



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## ANNUAL MEETING

Each year we gather together to review where we have been as a congregation and chart our course for the new year and the future. You are encouraged to attend our annual meeting on **Sunday, February 7, 2010** immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. We hope to see you there!

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## LENTEN SEASON IS DRAWING NEAR!



**Ash Wednesday Service** Feb. 17 6:30 PM (Worship only no meal)

**Lenten Soup suppers and services**

The Community Dinner coincides with the first and last date for our traditional soup suppers. We will have those dinners as scheduled. The first three Wednesdays of March we will have soup suppers. Soup will be served from 5:00 to 6:15 PM with the worship service at 6:30. Please plan to join in this special time to spend with your church family. Pastors Stephanie & Larry are planning some special surprises for us during Lent.

### Bread needed!

It has been so delicious having different breads brought to share at the soup suppers. All donations are gratefully accepted, it doesn't have to be homemade. Please feel free to bring your favorite.

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## Please Come Join the Festivities on Mardi Gras Sunday, February 14



It all starts with the Sunday School kids having a special day of crafts and fun. Then at 9:15 we will start serving a PANCAKE BREAKFAST in Fellowship Hall. We are a couple of days early, but we are following the tradition of "Fat Tuesday". This was the day all the fat saved for cooking from the previous year was to be used. Then during the period of Lent things were more reserved and personal sacrifices were made. To help carry on the generosity of our congregation, all profits from this free will offering breakfast will be given to the Community Dinner Committee. Then we will move into the Sanctuary to have our hearts and souls fed by good music and meaningful words. We want this to be a fun and meaningful experience for all. Certainly hope to see you there!

## December 2009 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance December 1st	(\$ 2,925.82)
Receipts	14,919.39
Expenses	( 11,034.66)
<b>Balance December 31st</b>	<b>\$ 958.91</b>



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

*Thank you!*

### Highlights from Session:

- Easter Worship on April 4th: Sunrise Service 7:30; Breakfast 8:15 - 9:30; Festival Worship 10:00
- Christian Education and Worship & Music will coordinate the Easter Egg Hunt
- Approved purchase of new hymnals. The congregation can buy them in memorial/honor/celebration of someone for \$10.00 a piece.
- Approved pancake breakfast for Mardi Gras Sunday, February 14th.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Fund has reached the \$40,000 match point for this past year. Special thanks to Ron Hauser for the initial gift and to all who assisted in making this match a reality.
- Marcia Kazmark was elected as our commissioner to Presbytery for 2010.

### Hats off to:

- Bob Shaw, Tomi Carlson & Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the January issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our January nursery volunteers: Colin Hass, Brennan Gress, Grace Griffin, Jacob Cvikota & Lindsey Buehler
- our January liturgists: Jane Foner, Kathy Schedin, Howard Garves, Lindsey Buehler & Becky Auna
- Mobile Meals were delivered the week of January 18-22 by Paul & Nelda Manter, Bob Shaw, Greg Ashland, Virgil & Rita Thompson, Charlie & Susan Evans and Bob & Marilyn Bahr.



### **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:

### Be Careful What You Preach On

I know most of you are preaching on a regular basis but that which we ask for, which we tell others to do, which we think should happen to us sometimes does and how will we handle it becomes the larger question.

Just prior to our moving to West Salem I was preaching from the Matthew 25:31-46 passage on judgment with these words recorded from scriptures; “For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.”

Wouldn't you know that very afternoon not much more than two or three hours after worship had ended, on a blistering late November Sunday afternoon I saw a car pulled off the side of the road. Bingo – preacher don't just preach, don't just expect your people to heed these words of Jesus you heed them too. I pulled the car over and to my surprise not only did the threesome have a car that was out of oil, with the engine seized up but one gentleman was wearing only a t-shirt. (It was below the freezing point.)

Well I'm not much a mechanic, so repairing the engine was out of the question, but I did have a jacket and a sweatshirt and a t-shirt on. Off comes my coat as I handed it away so one might be clothed.

The rest of the story was they had a cell phone and had called friends so my ride offer was turned down. Now that the one gentleman had a coat they would be fine in the car until their friends arrived. So Claudia and I took off headed for home.

The very next Sunday I told the congregation what had happened and made the comment we are all the ones God will call blessed if we are the ones who give food to the hungry; drink to the thirsty; are hospitable to the stranger; clothe the naked, and visit the sick and those in prison.

Be careful because if and when you hold up the values of Jesus someone or something will come along to see if we are all talk or if we are people of action. I believe God is looking for people of action.

