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**Newsletter of
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United Church of Christ**

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It's not really fall yet but the children are back in school and we can see the first signs of the fall to come. A few orange leaves, pumpkins ripening in the fields, and lovely warm days with cool nights. Historically churches do not do well with change but that is because the individuals who make up congregations, do not do well with change. We crave what is comfortable and known until and when some of our favorite things...change! The family home of thirty years is sold; your favorite grocery store closes or the company changes the recipe on your favorite spice tea. (Is that even legal?) How well we respond to change helps to define our future.

I read that in 1899 the Director of the US Patent Office was ready to close down new applications saying, "Everything that can be invented has been invented". He does not present as a creative or forward thinker. Jesus' thoughts on conflict in Luke 12 remind us that the beloved community only comes about through change and recognizing the dissonance between what we want to have happen and what actually happens.

As a faith community facing change it is important to stay focused on our purpose, sharing the Gospel story and God's unconditional love by "strengthening our Christian values and lives, for all people through faith, fellowship and youth".

We also do well when we hold onto our relationships by listening respectfully to each other, being practical in the discernment process, being patient and persistent. In 2 Thessalonians 3:13 we read, "Sisters and Brothers, never tire of doing what is good!"



Attendance Report

July 28 – 32
Aug 4 – 62
Aug 11 – 35
Aug 18 – 28

Let us practice these values in conversations regarding the peanut fellowship, the excitement over a new program year and in our continued good stewardship regarding building needs.

Blessings,
Pastor Lori



New Curriculum for Sunday School!
The CE Committee is excited to be sharing information regarding our curriculum, new this fall. *Whirl* is a lectionary based curriculum supported by several mainline denominations including Presbyterians USA, ELCA, Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ. One of the benefits of following the lectionary is that through different age Sunday school classes, worship and fellowship, everyone is discussing the same Bible lesson on the same day. When leaving worship, if your children say, “Let’s go home and practice finding the lost coin” you will know why. The curriculum offers the lesson through prayers, songs, activities, and 3-4 minute video snippets. Be looking for more information regarding adult education and mission opportunities.

WORSHIP  WITH US!

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| Sept 1 | 9:30 AM – Service of Worship |
| Sept 8 | 9:30 AM – Rally Day - Sunday school Classes 10:30 AM – Service of Worship |
| <u>CHURCH PICNIC</u> at Tronnes’ Pond After worship | |
| Sept 15 | 9:30 AM – Sunday school 10:30 AM – Service of Worship |
| Sept 22 | 9:30 AM – Sunday school 10:30 AM – Service of Worship |
| Sept 29 | 9:30 AM – Sunday school 10:30 AM – Service of Worship |



Friendly Reminders:

Greeter/Ushers – Rebecca Wyman,
Norma Thompson

Deacon Providing Elements – Krista Kim

Meeting on September 9th –
Christian Ed – 6:00 p.m.
Trustees – 6:15 p.m.
Council – 7:00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline – September 26th,
12:00 p.m.



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(See page 3 for letter to the church)





**Rally Day Church Picnic
at Tronnes Pond
(855 Washington Rd, Edgerton, WI 53534)**

September 8 is Rally Day, the day Sunday School resumes at 9:30 a.m. Church will start at 10:30 followed by an all church pot-luck picnic at Tronnes' Pond, 855 Washington Rd., Edgerton. Hot dogs and lemonade will be provided. If you have friends or family who would like to join us, please invite them for fun on the water and land. Kayaks, a paddle board, a paddle boat, and other surprises will be there including frogs and toads galore. Bring your suit, towel, life jacket, your dish to pass (and alternative beverages if you wish).

In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held at the Church immediately following our Church Service.



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Thank you to Tracy Tronnes, Kirsten Almo, Holly Gould, and Krista Kim for being our Liturgists for the month of August.



