November 2026

GoodNews

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MELODIES OF COMPASSION

IMMANUEL HOMELESS MINISTRY

For many years, Immanuel has been instrumental in providing shelter for the homeless people of Kenosha. They provide overnight shelter, when possible, during extremely cold temperatures. During Christmas and New Years, volunteers make an amazing home-cooked meal for anyone that wants to come. Homemade turkey, mashed potatoes, salad, beans, dessert, etc. The volunteers serve the meal and play games with those that come. There are typically 6-12 people that live out of their vehicles during the winter at the rest stop near the Pleasant Prairie Outlet Mall, Immanuel makes sure meals are delivered to those people. They also get donations to offer as many hotel rooms as possible when shelter can't be provided by Immanuel. This church and group of women are extremely passionate about helping those in need!

There are always volunteer opportunities, see Kathy or Michelle if you would like help!

SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Thank you, Arnold Parise, for months of delivering all the donations to the Shalom Center!

Arnold Parise brought 73 lbs. of food to the Shalom Center Food Pantry for October. We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. You may drop them off at the church from 8am - noon, Monday through Friday or Sunday morning.

The Food Pantry is in need of cereals, canned soup, and canned proteins.

Greetings from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

As we approach the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and look forward with hope to His coming again.

About 2,000 years ago, Jesus came into this world to save us from sin and death. But why do we love and celebrate Christmas so much? I believe it is because Jesus came not only to save us, but also to be with us—as our comforter, our friend, and our Savior. He came to share in our lives, to carry our burdens, and to walk with us through our joys and struggles.

Emmanuel means "God is with us." What a beautiful promise!

Throughout the Bible, we see how God has continued to come closer to His people. God came down upon Mount Sinai in fire. Later, God dwelt among His people in the tabernacle. Finally, God came into our world as a little baby, Jesus Christ. And today, through the Holy Spirit, God continues to dwell within our hearts.

This is the wonderful message of Christmas: **God loves us so much that He comes to us, meets us where we are, and never leaves us alone.**

As many of you know, I meet once a month with several United Methodist pastors serving churches in our surrounding communities. We gather to encourage one another and grow together in ministry. One of the blessings of our fellowship is that we also visit nursing homes served by our churches, where we lead worship together, share testimonies, celebrate Holy Communion, and sing hymns.

This year, we are planning special Christmas worship services in South Milwaukee in November and Union Grove in December. We will sing familiar Christmas carols with the residents and share the joy and love of Christ with them.

Many of these dear older adults may experience loneliness, physical challenges, or the sadness of being separated from loved ones. Our hope is not simply to provide a worship service, but to be their friends, to listen to them, and to remind them that they are loved and never forgotten.

Just as Jesus came to be with us, we want to go and be with those who need love, friendship, and encouragement.

My dear church family, as we enter this Advent season, my prayer is that each of you will experience the presence of Jesus Christ in a personal and meaningful way. May you feel His love, His comfort, and His peace in your daily life.

And as we receive His love, I hope we will also look around us. Perhaps there is someone nearby who feels lonely, discouraged, or burdened by life's difficulties. A simple visit, a phone call, a kind word, or a warm smile can become a beautiful way of sharing Christ's love.

After all, Christmas is not only about remembering that Jesus came to us long ago. It is also about allowing His love to reach others through us today.

May Emmanuel, God with us, fill your hearts and homes with His love, hope, peace, and joy throughout this Advent season.

With love and blessings in Christ,

Pastor David

Betty Raddatz
Lorrie Peterson
Richard Boris
Steve Mix
Cindy Escue
Bill Thurau

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet **Tues. Nov. 3 at 9:30am** at church. Hope you can join us for fellowship, program by Lorrie Petersen, and as always, a treat!

COUNTERS in NOVEMBER

1	Luanne Lindow, Kris Trumbo
8	Jean Thompson, Cyndi Wolf
15	Arnold Parise, Patti Sloca
22	Bob Dorsey, Kris Trumbo
29	Lorrie Peterson, Margaret Christian

Please contact Kris Trumbo if you would like to count. We could use one more person.

It is time for our annual Feed My Starving Children Event. I have reserved 30 spots for **Saturday, November 14th** from **9:00-10:45am.** We plan on meeting in the church parking lot and caravaning down at **8:00am**. I will need a head count to reserve your spot(s) so please provide me with the name of the person(s) attending and their age. That will save time when we get there. There are a variety of jobs available including: packing, sitting and applying labels, or lifting boxes into the warehouse. Please RSVP to myself or Janice no later than **November 1st**. You can email Janice at wesleyumc@kenoshawesley.org or me at mchristensen1456@gmail.com.

Even if you would like to meet there directly, please still provide the name(s) and age(s) of people attending. The address of the facility is 742 East Park Ave Libertyville, IL 60048. We usually arrive back at church around 11:45 and we will have pizza, breadsticks and soda following the event.

Please review the volunteer guidelines:

- Children under the age of 5 are **not** allowed in our packing area.
- Please do **not** come to our facility to volunteer if you are showing symptoms of contagious illness or food-borne diseases.
- **No jewelry** is permitted in the packing room, labeling areas, Warehouse Crew area or when inspecting raw ingredients.

Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen

Saturday, November 7th

Wesley provides 5 - 6 helpers each month. When winter comes, people start flocking to warmer climates, so if you are available the first Saturday of each month, please help. You are needed from about **4:30 - 6:30 pm**.

The December date is December 5th.

