



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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**Ordination/Installation of new Elders/Deacons will be  
Sunday, January 8th.**

**All new Elders/Deacons should plan to attend worship!**

## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

We are again preparing to send the Annual Report via email to as many of you as possible. However, if you have not given us your email for the Lamplighter and we can send to you the Annual Report by email, please contact the church to verify that email. If you do not have email access, we have two options for you: 1) you can pick-up one of the limited copies we will have available the week before the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, January 29; 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 or email us at [preschurchws@centurytel.net](mailto:preschurchws@centurytel.net).

## 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, January 29, 2012** 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 Monday, January 9th.**



### SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Tuesday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM & Thursday 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Youth Group Meetings

Come all High School Youth

January 4th & 18th

at 7:15 PM

for Youth Group

meetings at church

## November 2011 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance November 1st	\$11,949.11
Receipts	11,712.83
Fellowship Hall Rentals	25.00
Expenses	(15,182.70)
<b>Balance November 30th</b>	<b>\$ 8,504.24</b>



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

*Thank you!*

### Highlights from Session:

- The Pathways team discussed with Session congregational insight from Conference on the Past regarding pastoral relationships.
- Session approved normal budgetary items.
- Committee chair and assignments were made for 2012
- Jane Foner was elected commissioner to Presbytery and Marcia Kazmark elected as alternate commissioner to Presbytery.
- Thanks were given to outgoing Session members and welcome to new members.

### Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles & Beth Hinck, Lynda Bahr, Tomi Carlson and Shirley Beaty the December issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our December nursery volunteers: Connor Dunn, Tayler Garves, Braxton Ghelfi & Will Griffin
- our December liturgists: Vickie Bain, Tracey Rogers, Howard Garves & Nick Miller
- our December acolytes: Grant Bohnsack, Sam Horton, Autumn Schuster, Carissa Hass, Grady LaJeunesse, Brendan Holt



### **Elders**

#### Class of 2012

Mike Siekert  
Ann Terry  
Marcia Kazmark  
Nick Miller  
Kate Ebert (Youth Elder)  
Chase Aleckson (Youth Elder)

#### Class of 2013

Charles Engel  
Todd Kleiner  
Greg Meeuwsen  
Tracey Rogers

#### Class of 2014

Jane Foner  
Sherry Bonsall  
Becca Bohnsack  
David Daoust

### **Deacons**

Class of 2012 Loris Griffin, Diana Swim, Ted Yankee, Mary Tschida, Valerie Olson,  
Kris Seeger, Tiffani La Jeunesse

Class of 2013 Rita Logging, Nancy Olson, Sally Holte

## The Years Fly By

Anymore, I'm amazed at how rapidly the years fly by. I recall as a youth, hearing the grandparents say how each year flies by faster than the one before it. Of course as a youth you can't wait for the next milestone to arrive: youth can't wait to turn double digits, they can't wait to get a car license at sixteen, they can't wait to achieve adult status at eighteen, and they can't wait to turn twenty-one.

Then suddenly as we age, that which seemed to drag along and never get here has come and gone before you know it. Another year has come and gone that is, 365 days, 8760 minutes, 525,600 seconds have ticked off the clock since last year. For some it has been a very good year with a wedding, the birth of their first child or grandchild, a graduation or special recognition for something accomplished, or even the joy of retirement. For others it has been a trying year, loss of a loved one, loss of a job or some medical setback which has taken the wind out of your sails.

The thing I have learned over this past year is how short life truly is. I use to think someone almost 60 was ancient; you know one foot in the grave? But now that it is me I realize life has raced on by. I may not move like a teenager, have the strength of a twenty or thirty year old but honestly I don't feel much older than I did three decades ago. I'm not that kid any longer, time has raced on.

