

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

*Worship with us every
Sunday at 10 AM*

AUGUST

2023

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Birthdays

- August 5 - Delaney Matson
- August 6 - Lewis Kim
- August 6 - Josh Bartz
- August 10 - Zack Smerchek
- August 15 - Lucas Norland
- August 19 - Nora Sanderson-Haque
- August 19 - Robyn Davis
- August 20 - Matt Tronnes
- August 31 - Max Matson

Events

8/14 - Church
Council Meeting:
7 PM

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

It Seems to Me

Some years ago, I attended a workshop sponsored by the Foundation for Christian Living. This is an organization started by Dr Norman Vincent Peale to promote his message of positive Christian thinking by bringing pastors to attend lectures at the Guideposts headquarters in Pawling, New York and at Marble Collegiate Church in New York City.

One of the lectures was given by a professor of speech who was connected with the church. He said that the reason Dr Peale was such an effective preacher was that he had only one sermon, the power of Christianity to change lives in positive ways. Everything he said or did revolved around that theme. It gave his ministry a powerful focus with which people could identify. The professor ended his talk with the challenge to us, "Find your one sermon."

It seems to me that this is good advice not only for preachers but also for churches. What is the one message, the one sermon, that gives the church its unique identity and that can focus its varied ministries in a powerful way?

I have seen many attempts by churches over the years to do this. "We are the Friendly Church." "We are the Family Church." "We are the Bible Believing Church." They are all good, but are these your sermon?

As I have lived and worshipped with you these last two years, I have experienced a deep yearning for you to be a family of faith that preaches in word and deed the inclusive love and grace of Christ. Maybe that's your sermon. If it is, it's a darn good one. Anyway, my challenge to you is find your sermon.

I hope to see you in church. I have one sermon to preach to you—again.

Kendell

Liturgists


- 8/6 - Norma Thompson
- 8/13 - Tammy Campbell
- 8/20 - Holly Gould
- 8/27 - Tracy Tronnes

- 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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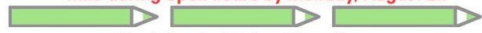


Edgerton Outreach
serving those in need

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION


In 2022, 131 students enrolled in the Edgerton School District were provided with school supplies.

Drop off at Edgerton Community Outreach at any time during open hours by Monday, August 21.



Most Needed School Supplies:

- Backpacks
- Blue or Yellow 3 subject Notebooks
- Single subject notebooks: red, yellow, black, blue, green
- Yellow Two pocket Folders
- Scientific Calculators TI-30X IIS
- Headphones
- Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Crayons
- Watercolor Paints
- Glue sticks
- Handheld Pencil Sharpeners
- 3 x 3 Post it Notes
- 3 x 5 Index Cards
- Sketchbooks
- Kleenex boxes
- Sandwich bags, 1 or 2 gallon bags



You can also volunteer to help set up and distribute school supplies!
Sign up at ECO! Call 608-884-9593 for inquiries.

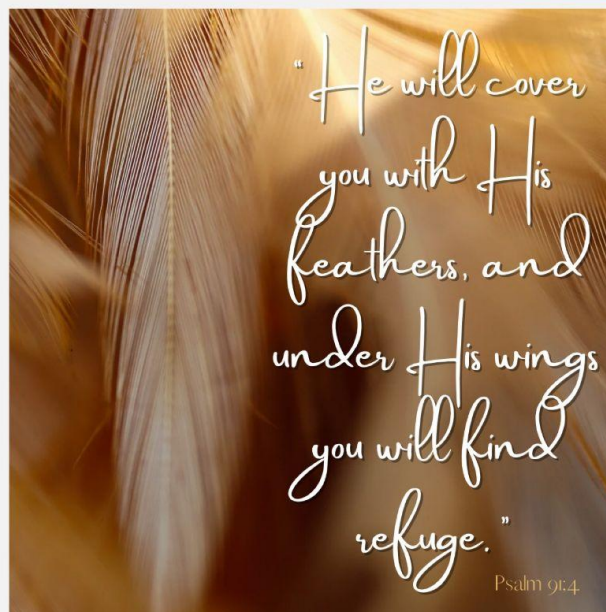
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

We are happy to support Edgerton Outreach by collecting school supplies for Edgerton Outreach. You may drop off your supplies at the church anytime before August 21 during office hours, on Sundays, or arranging a time with the office. Thank you for your support!

There is a council meeting Monday, August 14 at 7 PM. The congregation is always welcome to attend these meetings.

The search and call committee has conducted one introductory interview with a candidate. The team is working with Reverend Rachel Bauman to find more candidates and are considering bringing on another interim minister, rather than a settled pastor.

Looking ahead to the upcoming year and pastoral transition, we are asking the congregation to prayerfully consider how they can support the church. We are looking for volunteers to usher, plan events, teach Sunday school and more. Please let any member of council or the office know if you are interested in donating your time to any of these efforts.



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CHURCH COUNCIL

Monday June 12, 2023

PRESENT: Rev. Kendell, Bruce Morris, Connie Wiersma, Jill Sanderson and Mary Lou Behring.

Connie called the meeting to order and Kendell led us in prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Bruce stated a slight change due to the hedges not being removed during the month of May. Jill made a motion to except with the change. Bruce seconded it. Motion was passed.

MINISTERS REPORT: Kendell will purchase Dads Root beer for the Dads on Father's Day. We are in hopes of 4-6 new members to join the church. A series of sermons on Discipleship will start in June. Kendell plans to start an adult study in Fall. He also expressed how nice it is to have child care available.

Kathleen/communications: The signage has been updated around the church for new hours. June 25 is Pride Sunday and we hope to have a special Sunday for that. Paper has been ordered from C & M printing for the office. Rev. Kendell will plan to use his I Phone for streaming. We will plan for July 2nd for our first streaming service. A decision will need to be made regarding prayers and concerns ahead of service. Any child on video will need a signed release from a parent. At this point Kathleen has decided the church needs a more hands on office person to be visible. I propose to start to transition out of my role the beginning of August, and help to find someone that would be a better fit for the needs of the church. I will plan to draft a job description that accurately describes my duties and a final version for the council to agree on at the next meeting. My goal is to have a new person trained, intergraded and ready to go by mid August when my formal duties will end. I want you all to know my family and I plan to be active in the church community.

Business: Search update: The church profile has been turned into the conference office and has been reviewed. Now the team waits for

applicants that are interested in the job to send us their profiles. Connie asked Kendell about when his contract ends. He stated it will be in October so we are keeping our hopes up of a great candidate before then. Plant sale update: Bruce stated that we are going to make money but not sure of total until all bills are paid. Profits will help fund a piano for the sanctuary. Hedge update: Waiting on the quote and the street work to be finished. Hopefully both will be soon! Tobacco Heritage days: There was mention of a lemonade stand to fund the summer outreach lunch program. The iced lattes the Josephine is making as well as the bake sale proceeds will be a fund raiser for the church. We will plan to have a more structured schedule for ushers in the Fall, but for summer we will "Wing it"

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Jill and Kathleen will put together a survey for Sunday School for Fall. There will be art Sundays held this summer after church for folks of all ages. Hopes of two different classes in the Fall.

TRUSTEES: Still waiting on a quote for hedge removal. Plant sale will be profitable.

TREASURESRS Report: Bruce filling in for Tracy stated that we are on budget.

Mary Lou made a motion to adjourn. Bruce seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Behring