



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Y'ALL COME to COWBOY CHURCH!

Time fer ya all to dust off yer boots, get out yer flannel shirts, jeans, and bandana's and mosey on down to Cowboy Church the first three weeks in August.

AUGUST 7TH THEME - *PIONEERS OF FAITH:*

The Bluegrass/Gospel group known as "Highway 52" will be leading worship.
Get ready for a toe-tappin', foot stompin' good time

AUGUST 14TH THEME –

GOLD RUSH- DISCOVERING THE ROCK OF AGES:

Our Vacation Bible School Kids will lead us in worship.
Everyone is invited to a **COWBOY LUNCH** after worship – Free will offering accepted.

AUGUST 21ST THEME – *RIDE 'EM, ROPE 'EM, BRAND 'EM, CORRAL 'EM:*

After worship we will head to Viroqua for a routin', tootin' good time at Wild West Days!



V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L



Coming Soon: Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is set for Aug. 8th-12th 6:00pm-8:30pm. The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is "*Discovering the Rock of Ages, Gold Rush!*" All children entering PreK through 5th grade are welcome to this free event. We will be providing supper for the children.

We are also looking for helpers. We will need teachers, crafters, game leaders and cooks. If you can help please call or email Becca Bohnsack at 786-0333, dbbohnsack@centurytel.net or let a Christian Education Committee member know.

June 2011 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance June 1st	(\$3,174.82)
Receipts	8,955.73
Expenses	(11,470.96)
Balance June 30th	(\$5,690.05)



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

Thank you!

What is What

What is? Now isn't that a question. What is safe? What is right? What is good? What is funny? It seems like anyone of those questions could be answered in multiple ways depending on your point of view.

I thought my e-mail security kept me safe until it was hacked and someone sent out two web addresses from my e-mail address., strike one Now my box is filled with people asking me what is this?

I thought people would know I don't send out web addresses, strike two. I was wrong I had many comment on not being able to access the web site. I thought it was good not to place more unnecessary information into people's e-mail boxes so I said nothing until the second e-mail was sent. Strike 3, so I sent out my real first e-mail to say I'm sorry for the confusion.

Maybe the funny thing is someone trying to get us into their scheme (whatever it is) and what they got me to do was rethink family and friends and how important they truly are. We want them by our side, we want their support, we want to make their lives better, but we don't want to cause conflict or problems.

So to all of you who have had to deal with my e-mail problems, I'm sorry and thank you for putting up with me. To all of you who read this little message know you are loved, you are prayed for, you are indeed special friends and to me that is what is what.

Pastor Larry

Confirmation News

Here we are in the heat of the summer and we are planning our fall confirmation activities. Again this year we are seeking mentors, people will to impart some of their wisdom into the lives of our younger people. Time commitment a couple hours a month set up at a time convenient for both mentor and student. Curriculum is well defined and can be done at your pace. If interested contact Pastor Larry. Space is limited so call today.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION - September 7 at 6:00 p.m.

This is for students entering grades 6-8, their parents and mentors. Please make every effort to attend this important information gathering event.

Hats off to:

- Tomi Carlson, Rachael Beaty and Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the July issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our July nursery volunteers: Matthew Schnitzler, Erick Sells, Chase Aleckson and Lindsey Buehler
- our July liturgists: Sue Strauss, Bev Onsrud, Avis Evenson, Jim Beebe and Diana Swim
- the cleaning crew who helped in June and July to make the church sparkle!



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: David Daoust

LITURGISTS

7—Holly Kleiner
14—VBS kids
21—Anne Galbraith
28—Faith Zoerb

NURSERY CARE

7—Jacob Cvikota
14—Brennan Gress
21—Kathryn Ebert
28—Grace Griffin

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

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Christian Education Committee

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Marie Haugen



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Beth Hinck, Joan Gullickson, Evan Noel
- 2—Greg Haugen, Trevor Trautsch
- 4—Tayler Garves, Rose Lee
- 5—Justine Griffin
- 7—Kiernan Steiner, Sue Raymer
- 8—Jamie Schmidt, David Seeger, Chris Severson, Abby Turgeon
- 10—Maynard Carlson
- 11—Kandi Holt, Beth Schmidt, Aaron Tourville
- 14—Sharon Cullmann, Diana Swim, Hannah Johnson
- 15—Patricia Hall, Jon Jones
- 17—Carissa Hass, Gregory Thompson
- 18—Laurie Knoll
- 19—Tom Bonsall, Ron Seeger
- 20—Ethel Achterkirch, Cooper Calvetti
- 21—Greg Baker, Aaron Wessel, Kevin Kelley
- 22—Holly Kleiner
- 23—Ryan Beirne, Heather Brown
- 24—Marion Fried, Claudia Olson
- 25—Dane Bohnsack
- 27—Alexander Wuensch
- 28—Jessica Noel
- 29—Kim Sweet
- 30—Gary Willinger



Congratulations on the weddings of:

Michael & Jennifer Lang
married on July 15th
and
Jason & Candace Pratt
married on July 16th
and
Jacob & Kelsie Miller
married on July 23

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Teresa Schnitzler and family on the death of her mom, July 4th.

...Elinor Johnston on the death of her sister on July 11.

...the family of Ervin Kroll on his death July 24 and Memorial service held July 27.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Parenting Bible Study. Meeting on Sundays, once a month, from 4:00-5:15 at Rose & Dan Wolbrink. Call 799-2721 for more information.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Friday, August 19th from 12:30-5:30 PM. Call Connie Blunck for an appointment at 786-0684.



Please mark your calendars! The PW will host a **FALL RUMMAGE SALE** on Friday, September 9, 7:00-7:00 and Saturday, September 10, 7:00-3:00. 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.



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in Orlando, Florida, July 18-22, 2012

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Change Service Requested

Looking Ahead:

- **August 7th, 14th & 21st—Cowboy Church**
- **Vacation Bible School—August 8th-12th— “Discovering the Rock of Ages, Gold Rush!”**
- **August 14th—Cowboy Lunch; August 21st—Wild West Days, Viroqua**
 - **August 19th—Red Cross Blood Drive**
 - **September 7, 6:00 pm—Confirmation Orientation**
 - **September 11th—Rally Sunday!**



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