



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## Join us in Promoting Vacation Bible School!



The Christian Education Committee will be having a float in the June Dairy Days Parade June 4<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is "*Discovering the Rock of Ages, Gold Rush!*" (Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-8:30pm). We invite anyone who would like to walk with us (5<sup>th</sup> grade and under with a parent) to dress as a miner or cowboy and help us pass out "Gold" invitations to Vacation Bible School.

We will be making decorations for the float Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall at the church. We will decorate the float at 10:00am June 4<sup>th</sup> in front of the church and walk to our place in the parade lineup. The parade starts at noon.

If you can help with any or all of these activities please call or email Becca Bohnsack at 786-0333, [dbbohnsack@centurytel.net](mailto:dbbohnsack@centurytel.net) or let a Christian Education Committee member know.

## PENTECOST: "So I Send You" (John 20:21)



At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible. The Pentecost Offering is one of the four annual church wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through Pentecost Offering gifts, we bring God's transforming love to children at risk. We help guide and nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program.

Forty percent of the Offering stays in our own congregation to support children-at-risk ministries of our choice. The remainder of the Offering receipts will be sent to the General Assembly Mission Council to support other programs that minister to youth and young adults and advocate for children-at-risk.

This year's theme, "So I Send You" (John 20:21), reminds us that as Jesus was sent by God to heal a hurting world, we, too, are called to that same task. We are called to act on the basis of faith. Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world. Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering on June 12.

**\*\*\*Church Clean-up Day—June 11th from 9:00—3:30\*\*\***  
**Supplies provided—just come!**

## April 2011 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance April 1st	(\$2,494.54)
Receipts	16,728.33
Expenses	(15,557.77)
<b>Balance April 30th</b>	<b>(\$1,323.98)</b>



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

*Thank you!*

### Highlights from Session:

- Pathways Committee met with Session to fill us in on Conference on the Past
- Approved participating in Kwik Trip Scrip program
- Church clean-up day—June 11th, 9-3:30 PM
- Approved participating in June Dairy Days Parade June 4th
- 1/2 of OGHS to Japan and 1/2 to Tornado Relief in U.S.

### Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles, Tomi Carlson and Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the May issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our May nursery volunteers: Jacob Cvikota, Brennan Gress, Kathryn Ebert, Grace Griffin & Colin Hass
- our May acolyte volunteers: Connor Dunn, Will Griffin, Alanna Wuensch, Alexis Shaw, Erick Sells, Patrick Zalewski, Logan Aleckson, Grady La Jeunesse, Faith Holt & Alayna Aleckson
- our May liturgists: Charlie Evans, Todd Kleiner, Vickie Bain, Lisa Betsinger & Maraveen Mayer



## PATHWAYS

### Conference on the Past



The next journey for the Presbyterian Church of West Salem will take us through the church's history. History is not the dead past, but the strengths and weaknesses, the people, the stories, the decisions, the concerns that a church body carries from its previous experience. These offer a starting point as well as inspire prayerful reflection about the central questions, "Who do we say we are?" and "What is God calling us to be and do?"

To begin this journey, we are asking the congregation to share stories, memories, thoughts, and experiences that shaped the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. A group of scribes will be gathering and recording this information throughout the summer.

Our journey will begin Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and continues throughout the summer with a congregational conference on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> called the Conference on the Past.

## CHOICES

As May draws to a close and we say congratulations to the graduating seniors I couldn't help but think of all the commencement addresses I've heard over the years. Some very inspirational, some a group of words strung together. All delivered with the idea that these words will make a great difference in someone's life. Here is a little commencement address for all of us who are not graduating this year.

I was picking up my wife Claudia at Goodwill one day, being a little early I walked over to the book section and found the book How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie for a mere 49 cents. I couldn't pass it up seeing I had heard one should read this book. Here is what I learned in a nutshell.

When you want to handle people, don't criticize, condemn nor complain; give honest and sincere appreciation; and arouse in the other person an eager want of what you have.

When you want people to like you remember these 6 things: be genuinely interested in others; smile; remember their name; be a good listener; talk in terms of their interests; and sincerely make them feel important.

Dale Carnegie goes on to teach how to win people to your way of thinking and then how to be a leader. I will refrain from adding a couple more lists to this letter but I will change gears and tell you these words were penned 75 years ago, ancient history to some yet words which are about as current today and they were then.

Let me move to something penned in 1988 All I Really Need to Know I Learned In Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum. In my eyes he gives a similar look at life and influencing others with this list of things we should have learned: share; play fair; don't hit; put things back where you found them; clean up your own mess; say you are sorry; wash your hands before you eat; flush; watch for traffic – hold hands and stick together. Finally he says live by the Golden Rule.

If this isn't enough for you yet, I was thinking what the scriptures tell us: Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And secondly love your neighbors as you love yourself. I would also add forgive as you have been forgiven.

All three of these "lists" make life sound simple but we all must confess life is anything but simple. Life is a bunch of choices each impacting the ones that follow. Only as we learn to choose wisely does life become as simple as these lists might suggest. The problem with this page is I can't tell you how to choose wisely. I can only say I hope as we walk together we might assist each other in choosing as wisely as possible.

*Pastor Larry*



## Summer Special Music



Music and Worship is looking for anyone who would like to do special music for the summer worship services. If you would like to do special music or know of someone else who would like to, please contact Jane Foner (783-4046), Sherry Bonsall (786-1280) or one of the pastors.

