



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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RALLY SUNDAY—September 11th

Hey, Everyone!!!!

This year's Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 11th and promises to be incredible!!! (Aren't they always?) This is when we have our Sunday School kick-off, with parents filling out/signing the required forms from 9:30-10:00 during fellowship time and the kids having an awesome time, playing with their friends while learning about God. In addition to the usual activities, this year we'll also have a special presentation from the Pathways Project, celebrating our church's timeline with worship in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served during the presentation, featuring Pot Roast Sandwiches with all the fixings and wrapping up with homemade ice cream. (And the people said YUM!) There will also be old time games to keep the kids entertained in an unplugged manner. (People really COULD have fun before Wii...!!)

So mark your calendars and prepare to be amazed at another

GREAT RALLY SUNDAY!!!!



Hello All!

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
~ Psalm 89:1

The choir will once again be filling the church with wonderful hymns and songs of praise! Rehearsals will begin September 11th at 8:30 am. I encourage all who would like to share God's gift of song with others, to join us! We are a fun easy going group to work with and would love to fill the choir loft on Sunday mornings with lovely smiling faces. So if you are at all, in the least bit interested, please join us for this first rehearsal. The choir will be performing many great songs that you will love to sing! Also if you know anyone who is shy and would need some encouragement, talk to me or any other member of the choir, and we will do our best to persuade them. The time commitment is just Sunday morning practices before church, and the church service. (Additional dates may be added during special church seasons.) If you have additional questions or inquiries, please contact me through email at horstman.sara@uwlax.edu or by phone at 608 498 1802.

Lets make some beautiful music for the LORD!

~ Sarah Horstmann, Church Choir Director

FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11TH:

8:30 AM—Choir Practice

9:30 AM—Fellowship Time

8:45 AM—Sunday School

10:00 AM—Worship begins

July 2011 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance July 1st	(\$5,690.05)
Receipts	12,037.48
Transferred into Operating Budget from Reserve Money	5,000.00
Expenses	(14,994.53)
Balance July 31st	(\$3,647.10)



**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 second video / audio presentation during committee night, the session will look into this at a later date.
- The session voted to move excess from coffee money into the operating budget.
- Kwik Trip Scrip program is off and running, we have about \$400 profit during these first months. Investment money has not been repaid to start up money yet. Please consider helping the church out if you buy Kwik Trip gas or food, purchasing a card will assist the church by 10% of the face value.
- Session approved many usages of the church building one of particular note is that the Rummage Sale scheduled for September 9-10 has been moved to September 16-17. Please make note of this and bring your sale items after September 11. And please consider donating some time with set up, working the rummage sale or the tear down on Saturday afternoon.
- Session voted to have two worship services on Christmas Eve one at 5:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m.

Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles, Beth Hinck, and Tomi Carlson the August issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our August nursery volunteers: Jacob Cvikota, Grace Griffin & Kathryn Ebert
- our August liturgists: Holly Kleiner, Kent Buehler and Faith Zoerb



Monday, September 19th

Calling Leaders of the Church....you are invited to a Pathways Discussion lead by our team coach, Pastor Dave King on **September 19th at 7pm** in Fellowship Hall.

All leaders in the church are invited; Session members, Deacons, and Committee members are especially encouraged to attend. Your input is needed in this discussion to discover and identify how our current church organization is working. The meeting is an opportunity to participate in the Pathways faith journey.

The church is called not only to be faithful, but also to be effective. Not only to discern God's vision, but also to embody it in all of its goals, processes, and structures. It is precisely because of the churches calling and ministry that we must continually be concerned for our organizational life.

The Pathways Team



A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

Well, it's "Back to School" time already. We get to this point and we wonder what in the world happened to summer. With any luck, you were all able to have some down time, or time away – camping, traveling, or just hanging with friends at a much more leisurely pace. Wherever the road led you this summer I hope it was a Road that led you to some kind of peace and hope in your life.

The Bible speaks of life as a road or path that we are called to travel. Here are a few examples of the truths we can find in Scripture about the road of life:

Matthew 7:17, "Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Romans 11:33, "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!"

2 Corinthians 6:3, "We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited."

John 14:6, "Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

According to Scripture, the road of life is narrow, is not easy to find, is sometimes mysterious, teaches us to care for others, and begins with knowing Jesus who is the way to heaven...our ultimate destination.

