

# U-C-C See What's Up

Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ  
November – 2017

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## Attendance Reports

Sept. 24 – 45  
Oct. 1 - 36  
Oct. 8 - 42  
Oct. 15 - 58  
Oct. 22 - 51

## Worship Service Schedule

Nov. 5	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM All Saints Worship Service
Nov. 12	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service
Nov. 19	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service
Nov. 26	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service

## The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,  
As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:  
Open my mind so I can learn about you;  
Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.  
Open my eyes so your love I will see;  
I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what  
you've given to me.  
Open my ears so your Word I will hear;  
Open my mouth to tell others you're near.  
Let your light shine in all I say and do!  
Amen.

*The LORD is my light and my salvation.*  
*Psalm 27:1*

Share your faith with your friends and neighbors  
as you tell them about your special pumpkin!

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Reminders: For November:

Greeter/Ushers – Smerchek Family

Deacon Providing Elements –  
Erin Smerchek

Monday, Nov. 13 – Trustee 6:30 p.m.  
Council 7 p.m. meetings



Thank you to those who agreed to deliver Meals on Wheels in October! Holly Fox, Holly Gould, Lizzy Gould, Joan Granger, Eric Kim, Krista Kim, Nadia Kim, Gerry Loos, Derek Nimmer and Julie Norland all are great supporters of this important program in our community.



Thanks to Dawn Kastenmeier and Scott Fry for hosting the Skelly Farm Trip. Also, thanks to Larry Beck for hosting the Pizza Fun Night. Both events were great fun!



The altar flowers create a beautiful backdrop for our worship experience. We are currently looking for volunteers to provide floral arrangements for one month at a time, which comes out to only four arrangements. The sign-up sheet is located on the back table, just sign up for any month that is open. Arrangements can be silk; live; or whatever your imagination can create.



*November Birthdays*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Wyman
- 4<sup>th</sup> Barbara Pierce
- 7<sup>th</sup> Richard Hartzell
- 8<sup>th</sup> Scott Fry
- 9<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Mitchell
- 12<sup>th</sup> Connie Tronnes
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nadia Kim
- 16<sup>th</sup> Kathy McKaig
- 17<sup>th</sup> Gordon Webb
- 18<sup>th</sup> Renee Rosenbaum
- 19<sup>th</sup> Keira Riley
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ryan Lyerla
- 28<sup>th</sup> Neva Granger

Please take a moment to wish these people the best on their birthdays.



*Happy Anniversary!*

Cal and Connie Wiersma-November 13

Please take a moment to wish these people the best on their anniversary.

## **FROM YOUR TREASURER**

Financial Update – Our income is slightly behind our expenses for the nine months ending September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our year to date income is \$50,516 and our year to date expenses are \$55,394.

## **Stewardship Information**

The Stewardship task force consisting of Kirsten Almo, Holly Gould, Tracy Tronnes, and Connie Wiersma will be providing “Stewardship Moments” October 22, November 5 and November 12. Our theme is “Be Someone Else”. We will wrap up with collection of pledge and time and talent sheets on November 12 during the service. These will be mailed to members in late October or can be found in the back of the sanctuary. If you aren’t able to attend on the 12<sup>th</sup>, please deposit your forms in the offering plate any time, or drop them off at the church office. Thank you for prayerfully considering the church during this time.



### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Central Lutheran Church will be holding a Thanksgiving Eve service on November 22 at 5:30 p.m.

They are not advertising it as a “community service” but all are welcome. There will be no communion, so that won’t be a barrier.

Since Edgerton Congregational Church will NOT be having a Thanksgiving Eve service, this would be an opportunity for you to give thanks to the Lord for all he has provided.



### **Father Time**

The last time we changed from daylight saving time, a preacher friend posted, “For those who habitually show up 15 minutes late to church, allow me to remind you that tonight is the night you set your clock back 45 minutes.”