WESLEY ROLE MODEL OF 2026 – Joy Delwiche

Every year, the Administrative Council nominates and votes on a member of our church who truly embodies the love of Christ and reflects it out into the world. As always, this was an incredibly tough decision because our congregation is blessed with so many wonderful, deeply dedicated servants. However, Joy Delwiche stands out as a beautiful example of grace, humility, and action.

Joy is a quiet leader who doesn't look for the spotlight. Instead, she simply looks for where there is a need, stepping in to help wherever and whenever she is called.

She brings people to church so they can also experience the warmth of our church family.

She demonstrates local community service through her regular dedication as a volunteer at the Soup Kitchen.

She shares a unique creative ministry, using her talents as a wonderful knitter to create beautiful gifts for others.

Her compassion has a more widespread impact through her volunteer work with Feed My Starving Children.

She enhances our worship by beautifully serving the congregation as a fantastic liturgist.

She lends her wisdom and time as a member of the SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations Committee).

And, of course, Joy rarely goes anywhere without her camera. She is always there, quietly documenting our moments together, catching the laughter, the fellowship, and the spirit of our church family. When you receive a photo she has taken of your family, it does exactly what her name implies: it brings you instant joy and puts a lasting smile in your heart.

Joy, thank you for your tireless service, your quiet strength, and for showing us all what it looks like to live out the love of Christ every single day. **Congratulations!**

8	Abigail Ricchio
11	Dina Daniel
14	Terry Miller
16	Brianna Sloca
22	Stella Guadalupe

DECEMBER

5	Patti Sloca
6	Margie Kugler
8	Bill Thurau
9	Jen Bara
10	Alicia Holliday
13	Sapphira Holliday
21	Anita Lang

Happy 66th Anniversary December 24th to
John & Janie Khoury

Cookie WALK

The weather is getting cooler and that means Cookie Walk is coming soon! It is not too early to start planning what you are baking, gathering the ingredients, and thinking about how you can help out this year. Now is the time to bake like you've never baked before!

Hanging of the Greens will be on
Sunday, November 22

Please contact Kris Trumbo if you are able to help put them up or take them down at the end of the season.

Kathy's Korner

WESLEY YARNERS

Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship while crafting projects. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we have willing teachers and we have supplies to get you started. During our time at Yarners, we make many different things. We create prayer shawls, hats, mittens, sweaters, blankets, or whatever you would like to craft.

We will be meeting: **Thursday, November 5 at 10 am**

Thursday, November 12 at 10 am

TBA (watch for info in upcoming bulletins) at *6 pm*

We can't wait to see you there!

CURTIS STRANGE NEWS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We will have the tree out to pick items off by November 22. Every year, we adopt 8 families from Curtis Strange, this is our neighborhood school which we have had a partnership with for over 12 years. Over 80% of the families are in poverty and the school administration gives us some of the neediest at the school to help. The families we adopt receive food for the weeks that the children are out of school. Every child at the school receives a free breakfast and lunch and when school is on break, many do not get food to eat. We provide food for them during their school vacation, and they also receive all the items for their Christmas dinner. In addition to food to eat, we also provide at least 2 gifts per family member (including the adults in the household and teenage siblings or younger siblings).

Please take a tag off the tree and return the item with the gift tag back to church unwrapped by December 13th. Between the dates of December 13th & 18th, we will be looking for volunteers to help wrap the gifts for the families. Please watch for the date to be announced. If you have any questions about this mission, please talk to Kathy Mulroy – you can call her at 262.942.1744 or email her at amulroy@wi.rr.com.

SPOTLIGHT on

Tom Shaughnessy

1. What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know? Fifty years ago, I played mahjong with Tokyo Rose. Her name was Iva Toguri, and she was a U.S. citizen visiting relatives when the U.S. became involved in WWII. She was unable to leave Japan and forced into spreading propaganda. She came back to U.S. after the war and was eventually pardoned. She was a lovely person.
2. What's the last book you read? The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson
3. What is your favorite hobby(ies)? Cooking, woodworking, and being a member of Kenosha Chamber Choir.
4. What's the first concert you ever attended? Chicago – when I was in my 20's
5. What's the next place on your travel bucket list? If things ever calm down, the Royal Pavilion in Brighton, England.
6. Are you currently binge-watching any shows? Dexter and Major Crimes
7. If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? This is a very difficult question to answer – I can't imagine eating only one thing forever.
8. What are items you can't live without? Things I use to cook – KitchenAid, Vitamix, Cuisinart food processor (it's almost 40 years old and still works perfectly).
9. What was your dream job as a child? I always wanted to be a chemist or pharmacist. I went to Loyola as chem major but switched to biology and ended up working at Abbott Labs.
10. If you could have dinner with anyone, who's one person you'd go with? Julia Child (I met her once in the 80's at a book signing in Chicago). I watched her TV shows with my Mom.
11. Approximately how long have you been a member at Wesley? I have been an employee at Wesley since Aug 2017.
12. If you had to get a tattoo today, what would you get? I would never get one of any kind.
13. What is your nickname? Since my father's name is Thomas, my nickname is Tommy.
14. If you could donate $100,000 to any philanthropic cause or charity organization, which one would you choose and why? The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra – I love music and the restored Warner Grand Theater venue.
15. If you only had 1 month to live, what would you make sure you did? I would get outside and enjoy the sunshine with my dogs – walk with them.

If you would like to be featured in "The Spotlight" please send your answers to Michelle Christensen-Bara at michelle.christensen.jm6h@statefarm.com

Nurture still needs YOU! If you are interested in joining the committee or simply attending a meeting to see what we are all about, please contact Michelle at 262.327.6336

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