



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## Coming Soon: Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is set for Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, [dbbohn-sack@centurytel.net](mailto:dbbohn-sack@centurytel.net) or let a Christian Education Committee member know.

## Summer Special Music



Are you good at sharing? We all try to teach our children the value of sharing. So how about sharing your musical talent with the rest of us?!? If God blesses you with talent, His intent was for you to share with the rest of us not so blessed. We really would appreciate having you add to our service of Worship. Sherry is threatening that she & Jane will sing, trust me you do NOT want that to happen!!! There is a sign up sheet by the kiosk in Fellowship Hall and you will see that there are many open dates. Thanks so much for your consideration and help.

The Worship & Music Committee

## Please Help Solve This Mystery



It was noted when setting up for the Community Dinner that we were short of tables. Upon counting the new, brown, Mity-Lite tables, we found we were four tables short. We waited a month hoping the tables would somehow reappear. Technically these tables are not loaned out. If you have any knowledge as to the whereabouts of these four tables, help us solve the mystery.

Summer Secretary Office hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## June 2011 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance June 1st	(\$1,323.98)
Receipts	12,039.83
Expenses	(13,890.67)
<b>Balance June 30th</b>	<b>(\$3,174.82)</b>



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

*Thank you!*

### Highlights from Session:

- Sim Sound from Winona MN came and made a video / audio presentation to the session. As we plan for the future we are looking into the use of electronics that will make this ministry more encouraging to all people.
- Pathways made a report to session concerning the upcoming Conference on the Past September 11. Discussion was held concerning the timeline for the fellowship hall and words were expressed as to the hope of all having a story to tell of what this church has meant to them in the past.
- The session voted to participate in the Kwik Trip Scrip program. We purchase the card at a 10% off face value, sell the cards at face value to our congregation and retain the profit. Session will use investment money as start up money, paying the invest account back as profit starts to accrue. When investment account has been totally reimbursed the profit will go toward normal operating budget. Please consider helping the church out if you buy Kwik Trip gas or food. Check the entryway table in the weeks to come.
- Session addressed a letter written to them concerning the usage of church and loaning of church materials. Building and Grounds committee will be working on a proposal to eliminate confusion and heighten accountability for this place of worship.
- August will be Western Month here at the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. The first three Sunday we will worship "westernlike", have Vacation Bible School August 8-12 "Gold Rush, Discovering the Rock of Ages" with a western lunch on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> and the youth making a presentation and finally culminating with a trip (by motorcoach hopefully) to Viroqua on August 21 for Western Days. Check elsewhere for more information.
- Session voted to reseal and stripe the parking.

### Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles, Beth Hinck, Rachael Beaty and Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the June issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our June nursery volunteers: Alex Galbraith, Brianna Holt, Laura Kelley & Sean Horton
- our June liturgists: Lill Twining, Helen Harold, Lois Elliott & Todd Kleiner



### *From the office of Ken Meunier, Executive Presbyter*

Our John Knox Presbytery has joined in partnership with the Northern Waters Presbytery and the Igreja Evangelica Presbiteriana de Portugal (IEPP). Northern Waters joined the partnership in 2003. Since that time they have traveled to Portugal, met the people of the IEPP, shared stories and exchanged prayer requests. The history of the Portuguese people is one of persecution and poverty. In the summer of 2010, Northern Waters invited John Knox to join with them in partnership. This opportunity will be one of learning about each other and becoming partners in prayer. It is an exciting time to learn of our friends in Portugal.

## A ♫ FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

As I was pondering what to write about this month, and procrastinating, I realized that as I write this it is the first day of SUMMER! For some reason I entertain more in the summer – maybe because it's so easy to throw something on the grill and have people gather on the deck to eat and fellowship. For me summer means hanging out at the cabin, fishing, campfires, camping, vacation, and some things I don't enjoy quite so much – like mowing and weeding!

I remember hearing the story about the time Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went camping. They were laying there and staring up at the stars, and Sherlock asked, 'Watson, what does this beautiful sight mean to you? What can we learn from this?' Well, Watson thought about it as hard as he could and, finally, he said, 'Well, Holmes, it means we are all just insignificant dots in a larger whole, and that even though the universe may be unfathomable, there is a larger plan,' and this and that, on and on, until he was so confused he didn't know what to think. Finally, Watson gave up and said, 'What do you think the beautiful sight of these stars means? Holmes?" Holmes replied, "Elementary my dear Watson, it means somebody stole our tent!"

