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Confirmation Sunday, May 20, 2018

A special celebration is being planned for our Confirmands with conference minister, Rev. Franz Rigert leading us. This year's class includes Lizzy Gould, Gracie Ninmer and Nadia Kim. Rev. Rigert is Nadia's uncle.

(See a brief note from each of the Confirmands later in this newsletter.)



Begins Sunday, May 27th.

Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.



Attendance Report

- Mar. 25 - 39
- Apr. 1 - 49
- Apr. 8 - 48
- Apr. 15 - 29
- Apr. 22 - 47



Friendly Reminders:

Greeter/Ushers – Scott and Dawn Fry

Deacon Providing Elements – Krista Kim

Monday, May 14 – meetings

Trustees 6:30 p.m.

Council 7 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline – May 24, 12 p.m.



Thank you to our Hospitality Table Hosts/Hostess for April: Brenda Roberts and Dawn Kastenmeier-Fry



Thanks to Gary Behring for giving a couple of Children's Chats in March and to Laura Young who did one in April.



Thank you to our Liturgists for April: George Lynts, Mary Lou Behring, Norma Thompson, Connie Wiersma, and Tracy Tronnes.



May 6	Luke Smerchek
May 7	Tracy Tronnes
May 12	Stephanie Wilson
May 15	Eastlyn Lanham
May 15	Joan Granger
May 17	Zoe Riley
May 22	Leyla Ninmer
May 23	Seth Wiersma



May 6 Dedra & Gerry Loos

Worship Service Schedule

May 6	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C.C 10:30 Worship Service Guest – Rev. Kay Krebs
May 13	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Kay Krebs
May 20	Confirmation Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Franz Rigert
May 27	Memorial Day Weekend <u>Summer Worship Schedule</u> 9:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Kay Krebs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Edgerton Outreach

We need your help to “Stamp Out Hunger”! We need 9 teams of two people per team for the Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Sign up via the Facebook event on our page or call Outreach at (608)884-9593.

When: Saturday, May 12, 2018

Where: Edgerton Post Office at 8:30 a.m. to receive route information.

Who: Volunteers to drive and pick up donated food items. Must be 18 years old to drive. RSVP by Monday, May 7.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Pregnancy Helpline Dinner Event:

Since 1983, the Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville has worked to support women, children and their families in difficult situations. The kick off for our 35th anniversary is The Spring Event, our annual banquet, on Friday, May 11 at the Janesville Country Club. Join us in celebrating the life-affirming work of the Pregnancy Helpline. The evening includes a social hour from 5:30-6:30 PM, a buffet dinner at 6:30 PM, choice raffles, Christian music and our popular Virtual Dessert Auction. Tickets are \$50 each. Sponsorships are available for \$400 for a table of six and \$500 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets or to get more information, please contact Helpline office at 608-775-0285. Reservations are due by Wednesday, May 2.

From Our Confirmands...

Lizzy M. Gould

(Daughter of Adam & Holly Gould)

My current interests in life include outside activities, sports, helping others, hanging out with friends, pet animals and travel.

Some of my favorite memories of growing up in Edgerton Congregational UCC are VBS, Mary Lou's popcorn, Christmas plays, Tobacco Days, kids ringing the church bell, potlucks and being the chosen one to be pregnant Mary in all church plays!

Right now, God calls me to be someone who can make the world a better place.

Thank you UCC for being a welcoming family at all times.

Love, Lizzy

Nadia Kim

(Daughter of Eric & Krista Kim)

My current interests in life include soccer, volleyball, time with friends and family, baking desserts, listening to music, and school.

Some of my favorite memories I have of growing up in Edgerton Congregational UCC are playing a piano solo, Mary Lou's popcorn, Heifer projects, Central Park picnics and playing my mom in the church play.

Right now, God calls me to be who I am and have fun with my life. Also, to be a good person to everyone around me.

Thank you for always accepting and loving me for almost all of my life.

**Love,
Nadia Kim**

Gracey B. Ninmer

(Daughter of Derek & Michele Ninmer)

My current interests in life include soccer, swim team, stage crew, Green Team, Forensics and Student Council. I like hanging out with my friends too.

Some of my favorite memories of my time here in Edgerton Congregational UCC are participating in all the Christmas Programs. I liked working at the Tobacco Days food stand and playing the recorder in front of the congregation.

Right now, God calls me to be the best person I can be and speak my mind and make the world better, even if it is just a little bit.

Thank you for being my church family and making many beautiful memories.

Love, Gracey





Graduates' Sunday – June 10th

We are looking for anyone from our church who will be graduating from high school, college, technical school or any other higher learning system. We will be honoring your achievements on Sunday, June 10th. Please let the church office know if you know of anyone who will be completing their education this spring or last December. Thank you.

