



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## PW FALL FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 12

It is that time again in which we get out our Christmas cookie recipes and decide what to bake for the cookie sale. Also, think about what craft item you could make for the craft table. The Fall Festival is just around the corner. Let's make this the best one yet!



## “CAN” Sunday: HARVEST FOR HUNGER:

### Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Food Drive

Sunday, October 2

The Hunger Task Force, as an advocate for the 59 area meal sites and food pantries they serve, sponsored a community-wide food drive. The theme of the food drive was: Harvest for Hunger:



Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. We are following up on that food drive with our own - “CAN” Sunday which is being held Sunday, October 2. Please help the West Salem Food Pantry by bringing in non-perishable food.

Food items really needed in the food pantry are: Spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned chicken/tuna, baked beans/pork & beans, ravioli/spaghettiO's, pasta helper meals, pastas (elbow, shells, etc.)

## MID-WEEK WORSHIP

On The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month, beginning October 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering an Alternative Worship service. It will begin at 6:30 pm and last for about 45 minutes.



Pastor Larry and Pastor Stephanie will take turns leading worship on these Wednesdays with the Confirmation Students being the liturgists. Crossroads will lead the music which will be more contemporary in nature. If you are interested in singing with the Crossroads group contact Pastor Stephanie ASAP!



Hope you join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month!

## August 2011 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance August 1st                | (\$3,647.10)        |
| Receipts                          | 9,527.43            |
| Transferred into Operating Budget | 2,500.00            |
| Expenses                          | (12,277.97)         |
| <b>Balance August 31st</b>        | <b>(\$3,897.64)</b> |



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

*Thank you!*

### Highlights from Session:

- Approved “Can” Sunday in October
- Noted Christmas Worship Schedule: Christmas Eve—5:00 PM Family Service; 7:00 PM Festival Worship; Christmas Day—10:00 AM Hymn Sing
- December 11th—Adult choir will perform Celtic Cantata; December 18—Youth Christmas Pageant

### Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles, Beth Hinck, Linda Bahr, Tomi Carlson and Shirley Beaty the October issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our September nursery volunteers: Connor Dunn, Tayler Garves, Braxton Ghelfi & Will Griffin
- our September liturgists: Marcia Kazmark, Becky Auna, Tracey Rogers & Laurie Griffin
- our September acolytes: Alayna Aleckson, Alanna Wuensch, Grant Bohnsack, Noah Reynolds, Laura Burdick & Mariah Terry



### **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 Meeuwsen  
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

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE: **Live, Laugh, Love**

A few weeks ago I was invited to a gathering at one of our church family's homes. As I walked into their living room, my eyes immediately noticed a sign high above the window that stated, "Live, Laugh, Love!" I have a plaque with those words on it in my house, but this wasn't a plaque – the entire family had helped paint it right on the living room wall – it was in big lettering and I discovered it had been there for many years.

As I looked at these 3 simple words etched across about 9 feet of the living room wall with art work from all their kids, a scripture came to mind from Deuteronomy 6:4-9: *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."*

The more I looked at those words, and thought about the people who inhabited that house, I discovered something... they really practice what the sign said. They have a wonderful life together. They travel. They play and they do so many things that if you get a chance to talk to them in private you will come to the conclusion that in that home there is LIFE. In that home there is not a single dull moment. There is always laughter and joy. It feels like it is Christmas year around. The love I got to feel in that particular home had meaning and purpose. Something funny happened, I wanted to stay there. I was one of the last people to leave the gathering. I felt something different, something transforming, and something divine.

As we go through the many ups and downs of our lives we are confronted with our humanity. We have doubts and fears and heartache's and struggles. I think when those difficult times in our lives arise, we need to think of these three simple words, LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE. These words can be reminders to us of what Christianity is all about – to live, to laugh, and to love. As a church, those words are our motto, they are our Gospel, and they are our hope!

So, let's remind ourselves to live, laugh, and love even if we have to write it on our walls or windows. Let's remind ourselves that God calls us to live abundantly, laugh until everyone can hear us, and love like there's no tomorrow! For when we do, we change ourselves for the greater good and inspire others to find the best within themselves. Put these three words somewhere in your home, and may God give you the good fortune to live them out every day of your life!

**LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE,**

Pastor Stephanie



## Fliers to check out on the Kiosk!



- **Vicki Arndt will be conducting "Croptoberfest"**, October 7th from 6PM-11PM and October 8th from 8 AM-8 PM. Fee: \$30 for both days. Join in on this fun filled 2-day cropping event with plenty of time to work on your personal photo albums as well as take advantage of exclusive discounts, product specials and learn about ALL the great memory celebration options offered.
- **Crop Walk**, Sunday, October 9th
- **Bells Coulee Lutheran Church Chicken Dinner**, Sunday, October 16 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.
- **9th Annual West Salem Holiday Craft Show**, Saturday, October, 29 from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM. PLUS—**Pancake Breakfast**, 7:00 AM—10:00 AM sponsored by the West Salem Lions Club. All this at the WS Elementary School.

