



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SUNDAY

Music and Worship would like you to join us for an outdoor service on Sunday, August 15th. The service will be held under the carport if the weather permits. If it is rainy or hot the service will be moved inside. Join us for a fun experience!

FUTURE LAMPLIGHTERS

With the new website we have added the Lamplighters to it so you can view them online. Please take time to look at them on the website. If you are able to access the Lamplighters by the website, would you like to go paperless and not have the Lamplighter sent to you via postal service? If you would like to discontinue receiving the Lamplighters by mail, please call the church office and we will add your name to a list of those not being mailed. The Lamplighters on the website will not offer the Kids page or the monthly calendar but there will be a calendar on a separate page on the website and it will have the same calendar information. Please consider going paperless!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A big **Thank You** goes out to all who helped at the 2010 VBS. It takes many to make something happen and this year these people made VBS happen: Patty Hall, Julie Baker, Melissa Sprain, Dorothy Schmaltz, Becca Bohnsack, Mary Kate Brummond, Diana Engel (PW) and the Christian Education Committee. *Thank you for what you were able to do!*



FIRST HALF OF 2010 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for the first half of 2010 were available at church for a couple weeks and then sent out to homes on July 21. If your last name begins with L or M and did not find a contribution statement in the box at church or never received one in the mail and you feel you should have received one, please call the church office and one will be printed off and sent to you. Due to a printer error some statements did not print. *Thank you!*

June 2010 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance June 1st	(\$ 496.06)
Receipts	9,519.00
Expenses	(10,241.35)
Balance June 30th	(\$1,218.41)



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

FOOD PANTRY NEED: Our local Food Pantry is well supplied with most foods, just canned fruit and baked beans are low. I will be setting the schedule for next year, so if you would like to give two hours of your time twice during the year please let me know soon. The work hours are 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday mornings with holidays exempt. A HUGE thank you goes to those who are working and those who have worked in the past. Helen Harold, 786-0856

LOOKING INTO ADOPTION? Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Inc. has child welfare relationships in a number of world regions, including Russia and the Philippines. At this time, over 200 children from these programs are waiting to be adopted by loving individuals and families. They are of all ages and some have special needs.

Over the years, LSS has placed thousands of children through the gift of adoption, and now find themselves in the rare position of having more children than families. Do you know of an individual or family that would be interested in opening their hearts and homes to a child? We need loving parents for these wonderful children!

For information on the procedures, costs and timelines of international adoption, please speak to one of the pastors or call LSS at (608) 788-5090.

Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles, Beth Hinck, Tomi Carlson & Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the July issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our July nursery volunteers: Lindsey Buehler, Lydia Sells, Sean Horton and Kathryn Ebert
- our July liturgists: Bob Harold, Lois Elliott, Marcia Kazmark and Becky Auna



Elders

Class of 2010

Sue Strauss
Ray Ebert
Charlie Evans
Sharon Cullmann
Rachel Auna (Youth Elder)
Ethan Sells (Youth Elder)

Class of 2011

Jane Foner
Sherry Bonsall
Brian Lusk
Kevin Zoerb

Class of 2012

Mike Siekert
Ann Terry
Marcia Kazmark
Lisa Betsinger

Deacons

Class of 2010 Georgia Motes, Bev Onsrud, Ellie Zebell, Camille Lusk, Vickie Holt

Class of 2011 Helen Harold, Barb Reynolds, Amy Silbaugh, Joyce Garves, Howard Garves

A Note from Pastor Larry:

Where I Spend My Time

As a young person I started listening to Christian Rock music. One band called the Imperials had a song title "Old Man's Rabble" the lyrics have colored my thoughts for more than 30 years. Here are some of those lyrics:

Are you listening to an old man's rabble? Are you listening to the father of lies? If you are, you're headed for trouble. If you listen too long you'll eventually die.

Are you walking with unnecessary burdens, are you trying to care for them all by yourself? If you are then you're living in bondage and you know that's bad for your spiritual health.