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."

(If any of our church members are interested in attending this annual meeting, please let Julie Norland know.)



Messages From Actual Signs Seen On Church Properties

Compiler Unknown

Lots Of Truth In Some Of These Signs

"Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!"

"Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday."

"Our arms are the only ones God has to hug His children."

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

"If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd."

"Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons - come hear one!"

"Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"

"Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up."



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 12, 2018
7:00 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Lukas Jensen, Julie Norland, Tracy Tronnes, Norma Thompson, Erin Smerchek and Bruce Morris

GUEST ATTENDEE: Rev. Joanne Thomson, SW Assoc. Conference Minister (United Church of Christ)

ABSENT: Krista Kim (rep. Diaconate)

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

DISCUSSION OF SEARCH PROCESS AND RELATED TOPICS WITH REV. JOANNE THOMSON:

Rev. Thomson discussed the search process for hiring a part-time minister for the Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ. Until that part-time position is filled, Rev. Thomson suggested we continue using ministers off the pulpit supply list to cover Sunday services or we might want to hire an interim minister (with a 6 month contract) to cover Sunday services in addition to visiting church members who might be in the hospital, conduct funeral services, weddings, baptisms, and so on. Rev. Thomson offered that she may have names of two interim ministers that may serve our purposes. Rev. Thomson recommended that we hire someone in good standing with the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Thomson will attend the first Search Committee meeting when it is held. She indicated that generally members of the Church Council do not serve on the committee because of the time commitment for both committees. The Church Council has the responsibility of appointing the committee chairperson. Rev. Thomson suggested that five to nine people serve on the committee and discussed the commitments and characteristics required of committee members. She also indicated Council appoints the chair of the committee. Several people have indicated they have an interest in serving on the committee. Julie Norland will reach out to those individuals to confirm they are still willing to serve on the committee and they are comfortable with the committee commitments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Julie Norland entertained a motion to approve the Council minutes of February 12, 2018. Lukas Jensen made a motion to approve the Council minutes and Tracy Tronnes seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed who might make a good Chair of the Search Committee.

The Church Council had scheduled an extra meeting to be held on March 19. That meeting is cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion ensued regarding who will open, clean up and lock the church on Sundays before and after church service. Trustees and Deacons have pitched in to take care of those responsibilities at this point.

A question was raised regarding who is responsible for starting up Sunday services along with introducing the substitute ministers. The church bulletin lists the Liturgists with that responsibility. Julie Norland will have notices placed in the April church bulletin regarding the 2018 Southwest Annual Meeting scheduled for April 14, Verona, WI and the 2018 Annual Meeting scheduled for June 8-10, Green Lake, WI. The church will pay attendance fees for anyone interested in attending the scheduled meetings as a representative of the Edgerton UCC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRUSTEES:

Trustees held a vote and Lukas Jensen was voted as Chairman, and Bruce Morris was voted as Secretary.

TREASURER:

Tracy Tronnes indicated that \$7,000 has been transferred from savings to checking to cover bills incurred, at this point.

Tracy will be on vacation for three weeks in April.

Tracy indicated that it may be necessary to look into hiring a different bookkeeper for the church.

DIACONATE:

Next Communion will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2018 with Rev. Kay Krebs doing the Easter Service along with Communion. The next Diaconate meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2018.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Erin Smerchek indicated she has the goodies ready to be placed in the plastic Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt to be held on April 1 for the children.

Erin Smerchek will work to select a Baccalaureate Sunday to honor any graduates this spring. Sunday school teachers will also be acknowledged along with the nursery staff. Erin will take charge of purchasing gift cards for those individuals.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Thompson

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTES: Greeter/usher – Scott & Dawn Fry Elements Provider – Krista Kim		1	2	3	4	5
6 Adult & Children's Sunday School-9:30am Worship Service- 10:30am with Rev. Kay Krebs Liturgist–Larry Beck Confirmation Class 5:30 – 7 p.m.	7	8	9	10	11	12 Confirmands' Trip to Buddhist Center in Deerfield, 1pm pick up time
13  Adult & Children's Sunday School-9:30am Worship Service- 10:30am with Rev. Kay Krebs Liturgist–Kirsten Almo	14 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7 pm Council Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20 Confirmation Graduation 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School- 10:30am Worship Service-with Rev. Franz Rigert Liturgist–Holly Gould	21 Guitar League 7-9 p.m.	22	23	24 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 12 p.m.	25	26
27 Summer Worship Service Schedule begins Worship-9:30am Rev. Kay Krebs Liturgist– Krista Kim	28  <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31	MORE NOTES: ****REMINDER**** Summer Worship Schedule <u>begins on Sunday, May 27th</u> <u>Worship – 9:30 a.m.</u>	