

THE SANCTUARY

An open and affirming church where God is still speaking.



SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear friends,

As the busy fall season begins, we hope you'll join us as we head back into a full season of worship, fellowship, and ministry. Please keep in mind some important dates:

- **Wednesday, September 9** - Peanut processing begins!
- **Sunday, September 13** - Rally Day
- **Monday, September 14** - Church Council Meeting (7PM)
- **Saturday, September 19** - Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build

With the season of giving around the corner, we are reminded that we are deeply grateful for every volunteer who gives their time to this community. Our “tiny but mighty” church runs on the willingness of our congregants to step up in times of need - and this fall, we are hoping for a few friendly faces to serve as greeters on Sunday morning. *Without a settled pastor, this work matters more than ever.* No training is necessary, just a willingness to offer a smile to everyone who walks through the doors. If you are able to come to church a little bit early on the occasional Sunday or want more information about what greeting entails, please reach out to Krista Kim or the church office.

As a reminder, weekly office hours have moved to Thursdays from 9 AM to 12 PM. Please note that the church Google calendar is updated monthly and contains all church events, worship details, birthdays, and office hours. The Google calendar can be found linked in every email announcement, as well as on the home page of the church web site.

See you in church,

The ECUC Office

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday worship begins weekly at 10 AM.

Sunday School begins September 13!

Childcare is available every Sunday.

✧ SEPTEMBER 6

Rev. Luke Bocher

Liturgist: Hillary Reilly

✧ SEPTEMBER 13

Rev. Kathleen Remund

Liturgist: Tammy Campbell

✧ SEPTEMBER 20

Rev. Kendell Nordstrom

Liturgist: Tracy Tronnes

✧ SEPTEMBER 27

Rev. Lora Whitten

Liturgist: Mary Lou Behring

COMING UP...

✧ OCTOBER 4

Rev. Franz Rigert

Liturgist: Krista Kim

✧ OCTOBER 11

Rev. Kathleen Remund

Liturgist: Julie Norland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9/6 - Erra Sanderson-Haque
9/9 - Austin Tronnes
9/11 - Cal Wiersma
9/14 - Andy Wiersma
9/16 - Emma Davis
Adam Morris
9/19 - Ethan Norland
9/23 - Jaxon Davis
9/26 - Elijah Diawara

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EDUCATION:

- **Sunday School begins Sunday, September 13, with our Rally Day celebration.** We will be blocking off part of the church parking lot for games, activities, and plenty of fun for the children. Following the worship service, everyone is invited to stay for a lunch of **pizza and veggies** as we celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday School year together.
- **Families have been sent a welcome letter and forms to fill out and return on Rally Day.** On Rally Day, an informational packet will be distributed with important dates and curriculum information for the year.
- **One new tradition this year will be our Noisy Offering!** On the last Sunday of each month, following the Children's Message, the children will collect a coin offering using tin pails. The older children will help choose a local organization to receive the money collected. For the fall season, the children have chosen **Gifts for Kids**. We hope this gives the children a tangible way to experience generosity and to see that even small acts, when brought together, can make a difference.

FELLOWSHIP TREATS:

The fellowship treat schedule will resume in October; if you'd like to bring in something sweet to share, find the signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

The church is so grateful for all the fundraising efforts and money donated to the flooring project! Donations are still being accepted. If you'd like to further contribute to the flooring fund, please put "flooring" in the memo line of your offering or contact a member of church council.

Thank you for reading! If you would like your newsletters delivered to your home address, please reach out to the office.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Krista Kim
Ministry/Education: Jill Sanderson
Vice-Moderator/Treasurer: Tracy Tronnes
Worship Life: Mary Lou Behring
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:

Thursdays from 9 AM - 12 PM

*Please note: Our member and leadership contact information is kept private from documents viewable by the general public. If you are a member and would like to get in touch with a member of leadership, please contact the office.