Are you trying to live by your emotions? Are you putting your faith in what you feel and see? Then you're living just to satisfy your passions and you'd better be careful for your being deceived.

Are you puzzled by the way you've been behaving? Do you want to know why you do the things you do? Are you troubled by your lack of resistance? Do you feel like someone's got a hold on you?

Well deep within you there's a spiritual battle. There's a voice of the darkness and a voice of the light. Just by listening you've made your decision. Cause the voice you hear is going to win the fight.

This past week I began to think about the number of hours we have with your children in order to make a lasting and positive impact in their lives. One hour if they come to worship and two hours if they come to worship and Sunday School. Compare that with the school system that has your children about 35 hours a week or the television that can be on almost indefinitely.

We need your help and you need our help to train our children in the way they should go. So when they have some of these questions the Imperials placed before us they know what voice to listen to.

Therefore if you believe teaching children the path of Jesus is important and want to share in that ministry with us or if you would like to be a mentor to our pre-confirmation class and confirmation class students this fall and into the spring tell someone from Christian Education or one of the pastors. Ideally it is God who impresses upon our lives to help lead our young people. So if God is working in your life to make a difference let us know and we will find a place for you.

The main question for this article is where do I spend my time and what am I putting into our hearts and minds? Consider it and consider what God is calling for you to do, is all I ask.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Larry



If you were in church on July 18th you would have seen four members of the military in worship. These four men were deployed to Afghanistan on July 22 but had the morning off on the 18th and came to our church. Below you will find emails for each of the four who were here. If you have time to send them a message or would like to be in contact with someone overseas, please think of them and do send them a quick "Hello" or any message.

Eliezer Gabriel: eagabriel00@yahoo.com

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Shane Ross: Shane.ross@navy.mil

Daniel E. Link: Daniel.e.link@usarmy.mil

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Ted Yankee

LITURGISTS

- 1—Sue Strauss
- 8—Bev Onsrud
- 15—Avis Evenson
- 22—Jim Beebe
- 29—Diana Swim

NURSERY CARE

- 1—Matthew Schnitzler
 - 8—Chase Aleckson
 - 15—Colin Hass
 - 22—Brennan Gress
 - 29—Grace Griffin
- * with a Parent/Guardian/Adult,
over 25, accompanying them

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Marie Haugen

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Finance and Stewardship & Mission



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Beth Hinck, Joan Gullickson, Evan Noel
- 2—Greg Haugen, Trevor Trautsch,
Edgar Zellmer, Brennan Sullivan
- 4—Tayler Garves
- 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
- 17—Carissa Hass, Gregory Thompson
- 18—Laurie Knoll
- 19—Tom Bonsall, Ron Seeger, Taylor Sandhoefner

- 20—Ethel Achterkirch, Cooper Calvetti
- 21—Greg Baker, Aaron Wessel,
Austin Schindler, Kevin Kelley
- 22—Chelsea Gronning, Holly Kleiner
- 23—Ryan Beirne, Heather Brown, A'Marie Ehlo-Harris
- 24—Marion Fried, Claudia Olson
- 25—Dane Bohnsack
- 26—Megan Rank
- 28—Nicole Jandro, Jessica Noel
- 29—Kim Sweet
- 30—Gary Willinger
- 31—Steven Schindler



Congratulations to
Randy Wagner and Stephanie Hicks
as they were married on July 30
and
Morris Harris and Amy Ehlo
as they were married on
July 31



Congratulation to:

Kyle and Kari Schuster
on their new arrival
Ayden John Schuster
on July 13!



Just for Kids answer: ant, flies, gnat,
bees, worms, locust, grasshopper,
hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider,
katydid, cricket



Sunday School Kick-off Sunday!

**Join us Sunday, September 12
for sign-up for 2010-2011 Sunday School!**

**Registration before Worship
After Worship there will be:**

**Games
Food/Tailgating
And lots of FUN!**

Teachers will be needed!