## **JUNE VOLUNTEERS**

### **HEAD USHER:**

### **LITURGISTS**

5—Sue Strauss  
12—Helen Harold  
19—Lois Elliott  
26—Todd Kleiner

### **NURSERY CARE**

5—Alex Galbraith  
12—Brianna Holt  
19—Laura Kelley  
26—Sean Horton  
\* with a Parent/Guardian/Adult,  
over 25, accompanying them

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

#### **Finance/Stewardship & Mission**

**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Marie Haugen

### **Just for Kids answer:**

*Answers starting with lower left and  
moving around clockwise: Gad,  
Naphtali, Dan, Benjamin, Levi,  
Issachar, Judah, Zebulun, Reuben,  
Simeon, Asher, Joseph*

*Final Answer: Jacob*

Congratulations on these new babies:

Riley and Nikki Auna welcome new baby,

Brynn Alexandra,

born May 4

Greg & Tina Shaw welcome new grandson,

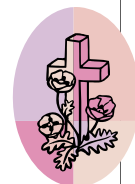
Raja,

born May 5

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

...the Shaw family on the death of  
Desiree, daughter of Greg & Tina  
Shaw, sister of Brittany and Alexis  
and granddaughter of Bob &  
Sharon Shaw.

...the Terry family on the death of Geraldine  
Terry, Ann Terry's mother-in-law.



## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1—Henry Bangsberg  
2—Dawn Trepanier, Brigitta Haugen, Crystal Wuensch,  
Lisa Jones  
3—Addie Tourville  
4—Bre Sweet  
5—Caroline Sells  
6—Donovan Trevaskis  
7—Quentin Wilczynski  
8—Karla Garves, Burton Bangsberg  
9—Karen Willinger  
10—Emily Willinger  
11—Gavin Loging, David Onsrud, Jane Bangsberg,  
Jessie Olson  
13—Brennan Gress, Jane Hunt-Gotisha, Stephanie Sweet,  
Ann Terry, Gail Griswold  
14—Katherine Huston

15—Lois Elliott, Charlie Evans, Mark Harris  
16—Eric Griffin  
17—Gordy Reedy  
19—Mary Kate Brummond, Tim Gress, Fred Miller, Amity Hill  
20—Todd Garves, David Martin, Kristin Trautsch,  
Benjamin Bangsberg  
21—Tom Holven  
22—Loren Indahl  
24—Ralph Onsrud, Julie Harris  
25—Terry Zalewski  
27—Laurie Griffin, Lill Twining, Grant Bohnsack  
28—Brandie Gress  
30—Cole Seeger





## **PW PICNIC at West Salem Tourist Center**

All women are invited to the PW picnic at 11:30 a.m. at the West Salem Tourist Center on highway 16. Hostesses Avis Evenson and Jane Wines will bring paper plates, cups and utensils and furnish coffee. All others are asked to bring a dish to pass. It is suggested that two people go together and bring one dish. Following a short business meeting and receiving an offering for the Least Coin, we will all participate in the program, "Piercing Earth Together". You are invited, also, to tour the center, especially if you have not been there before. The octagon shape of the house makes for interesting rooms and views of the lake. See you there!

## **MOTHER-DAUGHTER-FRIEND BANQUET—April 30**

What a fun evening we had with the men furnishing a delicious dinner and then entertaining us as we sat on the shore of the Mississippi River! Beginning with "Old Man River" sung by Fred Otto, the stage was set for what was to come. The synchronized swimmers who qualified for the olympics were exceptional and with their white feminine looking legs were bound to get a gold medal. The fishing was good as proven by Kristian Sells, but the river captain (Chris Winther) had his hands full with a leaking river boat built by Greg Meeuwssen. Then Larry Olson delivered a fire and brimstone sermon that made us think. Ben Baker with his talented wife, Julie, once again delivered a fantastic evening. We can hardly wait for next year's production!

## **FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN**

The Least Coin offering was begun in 1956 after a woman saw the need in many countries. The money goes to help women and children all around the world who are suffering from health and social issues. The offering will be received at the June PW picnic meeting.

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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.

## **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.



**Summer Worship hours will remain  
the same June-August.**

**Please join us for  
9:30AM Fellowship  
10:00 AM Worship**



The next Red Cross  
Blood Drive  
will be Friday, June 10th  
from 12:30-5:30 PM  
Call Connie Blunck for  
an appointment at 786-0684.

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**Presbytery Day**

**JUNE 24 and/or JUNE 25, 2011**

**Grab your grandchildren!**

**Snatch your nieces and nephews!**

**Gather all your Presbyterian friends!**

**Take hold of your spouse!**

**We're bound for the SPECTACULAR, THRILLING,  
AMAZING, INCREDIBLE,  
FABULOUS, AND FANTASTIC**

**CIRCUS WORLD MUSEUM**

**IN**

**BARABOO, WISCONSIN**

**(Situated along the raging torrents of the Baraboo River)**

**NEVER AGAIN will you experience such absurdly LOW PRICES for a full day of history and entertainment for children of all ages! Food included! Escape to this relaxing world of cotton candy magic and dreams! Experience the treasured friendship of other members of Presbytery! AND even receive a surprising boost to your faith and convictions!!!**

**\*ALL CHURCHES HAVE BROCHURES, INFORMATION SHEETS, AND REGISTRATION FORMS (DUE JUNE 10)**