



## EVENTS

**7/7 - Communion  
Sunday**

**\*choir practice after  
worship\***

**7/10 - Choir practice -  
6:30 PM**

**7/28 - Worship with  
guest Pastor Rev.  
Jessica Taft**

*Worship with us every  
Sunday at 10 AM!*

## LITURGISTS

**7/7 - Leia Maves**

**7/14 - Connie Wiersma**

**7/21 - Julie Norland**

**7/28- Tracy Tronnes**

## BIRTHDAYS

**7/6- Erin Smerchek**

**7/9 - Erin Bavery**

**7/13 - Connie Wiersma**

**7/17 - Todd Campbell**

**7/26 - George Lynts**

**7/26 - Cindy Moreno**

**7/29 - Olyvia Crumbliss**

**7/29 - Adam Morris**

*From the desk of Pastor Tiff*

For those of us who live in the northern states like Wisconsin, we might appreciate the April - November months compared to those who live near the equator. Despite the summer storms and rainy days, overall, we have many perfect days to enjoy all the activities that summer has to offer. In any given week there are all ball games of every age level, concerts in the park, vacation trips both nearby and far away, swimming in pools and lakes, boating and fishing, back yard barbecues, and 100 ice cream flavors. Whether you are hiking in the woods, riding your bike on Wisconsin bike trails, or sitting on the front porch reading a best seller, every age group can enjoy the best days of the year. And of course, don't forget we're here every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. listening to the Word of God and singing the hymns of the church.

However, families with younger children need to be a little more alert as the days grow warmer. Doctors will tell you that the summer months are the most dangerous part of the year for kids. Before I was 18, I broke my leg, had a major bicycle accident (no helmets back then) almost drowned in the Atlantic Ocean, and took a fastball to my mouth. That's not to mention numerous bumps and bruises. Dr. Cannon and I were good friends. Obviously, kids need to play and try out new things. But there are things parents and care-givers can do to keep kids out of the emergency room and not be stuck at your local hospital.

The good news is children and youth tend to bounce back pretty fast and the healing period is often weeks rather than months. So, wear your helmets, stay on the trails in the woods to stay clear of deer ticks, and swim with a partner and wear a float device, and eat your vegetables. At nighttime say a prayer to thank God for a wonderful summer day and God's everlasting love. Despite all my crashes I'm still hiking, swimming, and working in my garden. I wonder what tomorrow will bring?

*-Pastor Tiff*

## REMINDER

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion this coming Sunday, July 7th, during the 10:00 worship service. The sermon will be about King David and Jesus - popularity can change in the blink of an eye

# CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

'Care Packages' will be distributed to homeless individuals and families throughout Rock County on July 24th and 25th during the 2024 homeless street count. Please bring items to church before July 20.

## IN NEED OF:

- Can Openers
- XL Ziplock Bags
- Bottled Water (sealed)
- Insect Repellent
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Dental Floss
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Hats/Scarves
- Gloves/Mittens
- Nutrition Bars
- Trail Mix (Sealed)
- Bandages
- Antiperspirant
- Deodorant
- Combs
- Blankets
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Tampons
- Rain Slicker
- Plastic Utensils
- Bus Tokens
- Multivitamins
- Stocking Caps
- Warm Socks
- Plastic Utensils
- Hearty Soup
- Nutrition Bars
- Safety Pens
- Phone Card

Homeless Intervention Task Force  
of Rock and Walworth Counties



## Church Choir / Music

Singers will meet to practice after church on Sunday the 7th and Wednesday the 10th at 6:30 PM for music that would be sung on Sunday the 14th.

## Education

Summer book study continues this month on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Weekly attendance n person is not required, materials are available online. Please contact Jill Sanderson with any questions.

Sunday School children are invited to check out books at our Rainbow Spirit Little Library throughout the summer!

## Thank You

Thank you to all liturgists, volunteers and special music contributors who assisted with service last month. Please note: if you are the last person in church after worship, brief instructions on how to close the building are provided in the sanctuary.



## Notes From the Office

Meals on Wheels delivery will take place from July 29- August 11. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer for this important community initiative or use the signup sheet provided in the sanctuary - deliveries take less than an hour and all instructions are provided.

Please note, there is no July council meeting. Kathleen will be out of the office July 4 - July 9. As always, office hours are available upon request.

Donations for our new exterior doors and sanctuary Bibles are still being accepted; you may send your contribution to the office with the intended fund in the memo line.

## YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Monday May 13, 2024

**PRESENT:** Rev. Tiff Bates, Krista Kim, Bruce Morris, Tracy Tronnes, Kathleen Matson, Jill Sanderson, Mary Lou Behring and Linda Cutting.

