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**Newsletter of
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Last Sunday we read a parable from the Gospel of Luke that is titled various ways. Some interpretations call the story we read, "The Parable of the Dishonest Manager" or the shrewd, clever or wise manager depending on interpretation. It is a good parable to begin Stewardship conversations. Americans are some of the most generous people in the world. Ireland gives away the most money, then the United States, new Zealand, Australia and Indonesia (The Borgen Project). Of all the states, Wisconsin is ranked forty-second in giving. Studies on giving demonstrate that people who are poor give away more of their disposable income than people who are rich. But to be fair, three percent of a million dollars is substantially more than three per cent of fifty thousand. In the parable of the dishonest, clever, shrewd or wise manager we learn we can grow spiritually when we understand the economics of those who know how to get ahead.



This year's Stewardship Campaign is about more than asking for money to finance the church budget. It is about intentionally learning to live, "The Way". "The Way" of Jesus is the theme of this year's stewardship drive. We are to consider how we can best use our gifts and skills in the life of this church, how to support the mission of the church beyond financial contributions, and to think about the Good News in our own lives.

Attendance Report

9/1 – 31

9/8 – 34

9/15 – 26

9/22 - 28

Gratitude is the beginning point. Through gratitude we are more generous with ourselves as well as our financial contributions. Thank you to everyone who continues to post on our community gratitude journal in the sanctuary. We have so much to be thankful for.

Blessings,
Pastor Lori



Thank you to Evan and Becky Riley, Julie Norland, Lynn Miller, George Lynts and Norma Thompson for being our Liturgists for the month of September.

Happy Anniversary

October 22 – Cindy and Tito Moreno



October 1 Maryon Range
 October 3 Norma Thompson
 October 13 Ruth Wille
 October 14 Dave Nelson
 October 16 Eric Lyerla
 October 23 Reece Porter
 October 29 Alan Carrier

Worship Service Schedule

Oct 6	Communion/Special Music 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship
Oct 13	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship
Oct 20	Children's Sabbath 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship
Oct 27	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship



Greeter/Ushers – Almo, Beck, Thompson Family

Deacon Providing Elements – Brenda Roberts

Newsletter Deadline – October 24, 12 p.m



Choir Practice

At the September meeting of Church Council the decision was made to begin our fall choir schedule. If you are looking forward to the joy of music on Stewardship Sunday, World Communion Sunday, Thanksgiving Eve and into Christmas consider singing in the choir. The exact day and time of choir practice has not been set but Thursday evening is looking like an option. Warm up those singing voices and be looking for the first rehearsal date!



October 6th is Special Music Sunday!

Connie Tronnes and friends are ready to lead worship on October 6th. They promise to sing some oldies but goodies. We are very grateful to them for sharing their gift of music with us and reminding us how powerful it can be when people lift their voices in praise. Mark this date on your calendar. Worship begins at 10:30.

Children's Sabbath - October 20th

Congregations around the nation will be celebrating Children's Sabbath on October 20th. Our Sunday school children will help lead worship. Our theme for the day comes from the parable of the persistent widow. We ask boldly and live justly as we

wait for God's Kingdom. Children who play instruments, write poems, or love doing drama are encouraged to contact Pastor Lori with ways to participate.

Christian Education

Our new year of Sunday School classes kicked off with Rally Day on September 8. Following a morning of activities and worship we enjoyed a picnic lunch, organized by Connie Tronnes and held in the Fellowship Hall due to rainy weather. We thank everyone who participated to make this an enjoyable event—and especially Cal Wiersma and Larry Beck for preparing the hot dogs. Everyone enjoyed the BINGO games led by Pastor Lori.

While the children have been learning about God's love for us through Bible stories about lost sheep and prayer, the adults have come together to discuss the book *Beloved*. Our teachers have included Pastor Lori, Lynn Miller, Tammy Campbell and Connie Wiersma.

Potential projects and mission activities include promoting our Blessing Box and preparing Health kits for UCC disaster relief.

We invite all to participate to help make this a meaningful year for our children and congregation.



Adult Education

Adult Education picks up again on October 13th at 9:30!

