



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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LENTEN SEASON IN FULL SWING!

Lenten Soup Suppers and Services

Soup suppers are served from 5:30 to 6:15 PM with worship service at 6:30 PM. Please plan to join in this special time to spend with your church family. Anyone wishing to bring bread (homemade or store bought), it would be greatly appreciated.



Schedule for Soup Suppers:

April 6—Finance/Stewardship & Mission Committees

April 13—Buildings & Grounds Committee

NEW MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

We were privileged to welcome several new members to our church on February 27th. When you have a chance, please welcome the following to our church family: Drew Kreibich, Kristin Pfaff, Sheryl Lee, Kevin & Rose Lee, Charles & Jean Goyette and Jon & Lisa Jones (Chase & Willis).

Welcome to you all!



NEWLY CONFIRMED MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

On March 6th the following students were added as confirmed members to the church:

Chase Aleckson, Lindsey Buehler, Jacob Cvikota, Kathryn Ebert, Grace Griffin,
Colin Hass, Sean Horton, Kevin Kelley, Lydia Sells and Matthew Schnitzler

Congratulations to the 2011 Confirmation class!

February 2011 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance February 1st	\$5,577.60
Receipts	10,845.25
Expenses	(16,320.36)
Balance February 28th	\$102.49



**To reach
someone in
the kitchen
via telephone,
please dial
786-0675.**

Thank you!

Highlights from Session:

- Approved Senior Recognition on May 15th
- Session approved Church Use Policy – loaner key for members reserving the church will be given out following a \$20.00 deposit. If at all possible contact Holly in the office. Once key is return, so shall the deposit be returned.
- Approved our share of One Great Hour of Sharing to go to Japan earthquake/tsunami victims
- Approved Vacation Bible School August 8-12

Hats off to:

- Bob Shaw, Lyle Miles & Beth Hinck, Tomi Carlson and Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the March issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our March nursery volunteers: Brianna Holt, Sean Horton and Katie Ebert
- our March acolyte volunteers: Faith Holt, Alayna Aleckson, Alanna Wuensch, Carissa Hass, Martha Haugen, Autumn Schuster and Anne Zalewski
- our March liturgists: Helen Harold, Georgia Motes, Jane Foner & Nick Miller



Elders

Class of 2011

Jane Foner
Sherry Bonsall
Brian Lusk
Nancy Olson
Michael Ebert (Youth Elder)
Rachel Auna (Youth Elder)

Class of 2012

Mike Siekert
Ann Terry
Marcia Kazmark
Lisa Betsinger

Class of 2013

Charles Engel
Todd Kleiner
Greg Meeuwssen
Tracey Rogers

Deacons

Class of 2011 Helen Harold, Joyce Garves, Howard Garves, Beth Hinck, Alice Sprain

Class of 2012 Kathy Anderson, Loris Griffin, Camille Lusk, Diana Swim, Ted Yankee

KEYS

With new elders coming on board it was time to divvy out keys. So Holly and I began to see who had what key and what keys were in the office to give to the new elders. Suddenly a rather small job became very confusing. I ran (well actually I walked) from door to door trying to figure out which key in the office went to which door in the church and then could that key be given away.

We found keys that matched each other yet one would open a door and the other would not open the same door. We found keys that didn't open up any door in the church and we found keys that were certainly not door keys, with no attached tag, we had no idea where to begin to look for what those keys would open.

While doing all this key investigation I was informed I owed Holly a lamplighter page. Imagine that keys came to mind. Keys are to open up that which is closed. Keys secure one particular thing from certain people and allow others access to that thing.

I just got back from visiting my son in Houston TX. He is a renter in a gated apartment community, most of the apartment communities were gated in that part of Houston. I went out one morning for a short stroll when I realized I can't get back through the gate. I have no key, no access code, no remote fob. I could climb the gate. Sure I can see the headline in the Coulee News "Local Pastor arrested in Texas climbing gated community fence". So how did I get back in? Well as I was walking by wondering what to do, the garage gate opened, after the car left and before the gate closed I slipped in.

I don't believe we can just slip in when it comes to eternal life. The key is something much more personal. Something we choose for ourselves. In Matthew 16 Peter has just made a bold statement to Jesus by saying, "you are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus responds to Peter with these words, "blessed are you Simon Barjona, ... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

I wonder if boldly proclaiming Jesus as the Son of the living God is the key.

The world places many possible keys before us telling us this is the one for you: athletics, fame, fortune, knowledge, you might add a few more of your own, but in the end are they a key at all when it comes to eternal things?

Knees get blown out, fame fads, fortunes can't buy your way to heaven, maybe the knowledge that we are the created and God is the creator will help, but I feel the key to eternal life is the acknowledgment that Jesus is the Son of the living God and then in Jesus alone do we find the way to eternal life. My prayer is that together we might strive to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior.