Krista called the meeting to order and Tiff led us in prayer. The April minutes were reviewed. Jill made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Tracy seconded it. Motion carried.

**CONGREGATIONAL TIME:** Linda Cutting was in attendance to share the progress that has been made cleaning out and going through old files and documents from the office. Lots of things are waiting for a shredding day and a few other things still need to be checked out. Margret Hawkins and Kathleen have also been helping with the process. Kathleen will reach out to the conference regarding certain records that we need to maintain.

**MINISTER'S REPORT:** Tiff expressed that he and Lynn enjoyed a very nice vacation. Membership Sunday was a highlight with seven people joining the church! Sunday May 19th we will be celebrating the end of the Sunday school year, the blessing of the new Rainbow Spirit Library and Baccalaureate. We will also collect monies for "Strengthen the Church offering the 19th and the 26th. Summer Worship: Tiff will be taking off a Sunday a month. We will have special speakers and events on those Sundays. The film "Cotton Patch Gospel" is a movie Tiff would like the church family to see. Sunday June 23rd has been decided on. There will be 2 showings. A matinee at 3:00p.m. and a 6:30 p.m.

**COMMUNICATION/OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:** Kathleen stated that she is busy updating the membership lists. Hard copies will be made available to those that would like one. Name tags have been made for all the new members and anyone that would like an updated one, let Kathleen know. A Worship calendar is being created. This will contain important things happening each Sunday such as Liturgist, Opening the church, closing and any other details for worship each week. Let Kathleen know if you want to be included. June 30th is ONA Sunday. Kathleen is working on speakers for that day. Kathleen will be on vacation Aug. 4-10th.

**WORSHIP LIFE TEAM:** A meeting was held for the first time since covid. Our new members were introduced to all the duties that we take care of. Communion, changing the parament cloths, candles, and helping with special services. A communion protocol was written up with instructions to make it easier for set up.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Sunday will be the last day of Sunday school for the Summer. We will be dedicating our new "Rainbow Spirit Library" this week. Children can check out books and take them home. If they read 7 this summer they will get a prize. Jill is working on a document for family Sundays. The first one will be June 9th and is called "Experiencing God in everyday life". There will be a summer book study co-chaired by Connie Tronnes and Jill. The book is called "Listening Path" to be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00, starting on June 4th. The community is welcome!

**TRUSTEES:** No quorum. The new doors that were ordered have arrived and are waiting on installation.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The new printer is up and running in fellowship hall! Kathleen will check on a key for the marquee as you enter fellowship hall.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Prayer slips will be available in the sanctuary to give to Tiff before worship. Kathleen will come up with a document stating all the procedures for opening and closing the church on Sunday mornings.

Krista and Jill are interested in taking some leadership courses through the conference. There are many courses available including things like family programming and lay ministry. This will be a huge asset for our church as we move forward.

Meeting adjourned,  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lou Behring

# An Update from Church Leadership

Dear church friends,

Our search process has yielded only one additional candidate for the position of settled pastor. This individual decided to retire. Though we are still advertising our church profile for potential candidates, we have realized more than ever that the life of small churches is indeed changing and requires new ideas. We have learned that candidates for small churches do not necessarily want to lead worship every Sunday and some of them are drawn to churches who have hired staff to coordinate and lead family and mission/service programs. Having consistency in a position such as this helps sustain church life between interim ministers as well as throughout the eventual transition to a settled pastor.

It is our good fortune that Jill Sanderson has agreed to work as our Director of Ministry Education (10 hours weekly) in a paid staff position. It is our double good fortune that Rev. Tiff Bates will stay on with us as pastor while reducing his monthly workload by one week per month. This adjustment in staffing (reducing Tiff's hours and hiring Jill) does not impact our budget. It DOES mean that once a month our worship will be led by guest clergy/speakers and/or be enhanced via family and mission-based programming. Pastor Tiff will continue to be our interim minister (taking one week off each month) and will be available for pastoral care as needed. Kathleen will remain in her administrative position and will continue to work to promote our mission and vision within our community.

Jill and I are currently attending a monthly class of "discernment" (via the Wi UCC conference). Kathleen and Jill are already planning programming for fall - all of these new ideas and initiatives continue to be supported and encouraged both by Tiff and council members. We hope you'll join us as we continue to listen for the holy spirit and celebrate God's presence amidst our church family and the Edgerton community.

**A reminder of our mission statement:** To strengthen our Christian values and lives for all people through faith, fellowship and youth.

Enjoy the summer!

*Krista Kim*

Moderator