We will be following a seven week study on the book of Revelation. This particular study will look at the hope offered to early Christians during a very frightening and uncertain time. The study will guide us to think and not tell us what to believe. We will learn that the book of Revelation is about a time in history that may inform us about how we act in the future but does not predict the future. It is a wild book with fanciful imagery and symbolic references but it offered words of hope to the church and its people in it's day. Will we let it continue to do this today? This study will be team taught.



Help us kick off Socktober 2019!

Did you know the most-needed clothing item for those in need is socks? Throughout the entire month of October, our Sunday School children will be collecting new pairs of socks to gift to Edgerton Community Outreach. A basket has been placed in the sanctuary. As we head into colder weather, we hope you can support us in spreading kindness and

giving in our community. Any questions can be directed to the church office or Pastor Lori.

Peanut Fellowship Committee

Peanut processing has begun! Peanut Fellowship meets every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Joan Granger or Joyce Morris.



Let's Fill our Blessing Box!

There are blessing all around us! We are now operating our Blessing Box in front of the church. We are looking to fill it with unopened toiletries, personal items, and nonperishable food items to be taken by community members in need. Please consider donating any items as you are able!



August 12, 2019 Council Minutes

- ❖ Opening Prayer- Kim
 - Next Month- Bruce
- ❖ Present: Bruce, Tracy, Julie, Krista, Kim, Lukas, Erin, Pastor Lori
- ❖ Kim resigned position, effective immediately
 - Erin will take minutes
- ❖ Approval of June minutes as amended
 - Motion: Tracy
 - Second: Bruce
 - Motion Passed
- ❖ Ministers report
 - Task force for Communications Coordinator
 - Lori and Connie W.
 - Attended Deacons' meeting
 - Working on planning a special worship service
 - Celebrating Diane's service on 8/18/2019
 - Julie will order cake
 - Lori will get a gift card
 - Working on updating member directory
 - Mary Lou B. is helping correct
 - 11 Traits of Churches That Will Impact the Future article
 - Council members can read on their own time
 - Lynn is beginning his 2nd year of Lay Academy
 - He needs 1 to 2 committee members
 - Lynn will approach prospective members and report back to council
 - 15 different pastoral visits, 5 individuals
- ❖ Old Business
 - Floor project
 - Need vs want
 - Are specific areas a fall/tripping risk?
 - Nursery area is ok
 - Offices, hallways, and stairways would be higher priority
 - \$40,000 for all flooring
 - Do we need capital fundraising?
 - Tracy will have McCann's update pricing
 - ♦ Council will move forward after updated bid
 - Motion: Krista
 - Second: Lukas
 - Motion passed

- To Do Items from Leadership workshop
 - Constitution Committee met on 7/9/19
 - Mission Statement, purpose, and Open and Affirming statement were reviewed
 - Nominating committee description was reviewed
 - ◆ Motion to accept amended description: Tracy
 - ◆ Second: Krista
 - ◆ Motion Passed
- Open Jobs
 - 6 to 7 applicants for office position
- ❖ New Business
 - Peanut Fellowship
 - Peanuts will cut back to about 1500 pounds (was at about 2100 pounds)
 - Peanuts needs a new person (or multiple people) to lead the project
 - Person needed to be trained before Wed 2020
 - Volunteers needed to help set up prior to Wednesday mornings
 - First peanut day will be Sept 11th at 830am
 - Announcement will be made at church
 - Lori will also write up an email/newsletter article, Bruce and Tracy will edit
- ❖ Team Reports
 - Trustees
 - Working on downspout
 - Water testing kits
 - Ballast lights getting fixed (Lynn and Gary)
 - Getting new bids for plowing services
 - No current pest issues
 - Treasurer
 - Finances are good
 - Christian Education
 - Erin resigned, Connie W is aware
 - Deacons
 - Working on their job description

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	3	4	5
6 Special Music Sunday Communion 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Connie Wiersma</i>	7	8	9 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	10	11	12
13 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Tracy Tronnes</i>	14 6:00 pm – Christian Ed Team 6:15 p.m. Trustees & Deacons 7 pm Council Meeting	15	16 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	17	18	19
20 Children's Sabbath 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Larry Beck</i>	21 Guitar League 7-9 p.m.	22	23 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	24 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 12 p.m.	25	26
27 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Kirsten Almo</i>	28	29	30 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	31 	NOTES: Usher/Greeter: Almo, Beck, Thompson Family Element Provider Deacon: Brenda Roberts	