



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER



Worship with us every Sunday at 10 AM! 2023

It Seems to Me

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Events

- 9/11 - Church Council Meeting - 7 PM
- 9/13 - Peanut Fellowship - 8 AM

Birthdays

- 9/6 - Erra Sanderson - Haque
- 9/9 - Austin Tronnes
- 9/11 - Cal Wiersma
- 9/14 - Andy Wiersma
- 9/16 - Emma Davis
- 9/19 - Ryan Morris
- 9/17 - Ethan Norland
- 9/23 - Jaxon Davis
- 9/24 - Elijah Diawara

Liturgists

- 9/3 - Krista Kim
- 9/10 - Mary Lou Behring
- 9/17 - Connie Wiersma
- 9/24 - Julie Norland

These last few weeks have seen a flurry of requests by charitable groups asking for donations of school supplies. Paper, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, and backpacks are just of the items that children from families who can't afford need in order to be fully prepared for the coming year. And, praise God, the public response is overwhelming. People want to help.

My question is, "Why should we have to do this?" If we value children and public education, these supplies should be part of the school budget, just like internet access, heating and cooling, and toilet paper. We expect our schools to have everything necessary to keep our children safe. We also should expect them to provide everything necessary for students to learn.

While that is the ideal, the reality is different. In the years my wife taught, she would spend hundreds of dollars of her own money to supplement the scanty—or sometimes missing—resources required by the curriculum. She was not alone. I know it's still the case today. It shouldn't be.

Oscar Romero was a Catholic priest and bishop in Nicaragua. He was famous as being a voice for the poor and oppressed people in his country. He once said, "When I feed the poor, people call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist."

It seems to me the church has two roles. The first is this: if children need help to get school supplies, the church should be the first to start the collection and the most generous in giving. The second role is harder. It is our obligation as good citizens and faithful Christians to make sure that every child has equal access to what they need. Even if we are accused of practicing partisan politics, as followers of the one who was called "Rabbi" (that is "teacher"), we need to be faithful advocates for all the children in our community.

See you in church, where we have everything you need...the water of baptism and the bread and cup of the Holy Meal.

Kendell

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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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

- The peanut fellowship team would like to invite anyone and all that are interested in helping and learning about the peanut processing that will take place in fellowship hall beginning on Wednesday September 13, at 8:00 am. This is a time of fellowship and fun with our friends from all the community churches. If you just want to show up to check it out that's ok too! Bring a friend and find out what you are missing. This will be the ECUCC's 100th year of processing peanuts!
- The Church council is looking for a couple people to lead and be on our Stewardship team this year! It's about a month-long commitment and anyone can do it. The association has all the materials that you will need. Please contact the office or a council member if interested.
- Starting in September we are going to put ushers back in place. It's a very simple task that includes ringing the bell, locking the downstairs doors during service, lighting and extinguishing candles and taking the offering. You can sign up for a week or a month. You may also contact Mary Lou Behring to get on the list. sign up will be in sanctuary.
- A JAMS event is being planned for Oct. 8th! There will be more information about this event and our commitment to our student in the coming weeks.
- Oct 1, 2023 Rev. Rachel Bauman will be with us to release Kendell from his interim duties. There will be a small reception to celebrate Kendell's retirement.
- Thank you to all who have helped deliver Meals on Wheels and continue to assist with church functions. We are so grateful for all of you!



*"The grass
withers and
the flowers
fall, but
the word of
our God
endures
forever."*

Isaiah 40:8

EDUCATION CORNER

We are looking forward to resuming our Sunday School curriculum this fall.

Thank you to all who have offered to volunteer helping in the classroom and teaching.

Please keep an eye on your emails in the coming weeks for more information as we prepare to start the year, or reach out to the office with any questions.

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