



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Spring Rummage Sale

Please mark your calendars! The PW will host a **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** on Friday, June 11, 7:00-7:00 and Saturday, June 12, 7:00-3:00. A \$3.00 bag sale will start at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Please bring good, clean, usable items to the church starting on Monday, June 7. We will be setting up during the week. Call Diana Engel at 786-1560 if you are able to help or if you have items that you would like to have picked up.



TEACHERS! (and those interested in teaching) The Christian Education committee requests your presence at a short meeting immediately following worship on June 13. We are looking ahead to the fall's Sunday school classes & curriculum and need **your** input. If you are interested in teaching the next session of Sunday school or are a parent who wishes to weigh in on any aspect of Sunday school, please plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Larry or anyone on the Christian Education committee. Thanks!

Summer Worship hours will remain the same June-August.

Please join us for:

9:30AM Fellowship

10:00 AM Worship

Secretary Summer Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:00 AM—1:00 PM

April 2010 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance April 1st	(\$ 1,303.82)
Receipts	17,213.93
Expenses	(15,116.23)
Balance April 30th	\$ 793.88



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

Thank you!

Highlights from Session:

- The Community Dinner has purchased a second freezer for the church to consolidate items that had been stored in various homes of members. Monies were allocated for the purchase of this freezer.
- Session voted to allow CESA to use the church building during the days of September 28 and 29.
- Session voted to update the wedding policy and purchase 4 “reserved” signs.
- Session authorized the baptisms of:
 - Brooklyn Corrine Haverly-Ghelfi, daughter of Natalie Haverly & Jeremie Ghelfi on May 30
 - Dax Travis Pfaff, son of Ryan and Casey Pfaff on June 20

Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles, Tomi Carlson & Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the May issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our May nursery volunteers: Sean Horton, Matthew Schnitzler, Chase Aleckson and Kate Ebert.
- our May liturgists: Lisa Betsinger, Tracey Rogers, Vicki Arndt and Sue Strauss.
- Mobile Meals were delivered to shut-ins the week of April 26-30 by: Bob Shaw, Greg Ashland, Nelda & Paul Manter, Susan & Charlie Evans and Bob & Marilyn Bahr.



The next Red Cross
Blood Drive
will be Friday, June 18th
from 12:30-5:30 PM
Call Connie Blunck for
an appointment at 786-0684.

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

Favorite Bible Verses

A number of times over my life I have had people ask me this question: What is your favorite Bible verse? Before I answer that question I will ask it right back at you: What is your favorite Bible verse?

To answer that question I believe we need to know about the particular day. On joyful days I tend to lean towards scriptures like Psalm 150 ... "Praise God in His sanctuary ... Praise God with timbrel and dance ... Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

But every day is not a joyful day so Psalm 150 needs to give way to one of my favorites Psalm 139 starting at verse 13 for this page in the Lamplighter; "For You (God) formed me inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it well ... how precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand, When I awake, I am still with You."

Of course there are always those bible verses memorized when I was a child Psalm 23 and 100 that come back to me time and time again. As well as the stories of the Old Testament; creation in Genesis 1 & 2, Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac Genesis 22, Moses in Pharaoh's house and ultimately leading the people of Israel out of bondage in Exodus. Then there are the great stories of David slaying Goliath in 1 Samuel 17; Daniel and the Lion's Den or the Fiery Furnace of Daniel 6 and 3 respectively; or Jonah and the big fish. In fact the list could go on and on and many of you still reading this page are probably thinking the list has already gone on and on.

When my attention is turned to the New Testament though the stories may not be quite the same still the favorites continue to roll off my tongue onto the page. Sermon on the Mount of Matthew 5-7 (you want to know how to live your life so that it will be pleasing to God just follow the example Jesus places before us here). The many parables always seem to tell me something new each time I attend to them. Of course the gospel message of Jesus life, death and resurrection is the reason for it all so all of the Holy Week events especially the resurrection mean a great deal to me.

Then there are the letters of Paul to the various churches which help me to understand that in the church everything isn't always going to be lovely but we are going to have to work at loving one another, caring for those in need and being more like Christ today than we were yesterday, and that means all of us not just a few.

But maybe my favorite of all times and any time is Romans 8. I feel it speaks to my need of knowing I am part of God's family vs. 29-30 "For those whom He (God) foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and those whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified." I am part of the family! Even though I'm not good enough in myself to be part of the family, God has made me part of the family. I'm OK on account of God's work in Jesus.

