



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

It is hard to believe that we have begun a new year. The year just flew by. With the addition of a new pastor, many weddings and baptisms this year, the weeks were very busy. In the process of having the Annual Report ready for everyone, we have decided to try something new. This year we would like to send the report via e-mail to as many people as possible. In the last month we have been trying to confirm e-mails that we already have and have also been asking people for theirs when the time permitted. We are now asking anyone who has an email, and we have not contacted you yet to confirm it, to send it to the church e-mail or call the office with the information. We are hoping to save some money by doing the report this way. For those who do not have a computer or do not have e-mail access, we are asking two things of you: 1) you can pick-up one of the limited copies we will have available the two weeks before the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, February 7, or 2) call the church office and ask to be put on the list of those we should still send a paper copy to. If you have any questions, please call the

church office at 786-0910. Thank you for all your help with this new process!

# Thank You!

The pastors would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who have supported the Pastor's Emergency Fund over the last year. Through your generosity we have assisted 27 families. As you can imagine each situation is different but we have done something as small as a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart for food and clothing and as high as a \$300 dollar in utility bills, averaging \$64.00/ family. Most of the dollars have been expended on members of the church but we have not been exclusive. When there has been a pressing need outside the church we have shared some of our resources with them. Again we thank you for your financial support. And we hope you feel this is a valid ministry to support.

## 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!

**Reports from Committees for the Annual Report are due in the office by  
Wednesday, January 13.**

## November 2009 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance November 1st	(\$ 1,153.62)
Receipts	12,526.30
Expenses	( 14,298.50)
<b>Balance November 30th</b>	<b>(\$ 2,925.82)</b>



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

*Thank you!*

### Highlights from Session:

- Charles Engel, Sally Holte & Nick Miller were recognized and thanked for their years of service on the session.
- Session received the resignation of Greg Haugen from the session. Greg was then thanked for his service as well.
- Kevin Zoerb and Ann Terry were elected, from the session, to serve on the 2010 Personnel Committee.
- Sharon Cullmann and Sherry Bonsall were elected, from the session, to serve on the 2010 Nominating Committee.

### Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles & Beth Hinck, Tomi Carlson & Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the December issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our December nursery volunteers: Sean Horton, Kathryn Ebert, Matthew Schnitzler & Chase Aleckson
- our December liturgists: Lill Twining, Pam Twining, Tracey Rogers, Helen Harold & Maraveen Mayer
- Mobile Meals were delivered the week of November 30-December 4 by: Paul & Nelda Manter, Greg Ashland, Bob Shaw, 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 Stephanie*

Kiernan and I want to wish everyone a great, happy and inspiring New Year! We want to thank-you for all of your support and expressions of love throughout the past year – especially in regard to my father’s death and all the Christmas greetings, cards, pictures, and gifts we received. We so appreciate all of you.

I would also like to thank you for your commitment to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ through the Presbyterian Church of West Salem and I hope and pray we can continue to be a beacon of light where people can hear the word, feel welcomed and grow through serving.

I read a most powerful story about hope recently that I want to share with you: Several years ago a teacher assigned to visit children in a large city hospital received a routine call requesting that she visit a particular child. She took the boy's name and room number and was told by the teacher on the other end of the line, “We're studying nouns and adverbs in his class now. I'd be grateful if you could help him with his homework so he doesn't fall behind the others.”

It wasn't until the visiting teacher got outside the boy's room that she realized it was located in the hospital's burn unit. No one had prepared her to find a young boy horribly burned and in great pain. She felt that she couldn't just turn and walk out, so she awkwardly stammered, "I'm the hospital teacher, and your teacher sent me to help you with nouns and adverbs." The next morning a nurse on the burn unit asked her, "What did you do to that boy?" Before she could finish a profusion of apologies, the nurse interrupted her: "You don't understand. We've been very worried about him, but ever since you were here yesterday, his whole attitude has changed. He's fighting back, responding to treatment.... It's as though he's decided to live." The boy later explained that he had completely given up hope until he saw that teacher. It all changed when he came to a simple realization. With joyful tears he expressed it this way: "They wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with a dying boy, would they?"

We can offer people hope for the future and abundant life in Jesus Christ through this family of God. Let's enter the New Year prepared to people to God.

Happy New Year!

In Christian Love,

*Pastor Stephanie*



## **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.

## JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Charlie Evans

### LITURGISTS

3-Jane Foner  
10-Kathy Schedin  
17-Howard Garves  
24-Lindsey Buehler  
Becky Auna

### NURSERY CARE

3-Colin Hass  
10-Brennan Gress  
17-Grace Griffin  
24-Jacob Cvikota  
31-Lindsey Buehler

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

**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Helen Harold

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up):** January 3—Membership & Evangelism  
January 10-30—Worship & Music



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1—Fred Dodd, Kim LaBarre, Larry Olson  
2—Martha Burdick, Joseph Hauser, Bob Thomas, Jeanne Wolfe  
3—Howard Garves, Sandra Schmidt, Dianne Wolf, Elayne Erdman  
4—Becky Auna, Patricia Ruetten  
5—Leeann Krall, Shanna Roe, Ken Hauser  
6—Kent Buehler  
7—Mark Gullickson, Betsy Trevaskis  
8—Dan Trautsch, Kendra Trautsch, Dave Bohnsack  
9—Terry Miller, Ernie Tourville, Debbie Tourville  
10—Glenda Koeneke, Rita Loging  
12—Taylor Calvetti  
13—Gene Loging, Angela Simonson  
14—Greg Ashland, Sharon Holven, Emily Severson, Alex Galbraith  
16—Adam Griffin, Ellen Havens  
17—Cindy Ashland  
18—Jackson Bonsall  
19—Katelyn Carlson, Kaitlin Seeger, Erica Parsneau,  
Matt Schwier, Mike Siekert  
20—Brian Lusk, Dorothy Schmaltz, Patrick Zalewski  
21—Brian Baker, Elgin Brown  
22—Michelle Lusk