I look around and think to myself, doctors are getting younger every year. Those we thought were wet behind the ears are in positions of leadership. Professionals ball players and actresses are just kids. Has life changed that much we might ask ourselves? I doubt it. It is more likely that as I find myself on the second half of life, you know the one that speeds on by whether we wish it to or not, I'm seeing how short life truly is. The scriptures remind us how quickly life flies on by. Psalm 90:6 says: "You brush men away like walking dreams, they are like grass sprouting and flowering in the morning withered and dry before dusk. Or Psalm 103: 15-16 "As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more."

I try to call my father weekly, just to keep up; he "complains" he is so very busy. Last week he told me he can't get everything done without a job, how could he get everything done before when he had a job?

The point is: enjoy life right now! For sooner than any of us expect life will race on by and you will be like me wondering where another year has gone so quickly. As we end one year and begin another we have TV specials reminding us of the events that made 2011. We are reminded of the celebrities who are no longer living and we are given a challenge for the future. As we begin 2012 let us choose to make this year 2012 the one in which we have no regrets, the one in which we can say we didn't waste a day fretting and stewing over "spilled milk", the one in which we drew nearer to the Lord Jesus Christ on a daily basis.

May 2012 be a blessed year for you all,

*Pastor Larry*

### Fliers to check out on the Kiosk!

- First Presbyterian Church, Lunch and movie on January 9th at 11 AM
- Advent Letter from Portuguese Missionaries

**Just for Kids answer:** Psalms 92:14 green; Psalms 52:8 olive; Isaiah 63:2 red; Isaiah 1:18 scarlet; Daniel 7:9 white; Isaiah 1:18 crimson; Luke 16:19 purple; Exodus 28:31 blue; Judges 8:26 gold.

All these colors together make—God's World

## JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Charlie Evans

### LITURGISTS

1—Becky Auna  
8—Holly Kleiner  
15—Kathy Schedin  
22—Nancy Olson  
29—Marie Haugen

### NURSERY CARE

1—Janna Seeger  
8—Erick Sells  
15—Alexis Shaw  
22—Patrick Zalewski  
29—Alex Galbraith

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

**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Helen Harold

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up):** Christian Education Committee



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1—Fred Dodd, Kim LaBarre, Larry Olson  
2—Martha Burdick, Joseph Hauser  
3—Howard Garves, Sandra Schmidt, Dianne Wolf, Elayne Erdman  
4—Becky Auna, Patricia Ruetten  
5—Leeann Krall, Ken Hauser, Shanna Roe  
7—Cindy Ashland, Mark Gullickson, Betsy Trevaskis  
8—Dan Trautsch, Kendra Trautsch, Dave Bohnsack  
9—Terry Miller, Aiden Knoll, Ernie Tourville, Debbie Tourville  
10—Glenda Koeneke, Rita Loging, Garrett Byrnes  
12—Taylor Calvetti  
13—Gene Loging, Angela Simonson  
14—Greg Ashland, Sharon Holven, Emily Severson, Alex Galbraith  
16—Kent Buehler, Adam Griffin  
18—Jackson Bonsall  
19—Katelyn Carlson, Kaitlin Seeger, Matt Schwier, Maureen Longcor,  
Mike Siekert  
20—Brian Lusk, Dorothy Schmaltz, Patrick Zalewski  
21—Brian Baker, Elgin Brown, Brooklyn Haverly-Ghelfi  
22—Michelle Lusk, Luke Noel, Lola Turgeon  
23—Doris Riniker  
24—Eric Schoenfeld, Terry Parmenter  
25—Dixie Fladhammer  
26—Ethan Sells  
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

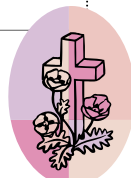
### ACOLYTES

1—Josie LaJeunesse & Mariah Terry  
8—Grant Bohnsack & Dylan Noel  
15—Lauren Garves & Autumn Schuster  
22—Carissa Hass & Katrina Houser  
29—Brendan Holt & Sam Horton

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

...Loris Griffin & family on the death of Laurie Griffin.

...Carolyn Lindeman on the death of her sister, Barbara Stockbridge.



