

THE SANCTUARY

An open and affirming church where God is still speaking.

OCTOBER 2026

Dear friends,

As the fall season continues, we hope you'll join us as we gather for a full season of worship, fellowship, and ministry. Please keep in mind some important dates:

- **Sunday, October 18** - Children's Sunday
- **Monday, October 12** - Church Council Meeting (7PM)
- **Sunday, October 25** - Associate Conference Minister Rachel Bauman / Noisy Offering & Cookie Sunday

Next month, we will launch our annual stewardship season campaign and prepare our hearts and worship space for the Advent season. Stay tuned to your announcements for all the latest news and events as they unfold!

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 ECUCC Office

SPECIAL UCC OFFERING: NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Throughout the month of October, a special offering will be collected to benefit Neighbors in Need, supporting ministries of justice and compassion around the country. *To give, please put "Neighbors in Need" in the memo line of your offering.*

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday worship begins weekly at 10 AM.

✧ OCTOBER 4

Rev. Franz Rigert

Liturgist: Lynn Bates

✧ OCTOBER 11

Rev. Kathleen Remund

Liturgist: Connie Wiersma

✧ OCTOBER 18

Children's Sunday

Liturgist: Leia Maves

✧ OCTOBER 25

Rev. Rachel Bauman

Liturgist: Bavery/Thies

✧ NOVEMBER 1

Rev. Barb Wells

Liturgist: Reilly

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/14 - Dave Nelson

FELLOWSHIP TREATS:

10/4 - Connie Tronnes

10/11 - Mary Lou Behring

10/18 - Linda Cutting

10/25 - Lynn Bates

*Thank you to all who continue to bring in delicious treats for all to enjoy!

If you'd like to sign up to bring treats, find the signup sheet on the back table in the sanctuary or send a note to the office!

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to our children's ministry and all of the volunteers who helped create a memorable Rally Day to kick off a new season of children's education! Children's ministry thrives when children get to know the many caring adults in the greater community, and we have been blessed in spades.

EDUCATION:

- **Friendly reminder to parents and caregivers: please complete the Sunday School forms distributed ahead of Rally Day for each of your children.** These forms help us know each child better, so we can teach them well and care for their safety. If you need additional copies, please let Jill Sanderson know. Thank you for helping us get the year off to a smooth start!
- **Children's Sunday is October 18.** The children will be practicing a few simple songs to perform on the 18th, and will rehearse during Sunday School on the 4th and 11th.
- **In the classroom, we will continue with our theme of Mind/Body/Spirit- where the children will explore the many parts of themselves;** their thoughts, bodies, feelings, relationships, and spirits—and how these parts are connected.
- **Don't forget your change!** October 25th we will collect our noisy offering benefitting Gifts for Kids, and the older children will bake cookies for fellowship time.



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

Trustees: Bruce Morris

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.

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