Pastor Larry

Just for Kids answer:

Across:

2.Palm, 5.Butterfly, 7.Cross,
9.Candle

Down:

1.Leaves, 3.Lamb, 4.Nail,
6.Flower 7.Crown, 8.Sun, 10.Egg

Missing phrase:

Jesus is alive!



PER CAPITA 2011: Per Capita is a financial responsibility for every adult member of a Presbyterian congregation. For 2011 the per capita will be \$27.40. When submitting, please write in "per capita" on the memo part of your check or on the outside of your envelope. **Thank you!**

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON - APRIL 6 - 11:00 TO 1:00

DIRECTIONS FOR DELIVERING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS

Many thanks to those who are bringing food, working at the Salad Luncheon, bringing their friends to eat or all three! Following are the directions for getting your food to the church on April 6. The church will be open at 6:45 a.m. Please try to bring your food as early as possible as we need to get carry-outs started by 8:30 a.m. Write your name on your containers and lids and include the name of your salad or dessert. Please check your name off the sign up list so we know what has arrived. After the luncheon your containers will be on the counter by the windows.

Everyone is invited to the luncheon including friends and relatives. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$2 for children 6-10 and free for children five and under. Profits are used to support local and worldwide missions.



SPRING GATHERING Saturday, April 9, North Presbyterian Church, La Crosse, 9:30 AM

Don't miss this opportunity to hear our sisters from the Dakota Presbytery share their culture in stories and songs. Danelle Crawford-McKinney is a pastor in Flandreau, S.D. and her sister, Rogene is a youth coordinator in the Flandreau Indian School. We are very honored to have them with us for the day. We are also pleased to have several of our own women giving a skit. Please give your lunch reservations to Helen on April 4.



Please mark your calendars! The PW will host a **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** on Friday, May 6, 7:00-7:00 and Saturday, May 7, 7:00-3:00. Please bring good, clean, usable items to the church starting on Monday, May 2. We will be setting up during the week. Call Diana Engel at 786-1560 if you are able to help or if you have items that you would like to have picked up.

Confirmation Schedule for April:

6th-7th Grade -

April 6, 6:30 PM—Lenten Worship

April 13, 6:30 PM—Lenten Worship

April 17, 10:00 AM—Palm Sunday Worship

April 21, 6:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Worship

April 24, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM—Easter Sunday
Worship Services

April 27, 5:00 PM—Community Dinner—
6th grade assist (7th in craft room)

Youth Group

April Schedule:

The Youth Group is attending the Soup Suppers/Lenten Bible studies together.

Please remember to bring your
New Testament workbooks
to the Bible Studies.



Thank you!

Thank you to Rita Thompson who crocheted two beautiful shawls for Gundersen Lutheran Hospice. If anyone else would like to make shawls contact Helen at 786-0856 for directions.



HYMNALS: Worship & Music are ordering more Celebration Hymnals. Anyone wishing to purchase and donate a hymnal in honor, celebration or memory of a loved one, please contact Holly at the church office (786-0910, Sherry Bonsall (786-1280) or Jane Foner (783-4046) from Worship & Music. The hymnals will be \$10 each.

Campers & parents!!!



In spite of the recent snowfall, summer really will be upon us before we know it, so it is once again time to check out summer Bible camps. As in the past, the Christian Education committee has limited scholarship money available for campers, so please let us know by the end of April the specifics of your particular camp, (ie where, when, how much, etc). At our committee meeting in May, (some camps have early registration deadlines), we will review the requests for funds and determine how much can be allotted to each camper based on the number of children applying. As in years past, we may ask your camper to give a very brief overview of their camping experience to the congregation in the fall. If you are unfamiliar with camps in the region, listed below are several that have served our youth over the years. Their websites show activities, dates, prices, directions, etc.



If you need further information, please contact Pastor Larry or anyone on the Christian Education committee. Thanks!

www.lxbc.org	Living Waters Bible Camp	Westby, WI – 35 miles, 40 minutes
www.sugarcreekbiblecamo.org	Sugar Creek Bible Camp	Ferryville, WI – 51 miles 1hr
www.villagecreek.net	Village Creek Bible Camp	Lansing, IA – 50 miles 1 hr
www.campwyoming.net	Camp Wyoming	Wyoming, IA – 175 miles 3.5 hours
www.abcamp.org	Arrowhead Bible Camp	New Auburn, WI – 125 miles, 2 hours
www.fortwilderness.com	Fort Wilderness	McNaughton, WI – 233 miles, 3.5hrs



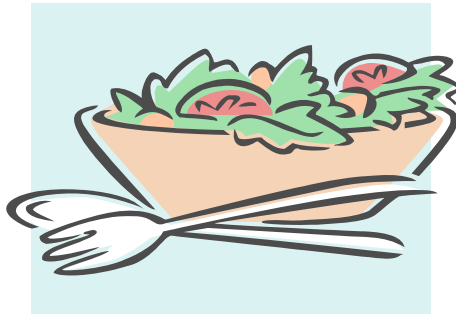
MOBILE MEALS

After 36 years of service to West Salem's homebound residents, Mobile Meals has decided to disband May 1, 2011. Our final scheduled delivery week is April 4th through the 8th.

