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Edgerton Congregational UCC will be having a joint Good Friday Service with Trinity Evangelical Lutheran this year. The service is scheduled for March 30 at 6:30 PM and will be a service of hymns, scripture and reading of the Good Friday story.

Thank you to Pastor Dave Nelsestuen and Trinity for offering to partner with us for this important service.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is at 726 S Main St in Edgerton (next to Creative Arts Pre-School).



*HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN, INDEED!*

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 - No Fooling!

The great gift of
Easter is hope.

Come join us in a special celebration of our risen Lord. Leading us in worship will be Rev. Kay Krebs. She has been with us previously and is looking forward to returning to us with her message. Rev. Kay and our music director, Laura Young, have put together a wonderful service including an "Alleluia" processional and special music by our choir. As always, our altar will be adorned with beautiful spring flowers.



Friendly Reminders:

Greeter/Ushers – Cal and Connie Wiersma

Deacon Providing Elements – Holly Gould

Monday, Apr. 9 – meetings

Trustees 6:30 p.m.

Deacons 6:30 p.m.

Council 7 p.m.

Confirmation Classes – 6 p.m. – April 8 & 22

Newsletter Deadline – Apr. 26, 12 p.m.



April 3 Bruce Morris
 April 4 Brecken Smerchek
 April 17 Michele Ninmer
 April 18 Becky Leahy
 April 21 Joyce Morris



None



Guest Pastors for April and May

April and May (with exception) – **Rev. Kay Krebs.**

Bio: We welcome Rev. Kay back among us. She is familiar with us and we think of her as a calm, peaceful person with insightful and wise messages.

May 20 – Rev. Franz Rigert

Wisconsin Conference Minister



Thank you to Joel Smercheck for organizing our ski trip in February. Fun was had by all who participated.



Thank you our Hospitality Table Hosts/Hostess for March: Dawn and Scott Fry, Brenda Roberts and Julie Norland.



Thank you to our Liturgists for March: Holly Gould, Krista Kim, Evan/Becky Riley and Julie Norland.



Worship Service Schedule

Apr. 1	EASTER Sunday 9:30 AM Easter crafts and Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship Service Guest – Rev. Kay Krebs
Apr. 8	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Kay Krebs
Apr. 15	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Kay Krebs
Apr. 22	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Kay Krebs
Apr. 29	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service



Want to Garden? Volunteer!

Edgerton Hospital is looking for volunteers that may be interested in working in the Healing Garden.

If you would like a truly stress-reducing activity and garden, please call Bonnie at 608-884-1401.



HAND BELL CHOIR CONCERT

April 29, 2018
4:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church
335 Dairyland Dr.
Milton, WI



Come hear the sounds of the hand bells!

The Milton Congregational Church, Milton United Methodist, and Hope Lutheran Church will be presenting a concert featuring their hand bell choirs on April 29 at 4 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church.

These churches have held a free annual concert for several years for the public just to showing off different styles and sounds of the hand bells. The bell ringers are of all ages from 9 years old and up.

Children's Sunday School



The Sunday School children have sent more of their collection to Heifer Project. They have sent a gift of trees and a nutrition basket (This basket includes fruit and vegetable seeds to start a small farm, chickens to raise and help maintain it, and training in sustainable farming and nutrition. When you donate a boost of nutrition, your gift: Provides vitamins and protein for better nourishment and gives families a head start in beating hunger and poverty. Families who don't have enough to eat often rely on handouts from emergency relief organizations. Still, malnutrition and hunger-related diseases claim more lives each year than tuberculosis, AIDS and malaria combined.) Job well done kids!

St. John Lutheran Church is holding a Fish Fry on Friday, April 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 207 E. High St. in Edgerton. The menu includes baked or fried Cod, chicken nuggets for children, cheesy potatoes or French fries, Cole slow, rolls, dessert and beverages. Carry outs are available.

Tickets cost:

Adults - \$12.00

Children (age 6-12) - \$6.00

Age 5 and under - Free

Family Pack (2 adults, 2 children) - \$30.00



The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.
-- George Burns



2018 Southwest Annual Meeting

April 14

At Salem United Church of Christ, Verona, WI

ASK THE EARTH AND IT WILL TEACH YOU:



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Robin Raudabaugh
Robin is a farmer and pastor. She has a degree in agriculture and is intentional about being connected to the earth. She's thoughtful, theological and grounded, see the big picture and the earthy details.

Workshops include:

- Words from a faith-based, eco-organizer
 - Solar power and organic gardening as ministry
 - How to discuss controversial issues in your church
- Discussion with Rev. Raudabaugh
Farmers Markets and Harvest of Hope (invited)
There will also be offered ways to connect with other congregations around these issues!
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with gathering worship at 9:00. Closing worship will begin at 2:45 with adjournment at 3:15.
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2018 Annual Meeting

Why Are We Afraid? The Winds and Waves of Race and Privilege

June 8-10, 2018

Green Lake Conference Center

Come join friends and colleagues from around the Wisconsin Conference for our 2018 Annual Meeting, Why Are We Afraid? The Winds and Waves of Race and Privilege, June 8-10, 2018, at Green Lake Conference Center.

As part of our preparation for hosting in a city that has experienced years of racial divide, we will focus on racial justice at our upcoming **Annual Conference Meeting** this June. The theme is *Why are we afraid? The winds and waves of race and privilege.* UCC Justice and Local Church Executive Minister Rev. Traci Blackmon will be our guest preacher Friday evening, June 8th and our keynote speaker Saturday morning, June 9th. Rev. Bryan Sirchio and music colleague Bryan Johnson, Director of Sacred music at Trinity UCC in Chicago, will offer inspiring worship experiences, and the Thursday educational program will feature the Rev. Ben Sanders III on "White Privilege and Christian Faith: Reflection and Practice."

