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Worship Service Schedule

Dec. 2	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship Service
Dec. 9	9:30 AM Sunday school & Book Club 10:30 AM Worship Service
Dec. 16	9:30 AM Sunday school & Book Club 10:30 AM Worship Service "Good Night Manger"
Dec. 23	9:30 AM Sunday school & Book Club 10:30 AM Worship Service Service of Lessons & Carols
Dec. 24	4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Intergenerational Worship Service
Dec. 30	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship Service



Attendance Report

Oct. 28 – 33
Nov. 4 – 52
Nov. 11 - 37
Nov. 18 – 35
Nov. 25 - 29



From the Pastor's Desk

Advent is the beginning of the church year. It is a time of preparation and knowing that God will be with us in new ways as we deepen our relationship with God. It is a new time for this congregation as I get to know you and you get to know me. I have enjoyed the last few weeks very much and look forward to learning about what you value most in this church's ministry. I am glad that we are sharing the Advent into Christmas season together as it invites us to slow down and prepare for the journey. It is an opportunity to imagine what new thing God may do in our lives. In this newsletter are opportunities for us to share a cup of coffee (or tea).

There is information about the December 17th Christmas Pageant as well as worship for the other Sundays in this Advent to Christmas season. We are in need of special music for December 23rd and 24th. Contact Laura Young or me if you are interested in sharing your gifts in this way.

I've seen many people from the larger community stop by to pick up their bags of peanuts that will probably make their way into a Christmas stocking or two. There is a lot of busyness this season. Let us challenge ourselves to find the places of joy, be they chaotic or quiet, with which to connect to God.



Friendly Reminders:

Greeter/Ushers – Mary Lou & Gary Behring

Deacon Providing Elements –
Norma Thompson

Meetings – December 10
Deacons & Trustees – 6:30 p.m.
Council @ 7:00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline – December 27, 12 p.m.



Christmas Eve Intergenerational Worship Service will be held on Monday, December 24, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Children's Musical,
"Goodnight Manger"
– December 17th

Join us for an entertaining and animated telling of the nativity story as the children share "Goodnight Manger". Mary and Joseph discover that the manger can be a friendly but loud place to rest for the night. This telling of the Christmas story will get you in the spirit of the season!



Coffee and Christmas Cookies
with Pastor Lori on
Tuesdays in December

I would love to hear about you, your faith journey, what you like most about Edgerton Congregational UCC or anything else. I plan on visiting throughout the community but in the meantime, am available for coffee. I haven't seen a coffee shop in the downtown area yet but I have my own coffee pot so please feel free to stop by the church December 4th, 11th, or 18th between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. I will have the coffee on and a plate of cookies ready to share. Hope to see you soon! Lori



Annual Reports are due to the Church office by December 30, 2018. All Boards, Committees, and the Fellowship groups should have reports submitted.



Thanks to Julie Norland, George Lynts, Mary Lou Behring, and Norma Thompson for servings as our Liturgists for November.



Thanks to Becky and Zoe Riley for their Special Music for the November 18th service. We are blessed to have many musically talented people among us.



Thank you to those who contributed to the "Gifts for Kids".



December 4 Evan Riley
December 9 John Norland
December 20 Holly Gould
December 21 Jane Nelson



December 3 - Joel and Erin Smerchek



A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 8, 2018

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

PRESENT: Brenda Roberts (Deacon Rep.), Erin Smerchek, Lukas Jensen, , Tracy Tronnes, Norma Thompson, and Bruce Morris

ABSENT: Julie Norland

CALL TO ORDER: Tracy Tronnes called the meeting to order and led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tracy Tronnes entertained a motion to approve the Council minutes of September 10, 2018. Bruce Morris made a motion to approve the Council minutes with a few minor revisions and Erin Smerchek seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carries. (APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Date on first line should read August 13, 2018 not June 13, 2018. Footnote at bottom of page -change the date from August 13, 2018 to September 10, 2018.)

PASTORAL SEARCH: Erin Smerchek indicated that the Pastoral position has been extended to a candidate. References have been checked, along with an in-person interview conducted. A neutral pulpit visit has taken place by the Search Committee. The candidate has an interest in the part time position and has accepted the salary offered along with an addition to cover expenses covering continuing education. Julie Norland will send a letter to church members indicating a quorum is needed for voting purposes. Ballots will need to be made up to be used when voting takes place on November 4. The church will hold a meet and greet session on Saturday, November 3, 2018 @ 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. to meet the candidate. Breakfast will be offered during that time frame. The candidate will conduct our church service on Sunday, November 4. A quick discussion will follow the service along with a vote taken by church members. If the vote is approved, the candidate will start conducting church services November 11, 2018. The official installation date at the church will be held in January, 2019. (Salary offered is \$38,988 along with 4 weeks of vacation.)

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018 as well as a good-bye luncheon to honor Rev. Kay Krebs. The Behrings have offered to make chili for the good-bye luncheon. Tracy Tronnes will confirm with the Behrings that they are still willing to make chili for November 18. Julie Norland will send out a letter to church members/friends regarding Stewardship Sunday, along with various materials to be reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRUSTEES: Lukas Jensen plans to show the other Trustees how to adjust/work with the church boiler. He is the only one with training at this time. Erin Smerchek purchased a light for the church kitchen. She will be reimbursed for the light. A survey will be sent out to the congregation regarding purchase of carpeting and where it should be placed in the church. The church now has a bid covering sealing of the church parking lot. A church work day has been put on hold at this time. The WIFI extender has now been connected.

TREASURER: Church checking account is holding steady.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: There are 6 to 11 children attending Sunday School. The children will not be doing a Christmas pageant this year. Laura Young, Music Director, plans to do some music with the children during the Christmas season. The youth expect to place a blessing box where the pine tree used to stand. The Trustees have approved the placement of the blessing box. The blessing box will be built by the person who cut down the church pine tree. The kids are continuing to collect pairs of socks throughout October. The light display for the city's parade of lights in Central park has now been selected on behalf of the church. The cost of the display was \$1,551 (all covered by church family contributions).

DEACONS: Next communion will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Brenda Roberts will bring the elements on that date. The Deacons will place the Advent ring in the church sanctuary on December 2.

Christmas eve service will start at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 24, 2018. Erin Smerchek will take the food from the grocery chart (located in the church sanctuary) to the Edgerton Food Pantry in the near future.


Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Thompson



November 18th we welcomed new members to our Church family. (starting from the left) Pastor Lori and her family, Kay Krebs and Moderator Julie Norland (in the back ground) organist, Laura Young (left) and Mary Lou Behring.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTES: Greeters/Usher - Mary Lou and Gary Behring Element Deacon – Norma Thompson						1
2 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Tracy Tronnes</i>	3	4 <u>Coffee and Christmas Cookies</u> with Pastor Lori 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	5 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	6	7	8
9 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 9:30am- Adult Book Club 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Connie Wiersma</i>	10 Deacons 6:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	11 <u>Coffee and Christmas Cookies</u> with Pastor Lori 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	12 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	13	14	15
16 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 9:30am- Adult Book Club 10:30am- Worship Service with Children's Musical, "Goodnight Manger" <i>Liturgist- Larry Beck</i>	17 Guitar League 7-9 p.m.	18 <u>Coffee and Christmas Cookies</u> with Pastor Lori 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	19 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	20	21	22
23 9:30am- Adult Book Club 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Kirsten Almo</i>	24 4:30 pm – Christmas Eve Intergenerational Worship Service	25 	26	27 <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u> 12 p.m.	28	29
30 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Holly Gould</i>	31	MORE NOTES: Annual Reports from Boards and committees due to the Church office by December 30th.				