We would like to thank everyone who has participated in this program since its inception in 1975 as well as Mulder Healthcare who prepared all the meals. Through your unselfish service, hundreds of elderly and handicapped citizens were able to reside in their own homes for longer periods of time.

Thanks to everyone!

Spring Salad Luncheon



Wednesday ~ April 6, 2011

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tickets available at the door.

Adults ~ \$8, Children 6 -10 ~ \$2,

Children 5 & under ~ free

- Carryouts available
- 4 serving lines for fast service
- Handicap Accessible

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625 W Franklin Street

(1 block south of Highway 16 behind Hansen's IGA)

Everyone is welcome!

Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

April 30, 2011

6:00 PM

The Entertainment:

Skits and Songs celebrating the days when
Riverboats and Rafts ruled the Mississippi

Serving:

Grilled turkey, potatoes and dressing,
vegetable, Jello, dinner rolls, coffee, punch
and man-made cake

Tickets: Adults—\$7.00; Children 6-12—\$4.00;
5 & under—Free

Please pick-up a flyer at church to purchase tickets.



PATHWAYS

The Wednesday Lenten services continue to include a bible study, special music, and crafts for kids. Many people have enjoyed sharing thoughts about how the scripture applies to our church today, and some prefer just to listen in. It's an important time for us to fellowship together.

Soon you'll be hearing the next Pathways activity that reviews history of the Presbyterian Church of West Salem up to current day. This part of our journey will take us through Spring and Summer. Listen for ways to be involved!



Holy Week

April 17—Palm Sunday, Sunday School Children will sing

April 21—Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM Service

No Worship Service on Good Friday

Easter Sunday—April 24

8:00 AM—Early Worship, Handbells playing

10:00 AM—Festival Worship, Adult Choir singing



Flowers for Easter morning

Do you want to contribute flowers to beautify the sanctuary on Easter morning? We would gladly display them! Would you like them to be “in honor of, in memory of, or in celebration of” someone special? You need to let Holly know by Monday April 18, at 786-0910, if you would like them listed in the bulletin. When the services are done, please take your flowers home to enjoy. We would like to keep the number of Easter lilies at a minimum due to the fact that there are people that are allergic to them.

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Greg Haugen

LITURGISTS

3—Howard Garves
10—Todd Kleiner
17—John Schmaltz
24—Tracey Rogers

NURSERY CARE

3—Matthew Schnitzler
10—Lydia Sells
17—Chase Aleckson
24—Lindsey Buehler

* with a Parent/Guardian/Adult,
over 25, accompanying them

ACOLYTES

3—Noah Reynolds & Ryan Beirne
10—Sam Cvikota & Brendan Holt
17—Dylan Noel & Grant Bohnsack
24—Katrina Houser & Mariah Terry

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Worship & Music Committee

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Marie Haugen

Congratulations go out to:

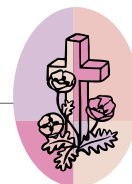
Jane Wines as she welcomed a new granddaughter,
Nora Kathleen Parsneau, on February 20!
Parents are Jeremy & Erica Parsneau
and big sister Haley.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...the family of Verna Raymer on her death, March 8.

...Kathy Anderson and family on the death of her sister, Judy Lachman, March 14.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1-Apr Jamie Holt, Bethany Saarem, Anne Galbraith
2-Apr Cindy Bergh, Jackie Siekert, Alayna Aleckson
7-Apr Joan Beebe, Mary Griffin, Todd Kleiner, Mike Turgeon
8-Apr Sally Baumgart, Joan Brown
10-Apr Samuel Horton, Brooke Hauser
11-Apr Kevin Zoerb, Michael Reedy
13-Apr Scott Horton
14-Apr Daniel Sweet
15-Apr Rick Brown, Brianna Holt
17-Apr Fred Otto, Susan Hicks
18-Apr David Griffin, Laura Lusk
19-Apr Bob Eggen, Erik Onsrud, William Onsrud,
Grace Onsrud, Linda Levendoski

20-Apr Lynn Reedy
21-Apr Pat Meyer
22-Apr Kim Garves
23-Apr Erika Crusan, Matthew Huston, Adrian Rice,
Kari Schuster
26-Apr Rachel Brummond
27-Apr Jeff Betsinger, Devin Carlson, Steve Anderson,
Kim Faas
28-Apr Walter Balmer, Tim Rogers, Lydia Sells
29-Apr Jamie Betsinger
30-Apr Dave Arndt

