

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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Event Calendar

- 2/5 - Annual Meeting and Potluck
- 2/13 - Church Council - 7 PM
- 2/16 - Search Committee Meeting - 5 PM
- 2/22 - Ash Wednesday Service at Edgerton United Methodist - 7 PM
- 2/26 - Lenten Book Study immediately following worship



Birthdays 🎉

- 2/7 - Logan Campbell
- 2/15 - Gracey Nimmer
- 2/21 - Lizzy Gould
- 2/28 - Jill Sanderson

Liturgists

- 2/5 - Tammy Campbell
- 2/12 - Holly Gould
- 2/19 - Mary Lou Behring
- 2/26 - Tracy Tronnes

Thank you for being a part of our church community!

Your Church Council is here for you! We encourage the congregation to reach out to leadership with any feedback, questions, joys or concerns.

- Interim Pastor Rev. Kendell Nordstrom
- Moderator - Connie Wiersma
- Treasurer - Tracy Tronnes
- Finance - Bruce Morris
- Trustees - Todd Campbell
- Diaconate - Mary Lou Behring
- Education - Jill Sanderson



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From the Desk of Reverend Kendell Nordstrom

There is a famous prayer that goes:
God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.

Although associated with AA and other recovery groups, it was written by a pastor for use in his church. It seems to me that you could use it to your benefit. Let me tell you why: Last week, I came to the church office and it was freezing! I frantically called the Trustees who assured me that they knew about it and the situation was well in hand. And it was. Before I left later that afternoon, the boiler was repaired, and the building was warming nicely. Here is an example of a problem that could and was changed promptly by competent and responsible people.

Then, on Sunday morning, the weather was bitterly cold with six inches of new snow on the ground forcing us to make the hard decision to cancel our worship service and the Annual Meeting. Here was an example of something neither you nor I could change: the weather.

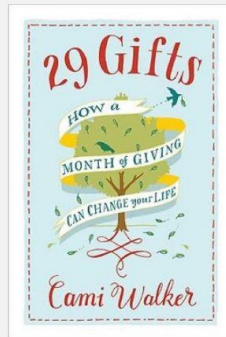
Truth be told, I needed some serenity to accept that. How dare the weather interfere with my plans! But, by the end of the day, after a beautiful concert by Josephine Navarro, I was in a better place. As the church continues in its search for a new pastor, it would be good to remember that prayer. In the search process you are going find things that simply cannot be changed, May God grant you the serenity to accept them. You are going to be challenged with problems that, with courage, can be remedied. Throughout the whole process, pray that the Holy Spirit grants you wisdom to know the difference and celebrate the journey.

See you in (the warm!) church.

Kendell

Education Corner

The Sunday School children will be busy making gifts of love during the month of February and learning about the season of Lent.



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Our Lenten book study will begin after worship on February 26 and last for five weeks. We will be reading "29 Gifts" by Cami Walker, a remarkable story of how one woman rose above a debilitating illness to revive the spirit of giving in herself, and the world.

The process of giving is a way for us to give the love we receive from God into the world.

Our church believes that "God is Still Speaking" - what is God saying? How do we know it is God speaking when we hear a calling? Through a daily practice of giving a gift, we are open to God's nudging us toward helping others with the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. It is a daily practice of asking God to speak to us.

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Church council

Dec. 12, 2022

Present: Rev. Kendell, Bruce Morris, Tracy Tronnes, Connie Wiersma, Jill Sanderson/via face time Josephine Navarro and Mary Lou Behring. Connie called the meeting to order and Rev. Kendell led us in prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve as written, Bruce seconded it. Motion passed.

MINISTERS REPORT: There will not be communion on Christmas Eve, but Kendell will have communion on Christmas day. It will be a service of carols and communion. Kendell purchased 50 song books of carols with the original words to use during Christmas services. Jan. 1st we will not have communion, but rather do it on Jan. 8th when more people will likely attend. Kendell will purchase sparkling juice and will have a New Years toast following worship on Jan. 1st.

COMMUNICATIONS/KATHLEEN; Poinsettias will be delivered Friday at noon. Kathleen will be contacting the reporter with our Christmas services schedule. Office hours will be Fridays from 12:00-2:30. Any announcements for the Jan. newsletter will be due on 12/29. The new liturgist schedule will be available by the first of the year. Please contact the office if you are interested in participating. Some type of fundraiser may be held next year for Gifts for Kids as we have few people that are able to take the tags. Kathleen is asking for help to assemble the Annual report. Please send all reports in PDF form to the office before Jan. 8. Meals on Wheels are on the Agenda for Jan. 16-29. Please consider helping! The sign-up is in the back of the church.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: Bruce turned in the time and talent sheets that were available. He stated they are still working on ways to give, such as Venmo.

PASORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: We have 6 volunteers for our search committee. Krista Kim, Jill Sanderson, Cheryl Mitchell, Mary Lou Behring,

Todd Campbell and Cal Wiersma. Our moderator/vice moderator, Connie Wiersma/ Tracy Tronnes will also be advisors of the committee. Tracy made a motion to approve the committee members. The motion was seconded and approved. Our Conference minister Rachel Bauman will also participate in the process. A letter will be sent to the congregation keeping them informed of the process. A review of the minister's job description was reviewed and will be adjusted accordingly.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will be held on Sunday Jan. 29 immediately following worship. A potluck will be held in fellowship hall following the meeting. Anyone interested in helping put together the Annual reports please contact the office.

JAMS: A total of \$1,055 has been raised for our scholarship for JAMS! Mary Lou made a motion to send payment of \$520 to fulfill our Scholarship obligation for 2023. The motion was seconded and approved. Fundraisers will be in order to reach our goal each year for the remainder of 3 years.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The Christmas pageant will be held Dec. 18 during worship. It will be a simple program with 2 songs. Jill will be changing the front windows in the Lounge area to Hope, Peace, Love and Joy! A plan to have another adult study for 4-5 weeks from mid January- Valentine's Day is being planned. The book is called "The five Languages of Love. Jill is planning a fund raiser for The Edgerton's Outreach program for homeless Veterans. A speaker from outreach will come Sunday Feb. 5th during worship to promote this project. A Patsy Kline concert will take place next door at the Venue with volunteers from our church to help with reception and promotion.

DIACONATE: Our church has several shut-ins and at Christmas we usually try to do something special for them. Jill's family has volunteered to put on a short program of carols and music. Mary Lou will contact families to let them know when this will happen. Communion will take place on Christmas day and on Jan. 8th.

TRUSTEES: The budget committee has put together our budget for 2023.

TREASURESERS REOPRT: All bills are paid and we are on track.

A motion was made to adjourn, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Behring