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Newsletter of
**Edgerton Congregational
United Church of Christ**

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Worship Service Schedule

April 7	9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of Worship with Reception of New Members
April 14	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Service of Worship
April 19	7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service @ Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
April 21	9:15 AM Continental Easter Breakfast 9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM Service of Worship
April 28	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Service of Worship



Attendance Report

Feb. 24 – 33
 Mar. 3 – 50
 Mar. 6 - 25
 Mar. 10 - 43
 Mar. 17 – 35
 Mar. 24 - 35



Friendly Reminders:

Greeter/Ushers – Cal and Connie Wiersma

Deacon Providing Elements – Krsita Kim

Mon., Apr. 8 – Christian Education Committee – 6:00 p.m.
 Diaconate Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 Trustee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline – April 25, 12 p.m.



New Member Sunday, April 7th

Join us as we welcome new members for our Church family.

Good Friday Service

April 19th 7:00 PM

A combined worship service with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Trinity Lutheran, and Edgerton Congregational will be held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
726 S Main St, Edgerton

The choir from Edgerton Congregational will participate in the worship service.



Easter Sunday

All are welcome, with or without food, to join us for special events happening.

9:15 a.m. - Continental Breakfast including muffins, breads, coffee cake, fruit and juice.

9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt all children welcome to this candy-free Easter egg hunt.

10:30 a.m. - Service of Worship



Music to Enhance Worship Services.

Special musical practices for the choir to work on communion, Palm Sunday and Easter songs will continue on Wednesdays, April 3rd, 10th and 17th. Karen Grinder will be leading the group.

We are more than halfway through Lent. By paying attention to the journey Jesus took to Jerusalem, and by paying attention to our own spiritual practices, theoretically we are ready to live the Jesus way. The reality I find, is always more complicated. On Good Friday we are reminded of the finality of death, the crucial turning point in recognizing how strong the forces of evil are around us. Then on Easter Sunday we celebrate the unimaginable, that God's love is stronger than death. We are challenged to live as Easter Christians, in celebration of new life but also mindful that new life comes with a cost. We are challenged to be aware and to see clearly.

In a congregational setting this means entering worship with joy. Coming together to praise God is one of our most important activities as a congregation. Worship is what prepares us for everything else. Each Sunday is a mini-Resurrection.

Walking the talk means paying attention to our goals and working to achieve them. At the December Church Council meeting I asked Council what are the top three priorities for me the new pastor.

1. Relationship building within the congregation.
2. Outreach to the larger community.
3. Communication within the congregation.

One of the ways to address these goals is by having a leadership retreat to remind us of right process in decision-making. This helps in building supportive relationships with each other and makes it easier to communicate. Our leadership retreat is scheduled for Monday night, June 3rd from 5:30 to 8:30. We will begin with a light supper and proceed from there. All are encouraged to attend.

Let us share the Good News of Easter Sunday!

Pastor Lori



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

It is almost time to celebrate our graduates. We are aware of the high school graduates but is someone in your family graduating from “vocational” program or with an advanced degree? Let us know, contact Pastor Lori. We will be celebrating your achievements on June 9th.



- April 1 Lori Powell
- April 3 Bruce Morris
- April 4 Brecken Smerchek
- April 17 Michele Ninmer
- April 21 Joyce Morris



NONE



The Best Position for Prayer

Three preachers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Fellas," he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."



Thanks to Connie Wiersma, Kirsten Almo, Krista Kim, Julie Norland and Evan & Becky Riley for being our March Liturgists.



We want again to thank Karen Grinder as she shares her musical talents during our worship services and for her willingness to direct the “Easter” choir.



from...Edgerton School

District - On behalf of the students in Edgerton at both Community Elementary School and Yahara Valley Elementary School, it is my pleasure to thank you for the monetary donation going to benefit students with outstanding lunch balance at both elementary schools. The donations we receive from caring organizations such as yours are of great benefit to our students. Please know that your thoughtfulness in thinking of Edgerton students is truly appreciated. *Again, thank you for your gift!* Mrs. Lindsay Eimerman, Principal



This is a **new feature** this year that will contain word search, cross word puzzles, coloring pages, trivia and mazes for our young people to do. I wanted to add something in the newsletter for them. The items and age groups will vary from month to month. I hope the young people enjoy it.