BASEBALL IN HEAVEN?

Or Good News and Bad News

Author Unknown

Two buddies Chris and John were two of the biggest baseball fans in America. For their entire adult lives, Chris and John discussed baseball history in the winter and they pored over every box score during the season.

They went to 60 games a year. They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven.

One summer night, Chris passed away in his sleep after watching the Yankee victory earlier in the evening. He died happy. A few nights later, his buddy John awoke to the sound of Chris's voice from beyond. "Chris is that you?" John asked.

"Of course it's me," Chris replied.

"This is unbelievable!" John exclaimed. "So tell me, is there baseball in Heaven?"

"Well I have some good news and some bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?"

"Tell me the good news first."

"Well, the good news is that, yes, there is baseball in heaven, John."

"Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news?"

"You're pitching tomorrow night."



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 2018

7:00 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Lukas Jensen, Julie Norland, Rev. Lora Whitten, Tracy Tronnes, Norma Thompson, Holly Gould (rep. Diaconate), Erin Smerchek and Bruce Morris

ABSENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Julie Norland entertained a motion to approve the Council minutes of January 8, 2018. Erin Smerchek made a motion to approve the council minutes and Tracy Tronnes seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carries.

MINISTER'S REPORT:

Rev. Lora distributed a "to do" list to the Council identifying what she currently does on a weekly basis.

As Rev. Lora acted as custodian for the church, Cal Wiersma volunteered to take over custodial duties on a temporary basis. The Trustees are currently collecting applications for the custodian position. Interested individuals will be interviewed in the near future.

Rev. Lora contacted church clergy and funeral homes in Edgerton to let them know that she will be leaving the Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ as of February 18, 2018.

Rev. Lora suggested that we might want to contact Rev. Luke Bocher, Evansville, WI who is a recently retired UCC pastor to serve as pulpit supply or as a temporary pastor. He is currently listed on the SW Association Pulpit Supply Listing dated January, 2018.

Rev. Lora indicated that Krista Kim will take over teaching the current confirmation class. Rev. Franz Rigert will confirm the class on May 20, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Norland entertained a motion to select a Vice Moderator to serve on the Council for one year. With Tracy Tronnes' approval, Holly Gould made a motion to select Tracy Tronnes and Erin Smerchek seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carries.

We discussed the upcoming Southwest Association 2018 Annual Meeting to be held on April 14, 2018, Verona, WI and also the WI Conference Annual meeting held June 7-10, 2018 in Green Lake, WI. These are meetings that Rev. Lora would normally attend. In March we will see if anyone is interested in attending these meetings.

Rev. Lora will provide Norma Thompson with an updated Share/Care List before she leaves.

Per Rev. Lora, Diane Goodger will distribute mail to appropriate church representatives for handling.

Rev. Lora will provide Diane Goodger with the password to access any e-mail forwarded to the church.

Erin/Joel Smerchek, along with other Trustees will open the church doors, turn on lights, etc. before the start of each Sunday service. Lock-up, etc. will need to be done after each service also.

Rev. Lora will make sure that Laura Young knows how to operate the sound system before she leaves on February 18. Evan Riley also knows how to operate the sound system.

OLD BUSINESS:

Background checks are currently being done on Sunday School teachers. Diane Goodger will receive the results along with the bill.

The special service for Rev. Lora's last Sunday is set to go. A luncheon to celebrate Rev. Lora's transition to a new job will be held after the service scheduled on February 18, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRUSTEES:

Voting for a Chair and a person to take notes during the Trustee meetings has been delayed.

Per Lukas Jensen, getting boiler thermostats adjusted is still a work in progress.

Trustees are looking into updating some of the lighting fixtures in the church kitchen. A donor has offered to pay for the fixture updates.

Erin Smerchek found out that Deegan's Hardware Store in Edgerton disposes of old florescent lights for \$2.00 per light. Erin offered to take some old lights from the church to Deegan's Hardware Store for disposal. The church has an account set up with Deegan's Hardware Store and any charges can be billed to that account.

TREASURER:

Tracy Tronnes indicated January's operating budget is running at a slight loss. It was necessary to transfer \$3,000 from savings to checking to cover bills incurred.

Tracy will be on vacation for three weeks in April.

Tracy will handle cutting stipend checks to pay substitute ministers, etc. while the church is in the process of hiring a new minister.

DIACONATE:

Next Communion will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018. Sonja Heiser, a retired authorized lay pastor (listed on the current Pulpit Supply List) will be doing our service along with Communion on March 4.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Materials to be used by the kids during Easter service are located in Rev. Lora's office.

Scott Fry and Dawn Kastenmeier will not be available to teach Sunday school on February 18, 2018.

The last day of Sunday school is scheduled for May 20, 2018.

Early church service starts at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 27, 2018.

Different church activities are being planned for the summer, such as: a summer game night, rental of the park pool along with a family picnic, etc.

PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON SEARCH PROCESS:

Rev. Joanne Thomson, SW Association Conference Minister conveyed to Julie Norland and Tracy Tronnes that the search process is usually a several month process. Rev. Thomson plans to attend our next Council meeting to be held on March 12, 2018.

A suggestion was made that both members and non-members of the church be eligible to participate in the process of hiring a new minister.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2018. It was suggested that a second meeting be scheduled in March to continue the discussion of hiring a part-time minister. Julie Norland will schedule that meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Thompson

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  EASTER Adult & Children's Sunday School-9:30am Worship Service- 10:30am Rev. Kay Krebs Liturgist- George Lynts	2	3	4	5	6	7
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