is always with us, wherever we go.**

Important dates:

Sunday November 9th: Christmas Program Practice from 10:45-11:45

Sunday November 23rd: Christmas Program Practice during Sunday School - it is important Sunday School Students attend these

practices

Sunday December 14th: Christmas Program During Service Sunday December 28th: No Sunday School - Christmas Break

Blessings,

Emily Simons

Sunday School Superintendent sunday.school@emmanueloshkosh.org





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

President's Report: Red Robin fundraiser ended up earning \$273.18, but we're still waiting to receive the check. Book nook donation of \$80. Jim has installed Mary's and Ron Gorchels's memorial brick.

Secretary's Report: Minutes accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed September financial reports. We had a negative cash flow of -\$3,888.08 with a negative YTD of -\$8,378.11. Alliant Energy stock was up \$2.34/share from August. Majority of expenses for the month were Payroll taxes for 3rd quarter, WPS and Andi's Health Ins & pension.

Wisconsin Conference UCC asked for OCWM donation of \$18500 for budget proposal, same as last year. Treasurer's Report accepted as printed.

Pastor's Report: General: Funeral at the church September 13. The luncheon was catered by Rodney's and I was asked by the caterer if they could use the stove and I told them they could not use the stove, oven or dishwasher. I was later informed that they figured out how to turn on the gas and used the stove. I called and informed them they would no longer be welcome to cater in our facility. I will send a letter and inform the local funeral homes. I will be having my regular Communities of Practice meeting each month through June, as well as my monthly clergy meetings. Last Month: Rally Sunday on September 14 went well. The attendance goes up and down. I think having class only 2 weeks a month makes it harder to find a rhythm—especially where there are 5 Sundays in a month. I had a funeral September 19 for Jeff Nicolaison and October 3 for Sandra Ewald. I officiated at the wedding of Lance and Cassie (Zlabek) Yoder October 1.

This Month: I am officiating at the wedding of Tammy Ellis and Bob Nienhaus on October 18. Soup2Go pick-up is October 26. Trunks for Treats will be October 26.

For the Future: Our All Saints service will be November 2. Right now we have Lynda Mohr and Lee Burton. Lynda should have been a part of last year's service but was omitted. Sr. High Youth group will meet Nov. 2 at 5:00pm. Looking ahead, the Madrigal Singers are tentatively scheduled for December 14. That is also the Sunday School program date. I am requesting vacation the week of November 10. Tom Fritz will be preaching.





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Vice President's Report: New members invited to November and December meetings.

Trustee's Report: Trustees will decide where to hang Mary's plaque. Labyrinth rock has been extended and cleaned up.

Old Business: Tuck pointing needed upper narthex right corner - Craig is going to call different companies to get some quotes. Candybar sales start 11/9. Pizza Ranch fundraiser on Monday, January 26, 2026. Omniglass is coming to give a quote for the windows - looking to consult with other companies then putting a number on the wishlist.

New Business: Discussed ATT fiber internet offer. See if Cory has any questions, but also clarify upload speed and equipment costs. Motion to move to ATT if everything checks out. Discussed Sovereign insurance offer and decided to stick with GuideOne. Suggestion to see if a GuideOne representative can come and give us an explanation of how their services work.

Good & Welfare: Annual budget for next year, start brainstorming!

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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Respectfully submitted by: Zach Wolf





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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.



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



Are you having a procedure or surgery in the near future? Please contact the church office (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!



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 it on the pulpit. Thank you!



Noisy collection to benefit our Sunday school mission project, Sunday, November 30th 2025 **Save you coins and make some noise!**





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VandeWalles Candy Bars are here!!

We will be selling VandeWalles candy bars in the lower narthex on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, November 9th. The price will be \$2.00 per candy bar. If you would like to help sell the candy bars on Sundays, please contact the church office. You can also purchase candy bars weekday mornings in the church office. These make great stocking stuffers!

"FAMILY" CHRISTMAS TREES

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!

Please join us on Saturday, November 29th at 9:00am to help decorate the church for Christmas. The more hands available means things will get done a lot quicker!

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS at the EAA Grounds



This year Emmanuel will be collecting food for our pantry at Celebration of Lights (COL) **Sunday, December 21**st **thru Friday, December 26**th. Some of the nights we will be asked to supply volunteers to man 3 huts. The hours will be from 5:15pm until 9:00pm(ish) depending on the amount of cars going thru. COL would like to have the huts covered for the whole night instead of splitting shifts. However, if you are unable to cover a whole shift we can make arrangements for you to split the time. We know it's early to start thinking about this, but the holidays are fast approaching and we need to plan ahead. We know it's difficult having the week of Christmas with your family celebrations happening. This might be a great opportunity for your family to be together collecting food for those in need in our community. We receive so many great non-perishable food items that will help fill our pantry shelves during the winter.





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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, please remember our own Food Pantry!!

We are looking for donations of cake mixes, lemon-lime soda, canned frosting, birthday candles and disposable 9x13 cake pans with lids for our birthday cake kits, which are being handed out to the food pantry recipients with children celebrating a birthday. Thank you to our Youth Group for assembling these kits! Let's help every child have a great birthday celebration!





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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 7^{TH} with your payment. If you are making a donation to Emmanuel please have your donation in by December 14^{th} .

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 ea.)	Amount:			
Emmanuel Donation Amount:				

Poinsettia deadline is December 7th.

Emmanuel Donation Deadline is December 14th.





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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

Rene Rogers Dan Rogers

Debra Kraemer Earl Dorst

Linda Stowe Laurie Dorst

Craig Geiger Noah Wilson

Tom Stark Jim Schaick

Memorial/Endowment Committee: Pastoral Relations Committee:

Jeff Stark Ann Stark Sandra Golliher Kay Lund

Deb Bartel Sherri Annis Julie Barthels Lori Potratz

Sandy Golliher Margaret Yoder Faith Lueck

Emily Reyes

Please consider volunteering for any of these committees, please contact the church office 235-8340 if you are interested.





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