Easter



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C	N	T	C	R	E	A	V	B	B	M	Y	U	H	T
C	Q	K	R	G	L	N	A	D	O	E	P	A	Q	F
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BASKET
CHICKS
EGGS
HUNT
SPRING

BEANS
CHOCOLATE
GRASS
JELLY

BUNNY
EASTER
HATS
PEEPS



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Pictures from the Marti Gras festival that was held on Sunday, February 3rd



Alice Jensen enjoys the pancakes



Zack and Brecken Smerchek with help from Tammy Campbell

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2019
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Erin Smerchek, Lukas Jensen, Julie Norland, Norma Thompson, Tracy Tronnes, Bruce Morris, Pastor Lori Powell and (Deacon rep. Mary Lou Behring)

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Julie Norland called the meeting to order and Pastor Lori Powell led us in prayer. Tracy Tronnes will lead us in prayer in February, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Julie Norland entertained a motion to approve the Council minutes of December 10, 2018. Tracy Tronnes made a motion to approve the Council minutes, as written, and Erin Smerchek seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carries.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Lori Powell has made five pastoral/hospital visits in the past month. Pastor Lori has contacted church members with light attendance in the past two years to introduce herself as the new Pastor at the Edgerton Congregational UCC.

With Laura Young's departure as Edgerton Congregational UCC's choir director/organist/pianist, Karen Grinder is filling in whenever she is needed. She does not want the position on an on-going basis. Filling the position on an on-going basis is currently a work in progress.

Pastor Lori suggested to the Council that when assignments are given to the Administrative Assistant, Diane Goodger, she be copied so she is aware of Diane's workload and can help establish priorities when needed.

Church e-mail addresses were updated. The pastor's email is pastorecucc@gmail.com and the Administrative Assistant is officeecucc@gmail.com.

Pastor Lori asked for input on our past Lenten practices. She will talk to church members and then make recommendations next month regarding Ash Wednesday, Good Friday or other programs during Lent.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Installation Sunday for Pastor Lori Powell - A special service will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. to install Pastor Lori as the new minister of the Edgerton Congregational UCC. Rev. Luke Bocher will serve as guest speaker. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Mary Lou Behring and Julie Norland will serve as ushers during the service. Julie will also serve as the church representative during the service. A "pick-up" choir will sing and Tracy Tronnes will read the scripture readings. It is suggested that church members/friends wear red at the special service.

Annual Meeting - January 27, 2019 - Most of the annual reports for the different teams have been turned in to the office. Diane will create the 2018 Annual Report which will be reviewed/approved during the Annual Meeting. A pot luck will be held before the Annual Meeting. Mary Lou Behring will take the lead in setting up/cleaning up for the pot luck.

TEAM REPORTS:

TRUSTEES: Lukas Jensen stated that two doors to the church have been re-keyed. The re-keyed doors are as follows: the outer door to the elevator and the lower basement door facing Henry Street. We are currently paying the backup pianist/organist \$95 per Sunday. In the past, the rate was set at \$75 per Sunday. A discussion was held about possible sources to recruit a new organist. Lukas and the Trustees are responsible for taking the lead on recruiting for this role.

TREASURER: Church checking account is ending on a positive note for 2018.