Summer is a time to kick back and thank God for all the sights, sounds, smells and activity this season brings us. It is a time to vacation and enjoy family and friends on many adventures! Wherever you journey this summer, I encourage you to keep one eye on what's happening here at church and come and join in our summer fun. Look for details on a Mini-golf tourney, church clean-up day, Vacation Bible School, Western theme worship in August, Cowboy lunch, bus trip to Viroqua for Wild West Days. Come and share your stories about the history of this congregation and add your pictures and notes to the timeline as we prepare for our Conference on the Past! Our Community Dinners continue throughout the summer as well on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month – come and help out or just come and eat and fellowship!

As you enjoy the summer remember that this church is a lot like one of my favorite summer stops - Dairy Queen, cuz I know you'll LOVE our SUNDAYS!

If you are home on Sundays, come check us out,

Pastor Stephanie



**The Buildings and Grounds Committee scheduled a Saturday Brat and Pork Chop sandwich sale at Hansen's IGA on May 28, 2011.** We had a very lovely day as far as weather was concerned and sold many brats and pork chop sandwiches. Our profit was \$500.58 which went into our "flower fund". In the past, this fund has bought weed killer for our lawn, tulip bulbs, and flowers. This year we purchased 15 Red Branch Dogwoods that will grow to become a living fence along the southeast corner of our church property.

## Mark Your Calendars

Please mark your calendars for our next **All-Church-Cleaning Day**, Saturday, July 9, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. All supplies will be provided. We need you! It is easy and for the most part, fun.

## **JULY VOLUNTEERS**

**HEAD USHER:** David Daoust

**LITURGISTS**

- 3—Sue Strauss
- 10—Bev Onsrud
- 17—Avis Evenson
- 24—Jim Beebe
- 31—Diana Swim

**NURSERY CARE**

- 3—Kevin Kelley
  - 10—Matthew Schnitzler
  - 17—Lydia Sells
  - 24—Chase Aleckson
  - 31—Lindsey Buehler
- \* with a Parent/Guardian/Adult,  
over 25, accompanying them

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up):**

**Membership & Evangelism**

**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Marie Haugen

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended  
to:**

...Terry Miller and family on the death  
of her brother, Tim Hundt, June 15.

...Kristjan Sells and family on the  
death of his sister-in-law, Lory Sells,  
June 19.



Congratulations on these new additions:



Terry & Jenny Loging & Gavin  
welcomed Byrnn Ava  
May 28!  
Mike & Shanna (Servais) Roe  
welcomed Paxton Robert  
June 8!



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Sue Strauss, Mary Klos
- 3—Ben Baker, Tim Fladhammer , Regan Koonce
- 4—Debra Killian, Connor Dunn
- 5—Jaime Daoust, Autumn Schuster
- 6—Claire Sweet
- 7—Ann Baker
- 8—Jim Mayer
- 10—Brian Meyer, Chris Winther, Carrie Olson  
Jadon Van Der Nest, Charlotte Van Der Nest
- 11—Eric Burdick
- 12—Kris Seeger
- 13—Jordan Beirne, Trent Hauser, Noah Reynolds,  
Dylan Noel, Drew Kreibich
- 14—Colton Meyer
- 15—Marti Haugen
- 16—Chase Jones
- 18—Millie Evans, Dani Seeger, Michael Thompson
- 20—Bob Bahr
- 21—Michael Gullickson, Michael Servais
- 22—Sherry Bonsall, Sarah Jackson
- 23—Zachary Martin, Philip Schmidt
- 24—John Achterkirch
- 25—Kelly Crusan, Matthew Johnson
- 27—Conrad Miller
- 28—Jim Olson
- 30—Lisa Betsinger, James Trautsch, Lisa Eggen, Shelby Knaack
- 31—Roger Auna, Jeanne Meyer, Paul Raymer, Anna Bohnsack,  
Alan Schedin



**Just for Kids answer:**

God's Kingdom

## PW Meeting

PW luncheon meeting was held Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the West Salem Tourist Center. This building was the Lewis family home, and is an octagon shaped house that was moved in from a different location. Tours of the very interesting house were taken. The rooms are unique shapes, the upstairs had original furniture, and had a wonderful view of the lake.



After enjoying a potluck lunch, Helen thanked hostesses, Avis Evenson and Jane Wines. The Least Coin Offering was taken followed by a brief business meeting.

In response to a request from Mary Kate Brummond, PW will make a \$100 donation to the fund for her mission trip to Mexico this summer. This donation will help cover the cost of transportation, lodging, or the raw materials needed for building a house.