*Michael Stephens, Ontario, Canada*



**New  
Boiler  
Needed**

As many of you are aware, our church boiler is no longer functional and needs to be replaced. We are asking for your help to replace it with a new high efficiency boiler that will serve the church for many years to come. The Trustees have chosen the high efficiency boiler for reliability as well as energy savings. This is a very costly

project so we are utilizing money from the Memorial fund, Fellowship Capital Fund and the remaining amount we hope to fund raise through donations. Our goal is to raise \$8,200 with by November 12th. Donations may be made during offering on Sundays, by mail or by dropping it off at the church during normal office hours. If none of these options work for you, please contact a member of Trustees. Thank you for your continued support!

Lukas Jensen  
Trustee Chairman



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA  
DEADLINE: November 28, 2017**



Please circle size and color you wish to order.

Cost: \$16.50 for 8"

Circle Color: Red White

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit order form and payment to Church Office.

You may take your plant home following the Christmas Eve Service.



**LOOKING  
AHEAD**

- December 3 – Pancake Breakfast
- December 16 – Church Children’s Party & dress rehearsal for the program
- December 17 – Children’s Christmas Program during worship service
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service – 4 p.m.

# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Notes:</b> <b>Usher/Greeter-Smerchek Family</b> <b>Elements-Erin Smerchek</b>			<b>1</b> Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Craft & Bake Sale 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. United Methodist Church 112 Albion St. Edgerton
<b>5</b> Daylight Saving Time ends Adult C&C 9:30am Children's Sunday School- 9:30am Worship Service- 10:30am Liturgist- <b>George</b> <b>Lynts</b> Confirmation Class 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	<b>9</b> Rev. Lora IMNT Class 9:00a – 4:00 p	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Adult C&C 9:30am Children's Sunday School- 9:30am Worship Service- 10:30am Liturgist- <b>Gerry</b> <b>Loos</b>	<b>13</b> 6:15 pm –Trustees 7:00 pm-Council	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Adult C&C 9:30am Children's Sunday School- 9:30am Worship Service- 10:30am Liturgist- <b>Mary</b> <b>Lou</b> Behring Confirmation Class 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	<b>20</b> Guitar Guild 7 - 9 p.m.	<b>21</b> <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u> 12 p.m.	<b>22</b> Central Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Eve Service 5:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Adult C&C 9:30am Children's Sunday School- 9:30am Worship Service- 10:30am Liturgist- <b>Connie</b> <b>Wiersma</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pointsettia Orders Due!	<b>29</b> Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	<b>30</b> Clergy Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>31</b>	

## CHURCH COUNCIL

September 11, 2017

(Updated Minutes)

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Lukas Jensen, Julie Norland, Bruce Morris, Rev. Lora Whitten, Tracy Tronnes, and Norma Thompson.

**ABSENT:** Robyn Davis, Mary Lou Behring (Diaconate).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Julie Norland called the meeting to order and led us in prayer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- August 14, 2017 Council Minutes were approved as written. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Scott Fry has offered to serve as a Church Trustee, filling a position that was currently vacant. Julie Norland entertained a motion to approve Scott's serving as a Trustee. Tracy Tronnes made the motion and Lukas Jensen seconded the motion. The motion was approved and passed by Church Council.
- Church Council discussed possible candidates to serve on the Nominating Committee.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Committee descriptions were discussed and revised. Julie Norland will forward the revised documents to Diane Goodger (Admin. Assistant) for final revisions. Julie Norland entertained a motion to approve Committee description updates. Tracy Tronnes made the motion and Bruce Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved and passed by Church Council.

### **MINISTER'S REPORT:**

- From October, 2017-May, 2018 Rev. Lora plans to further her education in interim ministry. This will not affect her current church responsibilities.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TRUSTEES:**

- The concrete project (including a hand rail) has been started near the wheelchair entrance. The carpeting project has been placed on hold as the church boiler needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Retaining quotes for the boiler project is now in process.

**TREASURER:**

- Tracy Tronnes indicated the new church bookkeeper is doing much better in handling bill paying, etc.

**DIACONATE:**

- No Diaconate meeting was held on September 11. The next Diaconate meeting will be held on Monday, October 9. Next Communion will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

- Drake Smerchek and Keira Riley will receive bibles on Sunday, September 17, 2017.
- Dawn Kastenmeier has kindly offered to teach the Good Samaritan Sunday school class.

**OTHER COMMITTEES (e.g. Memorial, Fellowship, Floral): N/A**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Thompson