DEACONS: No Deacon meeting was held on January 14, 2019. The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2019.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Erin Smerchek indicated something posts on the church's Facebook page every morning. The curriculum to be used to teach Sunday School classes for the next three years is called Whirl Lectionary Curriculum. Erin hopes to purchase bibles for the Sunday School kids in the near future. Per Erin, the blessing box has not yet been built. She will check into its status. The Sunday School kids will be doing projects for the Outreach Programs in the near future.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Thompson

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Church Council Minutes - February 11, 2019

Attendees

Backup Moderator: Tracy Tronnes

Trustees: Lukas Jensen

Diaconate: Brenda Roberts

Christian Ed: Erin Smerchek

Secretary: Kim Jensen

Treasurer: Tracy Tronnes

Financial Secretary: Bruce Morris

Pastor: Lori Powell

1. Opening Prayer: Tracy
 - a. Julie will be doing March's Opening Prayer
2. Approval of January's minutes
 - a. Comments/Changes were made previously via email
 - b. Motion: Erin; Second: Lukas; Motion Passed

3. Pastor's Report:

a. Pastoral/Hospital Visits: 2 in past month

b. Worship:

i. Working with Diaconate for communion

ii. Potential secondary hymnal

iii. Intergenerational Ash Wednesday 3/6 at 6:30

iv. New Member Sunday is April 7

v. Good Friday might be ecumenical with Trinity, United Methodist, and St Joseph.

vi. Need special music/choir for Lent & Easter

c. Administrative:

i. Correcting issues with e-mailings

ii. Adding a more frequent newsletter

iii. National Gathering of the UCC is Milwaukee in June.

iv. Wisconsin Conference UCC workshop on March 12 for "The Five Practices"; it is also a potential Adult Education Study

v. Current Adult Education class has environmentally friendly suggestions for Council

1. The potential for water bottle alternatives was discussed

2. It was agreed to look into water testing to verify the actual condition of the Church's tap water.

vi. We need a bulletin board talking about Our Church's Wider Mission and outreach opportunities

1. Erin and Kim volunteered to create the bulletin board re: Peanuts, OCWM, Scrip, and Meals on Wheels

4. New Business:

a. Welcome to new Council members

b. Revisit procedures/processes

i. Teams need to review and update process and procedures

ii. Concerns re: Church Nursery policy were brought up; written policy for the nursery was clearly posted in the nursery several weeks prior to this meeting.

1. Number of children allowed was discussed; has been limited to 8 for the teen attendant; Erin ensures that that number is not maxed out.

5. Old Business: N/A

6. Team Reports:

a. Trustees:

i. They voted in positions: Chair: Lukas; Secretary: Joel

ii. In early stages of hiring for new organist/pianist

iii. Starting survey for carpet/flooring options

b. Diaconate:

i. They voted in positions: Chair: Mary Lou

c. Christian Ed:

i. Mardi Gras Breakfast with activities and festive worship on 3/3

ii. Ash Wednesday service will have children friendly activities

iii. Lenten Study iv. New Nursery Procedures are posted

d. Treasurer:

i. Almost broke even in January: Net is +\$32

ii. Pension board request received and being submitted

1. Information on who is offered and who they are

7. Adjournment: Motion: Erin; Second: Kim; Motion Passed

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Easter Choir Practice 7:00 pm	4	5	6
7 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service - New Member Sunday <i>Liturgist-Krista Kim</i>	8 6:00 pm – Christian Education 6:30 pm –Trustees 6:30 pm-Diaconate 7:00 pm-Council	9	10 SIBLING DAY Easter Choir Practice 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14 <u>PALM</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist-George Lynts</i>	15 Guitar League 7-9 P.M.	16	17 Easter Choir Practice 7:00 pm	18 Maundy Thursday	19 Good Friday Service @ 7:00 pm Trinity Evangelical Lutheran	20
21 <u>EASTER</u> 9:15 am – Continental Easter Breakfast 9:45 am – East Egg Hunt 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist-Mary Lou Behring</i>	22 JELLY BEAN DAY EARTH DAY	23	24	25 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 12 p.m.	26	27
28 PRETZEL DAY 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist-Norma Thompson</i>	29	30	Notes: Usher/Greeter- Cal & Connie Wiersma Elements- Krista Kim			