



First Presbyterian Churches of Edgerton and Lismore

THE MESSENGER

Newsletter Month of **January 2019**

Resolute

Resolutions have gotten a bad name; lots of folks consider them as Mark Twain did: ***“New Year’s Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.”***

Even with quite a few broken resolutions under my belt, I strongly believe in the value and necessity of being resolute as a Christ-follower. There’s nothing more important than being ‘all in’ as we follow Jesus, because He doesn’t lead us down an easy path. 2019 will test our resolve to follow Christ. How can we prepare for those times? How can we strengthen our resolve?

This year I am studying (and hopefully following) the 70 resolutions that an 18-year-old Jonathon Edwards first wrote down in 1722 as the young pastor of a Presbyterian church in New York City. The church that he had been called to pastor was the minority faction of a recent church split, and Edwards knew that he needed to be grounded in truth in order to lead wisely. Over the year ahead, I will use this column to share some of Edwards’ resolutions, hoping that they will inspire you to draw ever closer to Jesus. This month we begin with the preface to the resolutions:

Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God’s help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will, for Christ’s sake.

That’s a good starting point for all of us in 2019. Our need and God’s ability are perfectly suited for each other. Ask God to help you, today and every day. That’s a habit you’ll never want to break!

You are loved,
Pastor Tom

Mark Your Calendar

JAN 13

(L) Annual Meeting/Potluck, 12p

JAN 17

(L) PW, 7p

Lismore

9:00 Worship Service

6:00 Wednesday Sunday School

7:30 Wednesday Choir

Edgerton

10:30 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

CELEBRATE

JANUARY

- 4 Heidi Gubbins
Macy Gubbins
- 5 Tara Griffin-Wiekeraad
John and Dawn McEliece
- 6 Kimber Lorealea Wiekeraad
- 11 Trey Manitz
- 13 James Van Der Linden
- 16 Carol Seldon
- 18 Anna Marie Hunter
Jerry and Wendy Evink
Jordan Hunter
- 22 Jennifer Moody
- 23 Savannah Schultz
- 25 Randy De Kam
- 26 Hank Petersen
- 27 Bruce Kooiman
- 28 Greg Manitz
Greg and Rhonda Manitz
- 31 Gabe Gilbertson

SHARED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports due to Tana ASAP.
tananoelzward@hotmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ann Peterson
Wilma Van Der Linden
Jim Heard

NEWSLETTER BULLETIN

If you have information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email it to tananoelzward@hotmail.com. Any other announcements please phone in to 507-920-7890. Thank you.

SAVE PAPER - GET YOUR NEWSLETTER EMAILED

Send your address to Tana to get on the list: tananoelzward@hotmail.com

EDGERTON

Note: If you can't bring for the Sunday you are assigned, please find a replacement.

USHERS JANUARY – BOB FRASER, ERIC SCHULTZ
USHERS FEBRUARY – MARK HADLER, RICH JOHNSON

Coffee Servers:

JANUARY 6 – MARCIA L. & SUE F.
JANUARY 13 – SHARON F. & HEIDI G.
JANUARY 20 – WENDY E. & DANA W.
JANUARY 27 – JAN B. & ANGIE DK.

FEBRUARY 3 – ANN H. & SANDY K.
FEBRUARY 10 - CARRIE G. & RHONDA M.
FEBRUARY 17- TRACI H. & KAYLA H.
FEBRUARY 24 – ANDREA Z. & NIKKIVH

Nursery:

JANUARY 6 – SHARON F
JANUARY 13 – JAN B
JANUARY 20 – TRACI H
JANUARY 27 – DONNA H

FEBRUARY 3 – TARA W
FEBRUARY 10 – ANDREA Z
FEBRUARY 17 – KRESLEY F
FEBRUARY 24– BRENDA H

PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD SHELF and EDGERTON FOOD SHELF

Please help us support our local food shelves. Collection boxes are inside the front door of our church.

Pipestone County Food Shelf
Open Every Thursday 2-5 p.m.
223 Second St NW
Pipestone MN ph# 507-825-4410

Edgerton Community Food Shelf
Located at First Reformed Church
Edgerton, MN

For information about hours available, or if you are in urgent need, call Art 507-215-4029 or Sandy 507-215-4030

LISTEN FROM HOME

You can listen to each week's service at www.firstpresbyterianedgerton.com or if you are on our Facebook page just click on the website link.

SPECIAL MUSIC

If you, or someone you know, is interested in sharing special music with us during one of our worship services, please contact Brenda Hadler from our Worship Committee at 442-3739.



Check out our website:
www.firstpresbyterianedgerton.weebly.com

2019 LISTS

If anyone would like to have their name added to the list or be willing to fill in any way let Donna know.

PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2019 – \$41.35 per member – due in January 2019. Did Sue do a break down last year on what Per Capita is – otherwise this is a statement from Presbytery.

