



# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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## Event Calendar

- 4/6 - Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service - 7 PM
- 4/7 - Good Friday Service - 12 PM
- 4/9 - Easter Sunday Worship
- 4/10 - Church Council Meeting - 7 PM

## Birthdays

- 4/3 - Bruce Morris
- 4/4 - Brocken Smerchek
- 4/4 - Kendell Nordstrom
- 4/12 - Kathleen Matson
- 4/17 - Michele Nimmer
- 4/21 - Joyce Morris
- 4/21 - Eliza Tronnes

## Liturgists

- 4/9 - Tammy Campbell
- 4/16 - Holly Gould
- 4/23 - Mary Lou Behring
- 4/30 - 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*

An author, Barnett Gushin, once asked if we have ever noticed how frightening Easter Bunnies are to kids. He wasn't talking about the cute little bunnies on Easter cards, or their chocolate siblings in Easter baskets. He was talking about the giant, six-foot-tall variety with giant ears huge eyes and who roamed the malls, terrorizing innocent children, insisting on handing them a lollipop or posing for a picture.

His own son was terrorized by such a bunny and had nightmares for days.

One time, he witnessed a slightly older boy take several rapid steps backward upon first sight of such a bunny. "Come closer," said the giant rabbit, "I have a treat for you."

"No thanks," replied the kid, "just toss it over here."

"He wasn't going to take any chances!" Gushin said.

Gushin went on to make a connection between giant bunnies and the resurrected Christ. "He looks safe enough as a baby in a manger" he wrote "But it's a different matter when we catch our first good look at the Christ of Easter. It is at that moment that most take several quick steps backward, content to view Christ from afar."

Let's not. This Easter, when we see the empty tomb, let us also hear the words of the angel, "Be not afraid. He is risen." May we boldly and courageously step closer to embrace him. See you in church.

*Kendell*

### *From the ECUCC Search and Call Committee*

Our search for our new settled pastor continues. To ensure everyone has a voice, please consider these questions and get in touch with any member of the committee with your feedback if you have not already.

1. What brings (or what would bring) you back to church each Sunday?
2. What qualities or characteristics would you like to see in a new minister?
3. In what ways could a new minister make you excited to come to church?
4. What are you looking for in a minister?

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**Church Council  
Minutes  
February 13, 2023**

**Call to Order/Prayer at 7:00pm/Devotion**

**Present:**

**Reverend:** Kendall Nordstrom

**Council Members:** Tracy Tronnes, Bruce Morris, Connie Wiersema, Jill Sanderson, Todd Campbell

**Congregation Representative:** Josephine Navaro

**Approval of Past minutes January 9th**

- A. Jill Sanderson moves to approve
- B. Tracy seconds
- C. January 9th minutes are approved

**Congregational Time:**

**Josephine Navaro here to speak about potential fundraiser with K&W**

1. K&W hanging basket fundraiser
  - a. Consideration for selling through the church
  - b. Josephine will order 20 hanging baskets from K&W for the church
    - i. Order ½ Sun (10) and ½ Shade (10)
  - c. We will ask Kathleen to make an order form and some publicity for congregation members to pre-order baskets to be picked up for Mother's Day Weekend
  - d. The baskets will be delivered prior to the May 15th weekend. K&W will deliver to the church.

**Minister's Report/Comments:**

- Lenten Holy Week
  - Reverend Kendall distributed the Calendar of Lenten Observance (February through Easter) with events that will take place
  - We will have the Ash Wednesday Service combined with Edgerton Methodist Church at the Edgerton Methodist Church.
  - We will have a Lenten Worship and Book Study after the worship service each week of Lent
  - The calendar and info will be distributed to the congregation with physical copies and digitally

## Report from Kathleen

- Kathleen Matson was unable to attend - Report given by proxy by Connie
- Kathleen asks members of council to email relevant announcements each week to be included in the weekly announcements and for the newsletter. This will be a great help to her in creating up to date and accurate information for the congregation.

## Business

### A. Proxy form for Annual Meeting

- a. Vote to Adopt the Proxy Form
  - i. Tracy Tronnes moves to use the proposed proxy form to vote for any church vote that a member cannot attend
  - ii. Todd Campbell Seconds the motion
  - iii. The motion is approved

### B. Technology update

- a. Replace the wireless at some point
- b. Connie will take the wireless into Three Blind Mice to have it assessed

### C. Membership list

- a. Council reviewed and updated

### D. Other

- a. We need ushers to collect money during services
  - i. We will leave one plate in the back and one plate will be walked around
  - ii. Kendall will create text to be included in the bulletin to explain how people can give their monetary offering
  - iii. Connie Wiersema created a list of people to serve as ushers through the next council meeting
  - iv. We will discuss the status of ushers during the next board meeting
  - v. We will ask Kathleen to add a sign to the bulletin board in the church narthex
- b. Kendall would like the Kid's Corner to have the bulletin board updated
  - i. Jill will update bulletin board
  - ii. We would like to have a kid's rug to further define the space
- c. Piano
  - i. New proposed price is increased at \$6,900 for the proposed piano - William Monroe Upright Yamaha U1
  - ii. Josephine, Krista and Kendall will go to look at the new piano to check it out
  - iii. The current piano in fellowship hall should be disposed
- d. Piano/Organ Backup Players
  - i. Josephine will make a list of people to sub for piano and turn it in to council by the next council meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Diaconate**

- a. Mary and Connie will change the paraments for Lent

### **B. Christian Education**

- a. Sunday School will be every week

### **C. Trustees**

- a. Henry Street Street and Utility Improvement Project
  - i. The church received a letter from the City of Edgerton detailing the work to be done on Henry and Canal Streets beginning now through the summer
  - ii. "City engineering personnel will coordinate with property owners/residents and the Contractor to minimize the disruption that interruptions to access may cause."
  - iii. Trustees will keep the council updated on any information they receive regarding this project

### **D. Treasurer's Report**

- a. January was an excellent collection month

## **Adjourn 8:30**

- A. Tracy Tronnes moves to adjourn the meeting
- B. Bruce Morris seconds
- C. Motion is Approved