**Congratulations on the following baptisms:**

Christopher James Hughey,  
December 11

Liberty Belle Monsees,  
December 18

Arjun James Haloi-Thompson,  
December 25

**Congratulations to:**

Weston, Lindy & Jolie Meyers  
on the birth of  
Deacon James on December 14th!



*Congratulations to*  
Lonny Van Schepen &  
Emily Winther  
on their wedding December 17!



## December 1, 2011 PW Meeting

The Presbyterian Women met on Thursday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our annual potluck finger food buffet. It was a wonderful assortment of food and the table decorations were very festive. Kathy Anderson and Sherry Bonsall served as hostesses.

Table grace and the PW Purpose were given and the Hunger Offering was collected.

A short business meeting was held:

A donation of \$481 was given to the Vacation Bible School for equipment and supplies. \$11,000, was given to the Church Ministry Fund which included the proceeds from two rummage sales and the Mother-Daughter-Friend Dinner.

The following 2012 officers were installed by Pastor Stephanie:

Moderator - Helen Harold, Vice Moderator - Diana Engel, Secretary - Joyce Garves and Treasurer - Nelda Manter.

After the meeting, the group gathered in the Sanctuary to enjoy a skit performed by fourteen members of our congregation; Jane Foner, Caroline Sells, Dorothy Schmaltz, Marie Haugen, Erick Sells, Martha, Genevieve and Brigitta Haugen, Anna, Grant, and Dane Bohnsack, Chase and Willis Jones with music by Lisa Jones and Caroline Sells.

Child care provided by Lydia Sells during the business meeting was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Lydia.

## BELL RINGING A SUCCESS!

Our Salvation Army bell ringing weekend was the best yet! A total of \$701.30 was dropped into the kettle on Nov. 25 and 26 with help of the following ringers: Mike and Jackie Siekert, Nancy Olson, Sherry Bonsall, Marcia Kazmark, Ann and Mariah Terry, Avis Evenson and Lill Twining. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve and to give up an hour of your time during this busy season.



## Photo Play

Do you wish you had time to organize your boxes of photos? Do you like to scrapbook, but just can't find the time, or maybe feel you need some fresh ideas? Starting in January, we have a special time just for you. Bring your photos, scrapbooking supplies, whatever you may have to work on your photos. Need some ideas or suggestions? Come and see what others are doing. Maybe you just want to get your boxes of photos labeled for the next generation, or you want to make a special gift for a wedding or graduation. This is your time. Beginning on January 19th, we will offer Photo Play every 3rd Thursday in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church of West Salem from 6 – 10 pm. There is a \$5 fee that will be going back to the church to cover utility usage. There will be no daycare facilities available, so would appreciate no small children. No pre registration is needed... just come and have fun sharing your photos and stories. If you have any questions, please contact Shayna Arndt at 608-498-0611 or e-mail [sbarndt@charter.net](mailto:sbarndt@charter.net) or Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210 or e-mail [arndtv@charter.net](mailto:arndtv@charter.net)



## 2011-2012 CONFIRMATION NEWS

- January 4th & 18th—Class for 7th & 8th graders
- January 11th—Wednesday night Worship service—
- Community Dinner is Wednesday, January 25th from 5:00-6:00. 7th graders and mentors assist with this meal. 6th & 8th graders and mentors in the craft room.

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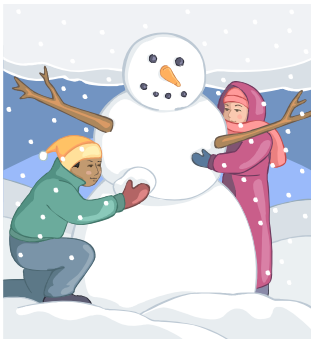
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**Looking Ahead:**

- *Deacon Meeting—Sunday, January 8*
- *Ordination/Installation of Elders/Deacons—  
Sunday, January 8*
- *Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 29*

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