I would like to thank the Edgerton Congregation for the gift card and for allowing me to work for them the past 2 1/2 + years. I have met some interesting and wonderful people here. As I fully retire, I plan on spending more time with my crafts (sewing, quilting, and knitting, counted cross stitch and leather craft), reading and grandkids. I wish the very best for the Edgerton congregation.

Best to all, Diane Goodger



- September 1 Joan Lynts
- September 5 Elsie Arnold
- September 9 Austin Tronnes
- September 11 Alice Jensen
- September 11 Lucy Maves
- September 11 Cal Wiersma
- September 14 Tyler Davis
- September 14 Andy Wiersma
- September 16 Emma Davis
- September 16 Ryan Morris
- September 17 Ethan Norland
- September 21 Dana Seeman
- September 23 Jaxon Davis
- September 24 Rachael Lyerla



September 3 – Lori Powell and Lynn Miller
September 20 - John and Julie Norland



A priest and a rabbi are in a car crash and it's a bad one. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "So you're a priest. That's interesting; I'm a rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace."

The priest replies, "Oh, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together."

"And here's another miracle," says the rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest.

The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half of it, and hands it back to the rabbi.

The rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on.

"Aren't you going to have any? asks the priest.

"Not right now," says the rabbi. "I think I'll wait until after the police make their report."



"Ice Cream Is Sometimes Good For The Soul"

Author Unknown

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would thank you even more if Mom gets us Ice Cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!" Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for Ice Cream! Why, I never!" Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart." Then in theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "too bad she never asks God for Ice Cream. A little Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kid Ice Cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his Sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!"



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

FALL CHURCH SCHEDULE RESUMES



Letter about Peanut Fellowship Committee

August 13, 2019

Dear Church:

For almost one hundred years this church has been “doing” peanuts as a fellowship and service ministry. Peanut Fellowship and the sale of the peanuts has become an ecumenical activity for the benefit of our congregation as well as other non-profits. It would be impossible to thank all of the people who have contributed to this service over the years and to adequately express our thanks.

The Peanut Fellowship Committee has informed the church that they have one year left with the current team of leaders. They have invited the congregation into a discussion regarding who might be ready to assume peanut responsibilities and how we will continue Peanut Fellowship.

The next season for peanuts will begin on Wednesday, September 11 at 8:30 AM continuing each week until Christmas with a couple of exceptions. This will be a lighter season as the committee has decided to cut back to 1,500 pounds of peanuts. They estimate the change will result in \$3500 - \$4000 less in monies to the church treasury and the capital foundation at the end of the season.

It would be beneficial if people interested in a leadership role with peanut fellowship would be willing to come and learn this year. Peanut Fellowship is more than just Wednesday mornings. There is set-up, clean up, and administration tasks.

In the past it has been suggested that if the time or day of the week were changed, more church members would be available. It should be kept in mind that the season is at least fourteen weeks long and that the twenty five to thirty community volunteers who come every week have been accustomed to Wednesday mornings for decades.

There will be opportunities for the congregation to discuss this in greater length in the coming weeks but if you feel passionate about this work, imagine volunteering beginning September 11th.

The Church Council



Fruit of the Spirit

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; ~Eph 5:9

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FAITH LONGSUFFERING
 GENTLENESS LOVE
 GOODNESS MEEKNESS
 JOY PEACE
 TEMPERANCE

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Church Council Minutes – June 10, 2019

Attendees

Moderator: Julie Norland Trustee: Lukas Jensen
Diaconate: Mary Lou Behring Christian Ed: Erin Smerchek
Secretary: Kim Jensen Treasurer: Tracy Tronnes
Financial Secretary: Bruce Morris Pastor: Lori Powell