## **OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS**

**HEAD USHER:** Howard Garves

### **LITURGISTS**

2—Helen Harold  
9—Bev Onsrud  
16—Avis Evenson  
23—Jane Foner  
30—Todd Kleiner

### **NURSERY CARE**

2—Janna Seeger  
9—Erick Sells  
16—Alexis Shaw  
23—Patrick Zalewski  
30—Alex Galbraith

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

**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Marie Haugen

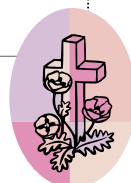
**FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up):** Building & Grounds Committee

### **ACOLYTES**

2—Lauren Garves & Autumn Schuster  
9—Dylan Noel & Brendan Holt  
16—Carissa Hass & Martha Haugen  
23—Sam Horton & Grady LaJeunesse  
30—Josie LaJeunesse & Katrina Houser

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

...the Pastor Olson family on the death of Hannah Joy on September 18.



## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

1-Meghann Reedy  
3-Larry Haverly  
4-Natalie Haverly, Mark Wolf  
5-Diana Engel, Margie Denson, Christina Trevaskis  
6-David Noel  
7-Pat Brummond, Payton Wolf  
8-Helen Harold, Kristjan Sells, Merl Johnson  
10-Clark Burdick, Gwyn Calvetti, Randy Griffin  
11-Vickie Bain, Pete Hass, Jerry Meyer  
14-Jennifer Gilman  
15-Genevieve Haugen, Hannah Reedy  
16-Nick Bonsall  
17-Susan Evans, Terry Loging, Sharon Shaw  
18-David Silbaugh  
19-Lynda Bahr, Cindy Moorhead  
20-Tyler Bain, Heidi Horton  
21-Rachel Winther  
22-Kim Seeger, Ava Schuster  
23-Alec Otto, Sophia Knoll  
25-Scott Griffin, Brittany Bjorkman  
26-Jean Raymer, Christopher Matthews  
27-Paytyn Bonsall, Laura Kelley  
28-Colin Hass  
30-Jaycob Brown  
30-Hannah Kleiner  
31-Joyce Garves, Sue Winterfield

### **Congratulations on the following**

#### **baptisms:**

Hunter David Wagner and  
Brooklynn Ann Wagner  
baptized September 18,  
children of Randy & Stephanie Wagner

### **Congratulations to:**

Nick & Jenna Bonsall family  
who welcome new baby,  
Hayden Grace,  
born September 18



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

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”





**PW Bible Study:** Bible study begins Wednesday, October 5th at 1 p.m. in the room between the offices. Our leader, the author of the study, is very easy to listen to and to understand. She gives us time to discuss while we enjoy coffee and cookies. The Beatitudes are very familiar to us, but you will be surprised by what they meant to the people they were written for and how times may or may not have changed much since. There will be six lessons this fall, each Wednesday through November 9th. Come whenever you can, you will be welcome.

**Fall Workshop:** Six of our women presented a skit at the fall workshop in Baraboo on Sept. 22. The skit interpreted Lesson 1 of the Bible study which was an introduction to the study for those present. Those who performed were Jane Foner, Dorothy Schmaltz, Julie Baker, Nelda Manter, Rita Logging and Helen Harold.

**Fall Rummage Sale:** This has been an outstanding year for our rummage sales. The recent fall sale yielded \$3505, which together with our spring rummage sales' profit of \$5111, has added \$8616 to the Presbyterian Women's account. Our rummage sales are certainly a group effort, and we heartily thank all who have made them such a success. A humongous thank you goes to the chairpersons, Diana and Charles Engel, who worked many hours, both prior to and during the weeks of the sales. We couldn't do it without them!



If you have lost a loved one from November 1, 2010 to present and would like to have them remembered on our  
**All-Saints Sunday, November 6, 2011**  
 please contact the church office



## 2011-2012 CONFIRMATION NEWS

### CONFIRMATION IN OCTOBER: -

- October 5—Class for 7th & 8th graders
- The first Wednesday night Worship service will be October 12th
- October 19th—Class for 7th & 8th graders
- Community Dinner is Wednesday, October 26 from 5:00-6:00. 7th graders and mentors assist with this meal. 6th & 8th graders and mentors in the craft room.

### Fall Festival

In a little over a month it will be Fall Festival time. Do any of our "crafty" members or friends have any items which would be suitable for use as raffle prizes? If you can donate anything, please call Sue Strauss at 786-0758 or let Holly in the Church office know. Thanks a lot for your help!

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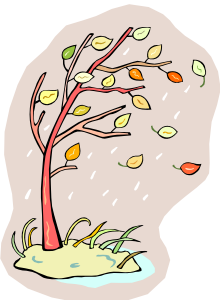
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## **Looking Ahead:**



- *All Saints Sunday—November 6*
- *PW Fall Festival—November 12, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM*
- *Red Cross Blood Drive—November 21*
- *Community Dinner—November 23, 5:00-6:00 PM, followed by  
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

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