Announcements: September 20 - Fall Workshop in Maynard, IA

September 22 - Fall Workshop in Baraboo, WI

September 28 - Bible study on Beatitudes at 1 p.m.

“Piecing Earth Together” was about Earth Day, how we can and are helping our environment, along with songs and readings.

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**WANTED/NEEDED!** Bev Onsrud has been the church historian for years and believes it is about time for the next historian to be found. If you have an interest in keeping up the history of the Presbyterian Church of West Salem please let yourself be known to a member of the session.

**ORGAN RECITALS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH,**  
5250 Justin Road, La Crosse, WI (website for driving and parking directions: [www.guadalupeshrine.org](http://www.guadalupeshrine.org))  
All recitals are AT 3:00 pm and are ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS. Schedule is as follows:

July 10, Delbert Disselhorst, Professor Emeritus of Organ, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

July 24, Christopher Stroh, Principal Organist, The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, Minnesota

August 14, Patrick Burkhardt, Director of Sacred Music and Organist, Saint Peter Catholic Church,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

August 28, Dean Whiteway, Organist Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin

The organ is a three-manual mechanical instrument built by the Noack Organ Company of Georgetown, Massachusetts. It has 54 ranks of pipes. Be sure to allow time for traveling, parking and walking the half mile to the church.

### 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 Bon-sall (786-1280) or Jane Foner (783-4046) from Worship & Music. The hymnals will be \$10 each.



**Summer Worship hours will remain**

**the same June-August.**

**Please join us for**

**9:30AM Fellowship &**

**10:00 AM Worship**

Dear Congregational members and friends,

The Olson family would like to thank you for the prayers and the generous gifts you have offered to us following Hannah's recent hospitalization. We are indeed blessed to have such a caring group of people surround us with love and compassion. Thank you again and we continue to ask for your prayers for Hannah's health.

Larry, Claudia and Hannah

## Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program

The church has decided to participate in the Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program. We will be selling Kwik Trip Cards in various denominations. We will purchase the cards from Kwik Trip for 90% of their face value, giving the church a profit of about 10% on each card sold. The cards can only be used at Kwik Trip and its affiliates. The cards can be purchased as gifts, but it is felt that, if one is going to buy gas, coffee, or other items at Kwik Trip, you could do so using one of these cards and give the church some additional money. We will use the extra money to bolster our operating budget which needs a little help.



## Community Dinner



The Presbyterian Church Community Dinner began in January 2006 and before the year is out, we will have served over 10,000 people. The support we have received from members of this church and the community is simply amazing. We are blessed to have so many members bring food and milk each month along with numerous others donating their time in preparing, serving and cleanup. All the work that goes into this dinner is justified when we hear expressions of gratefulness from those in and around the community. It has been our great fortune to get connected with the Hunger Task Force and because of this connection we are able to provide a good meal for little cost to our church. We do however regularly purchase coffee, dessert plates and napkins along with miscellaneous food items to make a meal complete. Our average monthly expenditure comes to a little less than \$30.00 a month. We are looking into purchasing cases of plates and napkins to reduce our cost but our current dilemma is our balance in our dinner fund is down to \$22.74. We have taken great pride in providing a good meal with limited resources and find it unfortunate we have to ask members who already have given so much to give a little more but in order to provide the basics, we need to do so. We realize times are tough for many so all we ask is for any small donation you can spare and we assure you we will continue to be conservative with our spending. Thanks again for all you do.

Community Dinner Committee

## PATHWAYS

### Conference on the Past

The next journey for the Presbyterian Church of West Salem will take us through the church's history. Please share your stories, memories, and experiences of the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. Scribes will be available in the fellowship hall before church service on Sundays throughout the summer to gather your memories. Or you can write down your memories and drop them off with a scribe, pastor, or Pathways member anytime. Our journey continues throughout the summer with a congregational conference on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> called the Conference on the Past.



### Cowboy Lunch

Come join in on a hearty Cowboy Lunch following worship on Sunday, August 14th. The meal will be a free will offering to help defray cost of travel to the Wild West Days in Viroqua on Sunday, August 21st.

*August 7, 14 & 21—Cowboy Church—pull out your cowboy regalia*



### Parenting Class

Interested in a parenting class? Dan & Rose Wolbrink will be hosting a DVD series on effective Christian parenting, once a month, beginning July 24th, from 4:00-5:30 PM. Child care will be available at their home. If interested or need more information please call the Wolbrink's at either (608) 799-2696 or (608) 799-2721.