1. Opening Prayer: Pastor Lori
 - a. Kim is next month
2. Approval of the May minutes
 - a. Motion: Lukas; Second: Erin; Motion Passed
3. Pastor's Report:
 - a. Pastoral/Hospital Visits: 4 in past month
 - b. Funeral of Anna Wille on June 3
 - c. Worship:
 - i. Baccalaureate Sunday was Las Sunday
 - ii. Still working on 3rd Sunday Music Jam Sundays
 - d. Administrative:
 - i. Discussed Diane's Thank you event/gift
 - ii. Very grateful for the work of the leadership retreat
 - iii. Create task force for office/marketing staff person
 1. Discussed potential roles for the administrative staff member
 2. 3 people will review PD and update it
 3. 1 trustee will be added for interviews
 4. Motion: Tracy, Second: Erin; Motion Passed
4. Old Business:
 - a. None
5. New Business:
 - a. Leadership workshop "To Do's"
 - i. Clear up grey areas
 - ii. Music
 1. Deacons vs pastor?
 - a. Deacons are input into the larger picture (hymnals and genre)
 - b. Pastor is day to day
 - iii. Christian Ed
 1. Nursery Attendants
 - a. Who to contact for "no show"
 - i. Erin and Lori
 - ii. 24 hour notice or ASAP when ill
 - b. Procedures for kids going down and not finding an attendant
 2. Youth Group
 - a. CE has input into the larger picture vs the day to day work of planning and coordinating that may fall on an individual volunteer or other designated person

- iv. Trustees
 - 1. None
 - v. Council
 - 1. Community Mission Projects
 - a. Council is in the input to the larger picture and not generally the planning/coordinates of the projects
 - b. Larger projects all are approved by council
 - 2. Long-Term Goal committee reports to the council
 - 3. Reviewed mission statement and determined reconvene Constitution Task Force to determine what portion is the mission statement and which is the purpose statement
 - a. Motion: Erin; Second: Kim; Motion passed
 - vi. Other ideas
 - 1. Review committee term lengths and limits – Constitution Task Force
 - 2. Leadership training for February meeting – deferred to Jan/Feb
 - 3. Supporting the individual boards/committees – August Council Agenda
 - 4. Spiritual gift worship/visioning – Oct/Nov with Stewardship
6. Team Reports:
- a. Diaconate:
 - i. Krista is Secretary
 - ii. Share/Care groups assignments made
 - b. Christian Ed:
 - i. At the meeting discussed
 - 1. Year-end wrapped up
 - 2. Items within our budget lines
 - 3. Teachers and subs for next year
 - 4. Curriculum – May be going back to Step 2 of search depending on company
 - 5. Connie W. is the Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Ahead of budget
 - d. Trustees:
 - i. Lighting in kitchen is going to bid
 - ii. Parking lot, more information coming
 - iii. Organist search, 2 candidates were not a good fit, following up on further leads
 - 1. Task Force will continue
 - iv. Drainage – downspouts, reroute away from the sidewalk and stop the use of closed cast iron pipe
 - v. Kitchen sink – waiting on estimate to correct drain issue
 - 1. Council discussion: may need roto roter for slowness in other drains, trustees will do email discussion
 - vi. Full metal testing for water
 - vii. Carpet/Flooring survey results
 - 1. Long-Term Project
 - a. Sanctuary, Hallway, and Pastor’s office are top 3 priorities per results
7. Adjournment: Motion Lukas; Second: Erin; Motion Passed

As Approved by Council
August 12, 2019

September 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 9:30am - Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Evan/Becky Riley</i> | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Julie Norland</i> Rally Day Church Picnic at Tronnes Pond after worship | 9 6:00 pm – Christian Ed 6:15 pm –Trustees 7:00pm-Council | 10 | 11 8:30 am Peanut Group starts 9:30 am Water utility inspection | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- George Lynts</i> | 16 Guitar League 7-9 p.m. | 17 | 18 8:30 am Peanut Group | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| 29 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Norma Thompson</i> | 30 | Notes: Usher/Greeter: Rebecca Wyman & Norma Thompson Element Provider Deacon: Krista Kim | | | | |