I don't remember where I read it, but I read an interesting quote about the Road to Hope – I share it with you and encourage you to put it someplace where you can refer back to it – it just might help you on whatever road you travel:

"THE ROAD TO HOPE IS NOT STRAIGHT...THERE IS A CURVE CALLED FAILURE ...A LOOP CALLED CONFUSION...SPEED BUMPS CALLED TRIALS...RED LIGHTS CALLED ENEMIES ...CAUTION LIGHTS CALLED FAMILY...AND FLATS CALLED SUFFERING. BUT...IF I HAVE A TANK FULL OF LOVE...A SPARE CALLED DETERMINATION... AN ENGINE CALLED PERSEVERANCE...INSURANCE CALLED FAITH... MY GPS FIXED ON THE SECOND COMING...AND A DRIVER CALLED JESUS...I WILL MAKE IT TO A PLACE CALLED HEAVEN FILLED WITH HOPE!"

May you find Hope and Peace on the roads you travel,

Pastor Stephanie



ONE TABLE STILL MISSING!



All but one of our Mity-Lite tables have been returned. Please help us locate the one remaining lost table.

Just for Kids answer:

"Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did."

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER

HEAD USHER: Dave Griffin

LITURGISTS

4—Marcia Kazmark
11—Tayler Garves
18—Tracey Rogers
25—Laurie Griffin

NURSERY CARE

4—Connor Dunn
11—Becky Auna
18—Braxton Ghelfi
25—Will Griffin

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

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Helen Harold

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up):

Worship & Music Committee

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Caden Endres
2—Julie Baker
3—Scott Miller
4—Zoe Johnson
5—Dick Calvetti
6—Lloyd Fried, Carol Griffin, Jenny Loging, Maraveen Mayer
8—Ethan Crusan
9—Evan Crusan
11—Betty Marx
12—Nena Reynolds
13—Ashley Martin, Bev Onsrud, Kayla Rogers, Casey Pfaff
14—Ross Auna
16—Emily Winther
18—Brendon Haverly/Ghelfi, Kyle Koenek
19—Braxton Ghelfi, Jacob Servais
20—Sean Hanson, Mathew Sweet
21—Dylan Van Riper, Drew Turgeon
24—Jeffrey Bangsberg, Marcia Kazmark
25—Ben Hauser, Sally Holte
26—Amanda Schaub, Kristin Pfaff
28—Greg Bergh, Lynn Lieder, Ellie Zebell
29—Dorothy Hicks
30—Darren Dunn, Dan Miller

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...the family of Barbara Finn on her death
July 30.

...the family of Howard Raymer on his
death August 9.



Congratulations on the wedding of:

Sarah Winther and Matthew Sweet,
August 13!

Congratulations on the following baptisms:

Brynn Ava Loging, baptized July 31,
daughter of Terry & Jenni Loging,

Adia Grace Burish, baptized August 20,
daughter of Courtney & Angie Burish

Paxton Robert Roe, baptized August 21,
son of Michael & Shanna Roe

New to the Lamplighter!

This new section for the Lamplighter will give people a chance to know what new information is available on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

Please check this section out each month for new fliers that might be of interest to you!

- Building Bridges with Stories, Monday, September 12th
- Are you ready? Emergency Preparedness Fair, Saturday, September 17th
- Vicki Arndt will be conducting "Croptoberfest", October 7th from 6PM-11PM and October 8th from 7 AM-8 PM. Watch for an upcoming flyer.
- Crop Walk, Sunday, October 9th

There are some 1 year olds that need to be given a special Happy Birthday with birthdays from January—July:

Happy Belated 1st Birthday to:

Brooklyn Haverly-Ghelfi—January 21
Dax Pfaff—May 4

Lola Turgeon—January 22
Ayden Schuster—July 13



PW Meeting September 8

Say "Hello" to fall with our PW Dessert meeting on Thursday, September 8 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be emphasizing "Our Mission Dollars" with our focus for the program on the "INCREDIBLE MORINGA TREE". A doctor from Malawi said it was one of the best ways we can give our money as the tree has so many ways it can be used for food and is very nutritious. A 30 minute DVD will show how different parts of the tree, a native of India, can be used to nourish people. We will vote on our mission pledge for 2012 and receive the Thank Offering. Depending on her schedule, Mary Kate Brummond will tell us about her mission trip to Mexico. Vickie Bain and Dorothy Schmaltz are the hostesses. Please join us.

THANK OFFERING

Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have funded aid programs through the Thank Offering. That year, Eliza Clokey challenged members of the Women's General Missionary Society to give one dollar above each member's usual contribution as a "thank offering to her Lord." After more than a century, her vision continues. The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities and lift up the lives of women and children throughout the world. Offering envelopes are in your September Lamplighter and in the chair pockets. Give as you are blessed, offering mercy to others as God is merciful to us.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study will be a bit different this year as our leader is on a DVD. How is that for different? The study is "Confessing the Beatitudes" and takes us to the time in Rome when they were spoken by Jesus so the interpretation in some ways will be new for us as we tend to interpret things according to our time. The leader is easy to listen to, she will say, "Stop the DVD and answer the question, then push "Start" to begin again." I think you will enjoy this change. There are skits to follow each lesson which can be used for review. The bible study begins Wed., Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. in the room between the offices with coffee and cookies to enjoy while you listen and discuss the questions. If you have your PW calendar, notice the study is pushed ahead a week. But beginning Oct. 5 we will meet for six weeks. If some working women would like an evening study I would be more than happy to get you started. What could be easier than having a built in study leader and you could meet in your home. Just call Helen at 0856 if you are interested.