Just a side note, I now carry two sweatshirts in a zip lock bags in my trunk at all times. Oh it is not because I'm prepared like a boy scout but because one member of the congregation was touched by this story and said to themselves I want to be a part of God's plans. Offering me two sweatshirts as gifts to the “naked” was a way for him to be involved in God's plan.

So as we move into February what do you think about the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick and in prison? What action might God be calling you to accomplish for the Kingdom of God? Your little bit might make all the difference in the lives of one of God's people.

One final thought about Haiti – many have given much and I'm sure the people of Haiti are grateful. The Presbyterian Church (USA) gave \$100,000 in the first days after the earthquake via the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Soon we will ask you to give again to help those in need, so give in proportion as to how God has blessed you.

Pastor Larry



**2010 Per Capita:** Per Capita is a financial responsibility for every adult member of a Presbyterian congregation. This year the per capita is \$26.95. Per Capita supports the work of our Presbytery, our Synod and our General Assembly. When submitting, please write in “per capita” on the memo part of your check or on the outside of your envelope. Thank you!

**New Members Sign-Up:** If you or someone you know is interested in joining our church please contact Marcia Kazmark, chair of Membership & Evangelism, at 385-2210, Kevin Zoerb at 786-4220 or one of the pastors.

## **FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS**

**HEAD USHER:** Dave Griffin

### **LITURGISTS**

7—Marcia Kazmark  
 14—Nancy Olson  
 21—Bob Harold  
 28—Nick Miller

### **NURSERY CARE**

7—Lydia Sells  
 14—  
 21—Sean Horton  
 28—Kathryn Ebert

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

**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Marie Haugen

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

## **ADULT STUDY**

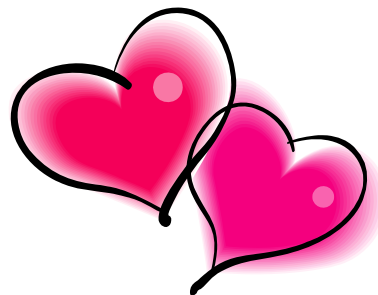
Adult study will continue in February with a discussion on Joshua. Class begins at 8:45 a.m. in the room between offices. Please join us.



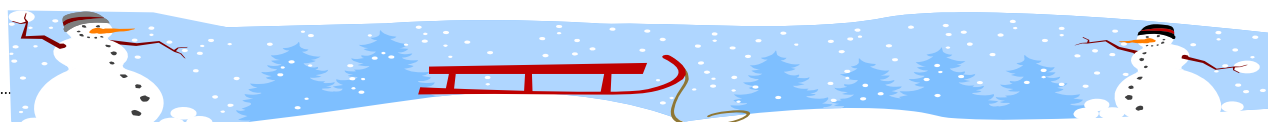
## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Bette Bachman-Granberg  
 2 Ted Yankee  
 3 Corrine Eggen, Mason Gress, Anthony Gullickson,  
 Sarah Winther  
 5 David Motes  
 6 John Holt  
 8 Jim Cullmann, Kelly Lusk, Genevieve Sprain  
 9 John Schmaltz, Diane Adams, Jenna Bonsall  
 10 Valerie Olson, Erick Sells, Amy Silbaugh  
 12 Ray Ebert, Jeanette Kroll  
 14 Tim Baker, Erin Faella, Christine Matthews  
 15 Brody Rogala, Anne Zalewski, Andy Raymer,  
 Brandon Knaack  
 16 Haley Sullivan, Faith Holt, JT Rogala, Faith Zoerb  
 17 Tom Sprain  
 18 Andy Severson  
 19 Pam Eggen, Dave Miller, Shelly Servais  
 20 Laura Burdick, Teresa Schnitzler, Janna Seeger,  
 Kris Schwier  
 21 LaVerne Torgerson  
 22 Tom Faella  
 23 Kathy Brummond, Bob Shaw, Aric Tourville

25 Mary Winther, Ethan Schindler, Tiffani LaJeunesse  
 26 JoDeen Kobishop  
 27 Lawrence Everson, Nicole Griffin, Kyle Willinger,  
 Jenni Hauser, Ben Olson, Jaymie Holte  
 29 Nathan Wilczynski



**Just for Kids answer:** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself.”





## **PW MEETING FEBRUARY 11**

All women are invited to join us for a potluck breakfast at 9 A.M. on Thursday, February 11 in the fellowship hall. Hostesses are Diana Engel and Lynda Bahr. We will tie knots in fleece comfort quilts to be given to Gunderson Hospice. The Birthday offering will also be received. If you need a ride, please call Diana Engel, 786-1560. See you there!