## ADULT STUDY

Adult study will begin on January 10, 2010 with Pastor Larry leading the discussion on the introduction to Joshua which we will continue to study for a few weeks. Class<sup>31</sup> begins at 8:45 a.m. in the small nursery. Please join us.



*Congratulations on the  
birth of:*



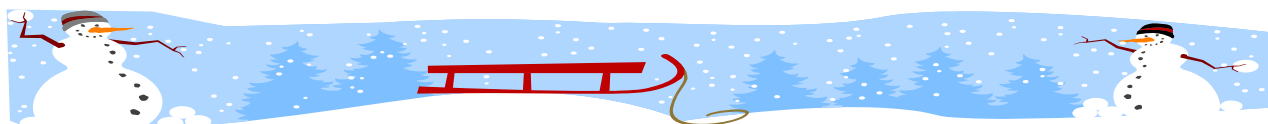
Carter Jayden Hill, son  
of Amity Carlson, on  
December 22

23—Doris Riniker  
24—Terry Parmenter  
25—Dixie Fladhammer  
26—Ethan Sells, Logan Gade  
27—Kevin Arndt, Nancy Olson  
28—Doris Carlson, Ed Lusk, Haylee Meyer,  
Alexis Shaw  
29—Delores Torgerson  
30—Diane Rogala, Brandt Wessel,  
Riley Holte, William Silbaugh  
31—Jim Beebe, Diana Meeuwsen



**Just for Kids answer:** “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit.”

“You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”





## **PW December 3, 2009 meeting**

The Presbyterian Women met on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the church with Terry Miller and Vickie Holt serving as hostesses for the potluck finger food buffet. Nineteen were in attendance.

Table grace and the PW Purpose were given and the Hunger Offering was collected. Unwrapped gifts were brought for New Horizons.

A short business meeting followed with Secretary and Treasurer's reports read and approved. Balance on hand is \$3,273.03. It was voted to donate \$2,000 to the Second Pastor Fund.

The budget for 2010 was presented and adopted.

New officers were installed by Vickie Holt. They are: Moderator-Helen Harold, Vice-Moderator-Diana Engel, Secretary- Joyce Garves, Treasurer-Nelda Manter, and Nominating-Sharon Shaw.

A program was presented by Becky Auna, as Martha, who was fretting about all the things she had to do in preparation for Christmas, Marcia Kazmark, as God, who reminds Martha that she is worrying and preparing for Christmas for the wrong reasons. All she needs to remember is it is His Son, Jesus', birthday that is to be celebrated. Julie Baker at the piano accompanied carols that were sung.

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## **SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE A SUCCESS!**

Twenty-six people from our church rang bells on Nov. 27 and 28. They were: Ray, Heidi and Kathryn Ebert; Lynn Lieder and Bev Onsrud; Lindsey and Kristine Buehler; Grace and Jan Griffin; Sherry Bonsall; Marcia Kazmark; Mike and Jackie Siekert; Ann and Mariah Terry; Helen Harold; Martha and Laura Burdick and Laura's friend, Stephanie; Jessica, Evan, Luke and Dylan Noel; Melissa and Genevieve Sprain. \$610.03 was dropped into the kettle during the ten hours we rang bells which was very generous on the part of our community. Twenty-three prayer puppies were sold. When told that the money returned to West Salem in the form of vouchers, a man from Rockford, IL dropped money in saying, "It is very worthwhile no matter where it is used." Thank you to all who rang and contributed to the Salvation Army Red Kettle fund.

## **GOOD MORNING! WELCOME! HOW ARE YOU TODAY? GLAD TO SEE YOU!**

Any one of these greetings is all it takes to be a greeter. Shake hands or don't shake hands and hand your friend a bulletin. Doesn't it feel good to be greeted by a friendly face and a smile? We need two to four individuals each Sunday by 9:30 - 9:35 to welcome people to worship. Please help us out by contacting the church office, signing up on the sheets by the kiosk, or talking to a member of the Worship & Music Committee. Thanks!

**LITURGISTS:** If you did not a chance to sign up for the Sunday(s) that work the best for you in 2010, please give me a call at 783-4046 or e-mail me at janefoner@yahoo.com by January 15. If you are no longer interested in being a liturgist or if you want to be a liturgist, please contact me as listed above by Jan. 15. I will be completing the liturgist schedule so Holly can get it out to all of you. If the Sunday that you are listed doesn't work for you, it is generally not a problem to switch with someone or call a substitute. This is a great way to get involved in the Worship service. Thanks for your participation.

**BAKERS & SERVERS WANTED!** January is the month for Worship & Music Committee to do the coffee hour. We would love to invite anyone that is interested in baking or donating goodies or that would like to help serve to join us. It is a fun way to get know some new people. You never know, you may meet your new best friend!