FALL WORKSHOPS at Maynard, IA and Baraboo, WI

International Friendship is the theme for the Fall Workshops to be held at Maynard, IA on September 20 and Baraboo, WI, September 22. The meetings begin at 10 a.m. The speaker at Maynard is Eric Eller from Upper Iowa University. He has taken students to Haiti and is in charge of Micro Loans to women to start their own business. At Baraboo we will hear from students from USSR, Russia, Ukraine and those who study in Dalkeith, Scotland. Lunch reservations need to be made by Sept. 16. Call Helen if you would like to attend either one.

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.



Vacation Bible School was Awesome!

Thank you to all who helped in any and many ways.

Lisa "Cookie" Betsinger, Becca Bohnsack, Sharon Cullmann, Sherry Bonsall, Jamie "Cookie Crumb" Betsinger, Vickie Bain, Marie Merrell, Dave Bohnsack, Melissa Sprain, Jess Noel, Dorothy Schmaltz, Jenny Logging, Janna Seeger, Erica Crusan, Becky Auna, Rachel Auna, Jane Foner, Julie Baker, Pastor Larry, and Pastor Stephanie

The time you put in was greatly appreciated!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE—Change of Date!



picked up.

Please mark your calendars! The PW will host a **FALL RUMMAGE SALE** on Friday, September 16, 7:00-7:00 and Saturday, September 17, 7:00-3:00. Please bring good, clean, usable items to the church starting on Monday, September 12. We will be setting up during the week. If you have perennials you wish to share with others, please bring them for the sale. Call Diana Engel at 786-1560 if you are able to help or if you have items that you would like to have

APPLE PIES



PW will be selling Apple Pies for \$8.00 each. Contact Diana Engel to order your pie or for pick-up of your pie.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER: Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Food Drive



On Saturday, September 10, 2011, the Hunger Task Force, as an advocate for the 59 area meal sites and food pantries we serve, is sponsoring a community-wide food drive. The theme of this food drive is: Harvest for Hunger: Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Our goal is to stock the pantries and meal sites during a period of time when their supplies are the lowest. Please donate non-perishable food items on Saturday, September 10, 2011 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in our church parking lot. Your generous donations will help stock our food pantry and meal site. You can also drop off donations at any of the four area Festival Foods on September 10 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Fall Festival

In a little over two months 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!

“A harvest of justice is sown in peace” (James 3:18)

2011 PEACEMAKING OFFERING

I want to start this note with a big Thank You to all who have given generously to One Great Hour of Sharing and the Pentecost Offering. We have been able to support efforts in Japan as well as in the United States with clean up and personal care following the natural disasters that they have endured. It is very rewarding to know that we have helped out other communities in their time of need as well as helping locally with our portion of the Pentecost Offering by giving a gift to the First Responders to support their work.

Every time our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper there is the opportunity to remember other Christians around the world who are also receiving these gifts of God. But we make a special point of remembering our unity with Christians worldwide on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. It is a day to be mindful of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences.

As Presbyterians, we recognize that Christ taught us to be peacemakers and that being peacemakers is part of being Christ's followers. So when on World Communion Sunday we receive the bread and cup of heaven, we bring our gifts of self, service, and money to be put to work for Christ's peace in the world.

In September the Minutes For Mission will focus on the work done through the Peacemaking Offering which is received on October 2nd. The Peacemaking Offering encourages all parts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work for peace. Each congregation is invited to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. For that reason, our church will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive, and we will decide how best to put this money to work. Another 25 percent will go to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent will go to the General Assembly Mission Council for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 2 as our church celebrates World Communion Sunday and we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Please come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.

2011-2012 CONFIRMATION NEWS



MENTORS NEEDED: Mentors will be needed for 6th grade Confirmation students. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Larry.

CONFIRMATION BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER: Confirmation Orientation for 6-8th graders will be Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 PM. This is for students, parents and mentors. Please plan to attend!

- The first confirmation class for 7th & 8th graders will be Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30-7:30 PM.
- Community Dinner is the following Wednesday, September 28th from 5:00-6:00. (8th graders and mentors assist with this meal.)
- The first Wednesday night Worship service will be October 12th.