## **PW BIBLE STUDY**

PW bible study will continue with the study of Joshua beginning on Wednesday, February 17 at 1 P.M. in the room between the offices. There will be four sessions of Joshua and we will finish with two sessions of "Mount Up with Winds of Eagles", a Joyce Meyer study. Our study will end just before Palm Sunday. Please join us for a time of fellowship and study. Come whenever you are free, one time or every time.

## **BIRTHDAY OFFERING**

Recipients for the 2010 Birthday Offering are: Kindergarten and Childcare Center in Kirkuk, Iraq and the Peace Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. The Birthday Offering will allow for the purchase of the current kindergarten building and a neighboring building to house the primary school in Kirkuk. The Kentucky project will provide services to families identified as at risk or in need of support during a transitional period. You will find an envelope in the Lamplighter as well as in the chair pockets. Please give generously.

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**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** --- The High School Youth Group will change their meetings to Wednesday evenings starting in February. Gathering in the large classroom by the offices on the first & third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8:30pm is the current plan, though we'll be looking for youth input at the very first meeting. We have a lot of new & exciting ideas we'd like to explore, so all high school youth are encouraged to attend and share their ideas as well. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Brummond, Lisa Betsinger or Pastor Larry.

**RELAY FOR LIFE** --- The American Cancer Society Relay For Life team for our church, "**PRES'ing for a Cure**", will be making breakfast before church February 21 from 9am until just before church at 10, (let's not be late to worship!!!) For a free will offering, we'll be serving waffles and fruit, sausages, muffins, and juice, coffee and milk. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society to aid in cancer research and associated aid programs. Also, mark your calendars for our second annual Meatball/Lefse luncheon on March 21, immediately following worship. More details will be announced in future publications.

The West Salem Lions Club is holding their

### **Annual Pancake Breakfast – Super Bowl Sunday - February 7, 2010**



**Location:** West Salem Elementary School Cafeteria  
**Times:** 7:00 AM—12:00 PM  
**Cost:** \$5.00-Adults \$3.00-12 and under  
**Raffle:** Tickets available at the door. Drawing at noon.

Your support is needed to make this fundraiser a **SUCCESS!**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Mardi Gras Sunday**

Bring your Valentine to the pancake breakfast starting at 9:15 AM on February 14 so she will not have to cook! We are having a free will offering with all profit to be given to the Community Dinner.

**Worship & Music Committee Needs Your Help!**

We are in need of a couple of new things and we are looking for some financial help. If you were able to be at the Christmas Eve service, you know that our candleholder situation was very sad. We have found some plastic candleholders that would truly protect hands, big & small, as well as the carpet and chairs from dripping hot wax. They are reusable so it would be a good memorial or remembrance gift to give to your church. We would be able to get 300 of them for just under \$200. The other items are also for Christmas use. Artificial Christmas trees have been upgraded over the years, but the ones we are currently using are still the color-coded individual branch style. After Christmas this year, we were able to find some 7.5 foot pre-lit three section trees at a very good price. The trees were originally \$400, which is way over priced, but the final price paid was \$40.50 for each. If you would like to help cover the cost of either of these expenditures, we would greatly appreciate it. You may do so by putting your donation marked for this purpose in the offering plate or by seeing Jane Foner or Sue Strauss. Thanks for all you do for our family of faith.

**NEW HYMNALS**



After much research, thought, and prayer, the Worship & Music Committee, with the help of past committee members, has finalized plans to purchase new hymnals for our congregation. Session has approved this purchase, and now we need your help. The new hymnal, titled "The Celebration Hymnal," is filled with many of the timeless hymns that we all remember, as well as modern day, more contemporary hymns. The songs that Crossroads (our contemporary group) have been singing/playing have been taken from "The Celebration Hymnal." These new hymnals will be used in conjunction with our current Presbyterian Hymnals for the immediate future. The cost of each new hymnal is \$10. We are asking for your help in purchasing these exciting new hymnals by donating one, or several, in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an important event in your life (i.e. anniversary, birthday, etc.). In addition, you could also purchase one for your home or one to bring with you to church every Sunday.

Below you will find a form to fill out which asks for your name, the number of hymnals you would like to donate/purchase for our church, the person or event you wish for the hymnal to honor/commemorate (if you would like it noted), and if you would like to purchase one for your home/personal use. In addition, we ask that you would enclose a check for the amount you wish to donate payable to the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. We ask that these forms be given to the church office or placed in the offering plate. If you have questions or concerns about these new hymnals feel free to contact Jane Foner or Sherry Bonsall. We hope you will find The Celebration Hymnal to be an exciting addition to our worship service and thank you in advance for all of your help.

The Worship & Music Committee

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hymnals Purchased for Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (1 hymnal is \$10)