Per Capita is “the tie that binds” — annual giving that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Important Sunday School dates to add to your calendar:

March 17 - Youth Sunday
April 14 - Sing in church for Palm Sunday
April 21 - No Sunday School
May 19 - Last day of Sunday School

We will also sing in church a few Sundays throughout the year. If you are a parent and are not a member of our Sunday School Facebook page, please let Kristin know and she will get you added.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS

CLEANING

Tari Jo VandeKieft is cleaning the church for us. Be sure to thank her!

BULLETINS

Please, send your bulletin announcements to Kathy A for November

1. SERVING WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS (Plan for about 25, prepare and serve at 6:00 pm, clean up afterwards.)

Thanks to all who have signed up. There are more spots available on the bulletin board. After January 16 there is no one signed up. Please, sign up! Questions: ask Kathy K.

2. Thank you to the women and youth who went caroling at the Adrian Assisted Living. You made their day!!

3. January 6: Taking down the decorations at church. Please, stay after worship to take down the Christmas

decorations. If a number stay, it can be down very quickly. Thanks!

4. PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium Coming up In July 2019 (16th-19th) at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. Theme: "Here's My Heart!"

Cost: \$555 for those under 18, \$575 for those 18 and over

Text or call 507-360-1655 (Kathy Knips) for info

Everyone from the Presbytery travels together to Purdue.

Check out the facebook page for pictures and info:

<https://www.facebook.com/Triennium>

The website is:

<https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>

There is new info on this website.

Timeline for registering:

JANUARY 7TH: Registrations Forms Available (Presbytery Website)

LISMORE

Check out our website:
www.fpclismore.org.

FEBRUARY 4TH: Registrations due, along with \$250.00 payment for each participant

MAY 6TH: Final Payment Due

5. January 13: Special offering received for the Triennium at worship. Thanks for your generous gift!

6. Annual meeting and session meeting on the 13th. Potluck at 12:00, followed by the Annual meeting. Session will meet after that.

PW

Our meeting this month:

Thursday, January 17 @ 7:00. We haven't had a meeting since October, so everyone please try to attend.

Devotions and lunch: Kathy A
Intro and Lesson 1: Kathy K

We have new lesson books. Please, pick yours up at the back of the church

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "WHOM shall I send, and WHO will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

on Sunday.

Thank offering - We missed our November meeting, so if anyone has Thank offering to turn in, please give to Kathy soon (or bring to the January meeting)

YOUTH

We will continue Wednesday evenings, starting on January 9.

Supper:

Jan 9: Kathy K Jan 16: Joyce Gengler
Those are the last people signed up. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Lighting Candles: We need a new schedule.

Worship Participation:

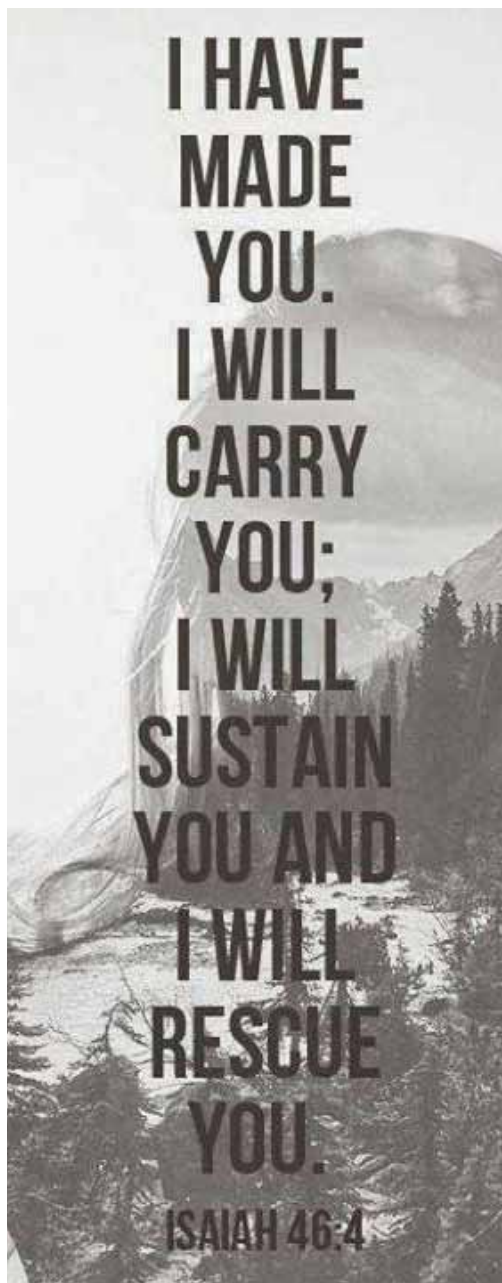
Feb 3: Souper Bowl Sunday. Everyone please plan on being at worship to



participate in the offering and playing bells/singing.

CHOIR

Choir resumes on Jan 9. Choir practice is on Wednesday nights, from 7:30-8:30. Please join us!!



NATIONAL COMPLIMENT DAY

sprinkle compliments like glitter

JANUARY 24, 2019

WAY
TO
GO!

GOOD
JOB

WELL
DONE

YOU'RE
THE MAN

THUMBS
UP

YOU
ROCK