Therefore, I can say with the Apostle Paul these words of Romans 8:38-39 "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." This is my assurance; I hope that it is yours as well. And these are some of my favorite verses, what are yours?



Pastor Larry

A special "Thank You" goes out to our Sunday School children,

Barb Reynolds and Amy Silbaugh.

They were busy this spring growing marigolds from seed and when they were ready to be enjoyed they were taken to Mulder's Healthcare and given to the residents to enjoy.

We have received a "Thank You" note from Mulder's saying they would be adding the flowers to their pots on their patio!

Great job!



JUNE VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: David Daoust

LITURGISTS

6—Helen Harold
13—Tracey Rogers
20—Maraveen Mayer
27—Kathy Schedin

NURSERY CARE

6—Colin Hass
13—Brennan Gress
20—Grace Griffin
27—Jacob Cvikota

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

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Marie Haugen

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Worship & Music



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

... the family of Joyce Schwarz on her death May 5. A visitation was held at Jandt Funeral Home on May 11.

Congratulations on the pending baptism of:

Brooklyn Corrine Haverly-Ghelfi

Daughter of:

Jeremie Ghelfi & Natalie Haverly

on May 30



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 01-Jun Henry Bangsberg
- 02-Jun Dawn Trepanier, Brigitta Haugen, Crystal Wuensch
- 03-Jun Addie Tourville
- 04-Jun Bre Sweet
- 05-Jun Caroline Sells
- 06-Jun Donovan Trevaskis
- 07-Jun Quentin Wilczynski
- 08-Jun Karla Garves, Burton Bangsberg
- 09-Jun Ethan Thomas, Karen Willinger
- 10-Jun Emily Willinger, Jackson Sullivan
- 11-Jun Gavin Loging, David Onsrud, Angi Thomas, Jane Bangsberg, Jessie Olson, Justin Rank
- 13-Jun Brennan Gress, Jane Hunt-Gotisha, Stephanie Sweet, Ann Terry, Gail Griswold
- 14-Jun Katherine Huston
- 15-Jun Lois Elliott, Charlie Evans, Mark Harris
- 16-Jun Eric Griffin
- 17-Jun Gordy Reedy
- 19-Jun Mary Kate Brummond, Tim Gress, Fred Miller, Lance Gade, Amity Hill
- 20-Jun Todd Garves, David Martin, Kristin Trautsch, Benjamin Bangsberg
- 21-Jun Tom Holven
- 22-Jun Loren Indahl
- 24-Jun Ralph Onsrud, Julie Harris
- 25-Jun Terry Zalewski, Justin Blum
- 27-Jun Laurie Griffin, Lill Twining, Grant Bohnsack
- 28-Jun Brandie Gress, Whitney Thomas
- 30-Jun Cole Seeger



Just for Kids answer:

Column 1:

ape, bat, donkey, frog, owl, bear, ox, stork, lion, rat, hawk, ram, dove

Column 2:

antelope, camel, leopard, horse, goat, deer, lizard, gazelle, hyena, weasel, sheep, pigeon, cattle



PW PICNIC

Please join us for a pot-luck picnic on Thursday, June 3 at 11:30 A.M. at Nelda Manter's home, W3111 Hwy 16, next to Lake Neshonoc. Drinks and table service will be provided. There will be a short business meeting and we will receive the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering. "The Creation", a program in which we will all participate tells the story in a unique way. Please call Helen Harold, 786-0856 if you need a ride. See you there!

LEAST COIN OFFERING

In 1956 Shanti Solomon traveled through Asia as part of an ecumenical mission team seeking reconciliation among war torn countries. Refused entry into Korea, she waited and prayed for inspiration. She envisioned women praying for each other, setting aside a coin as a symbol of their sincerity. The Fellowship of the Least Coin movement was born when other team members embraced her vision. The International Committee meets annually to allocate grants to support gender justice issues, literacy and education, health and social concerns, violence against women and poverty.

SYNOD GATHERING

Georgia Motes and Helen Harold will be attending the Synod Gathering at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, IA June 16-19. Meeting every three years, the theme this year is "The Wonders of God's Promises". Two women from North Presbyterian will be traveling with them. Please pray they have an inspiring four days and a safe journey.

MEN IN TIGHTS

Thank you to the men and boys who gave the women and girls yet another wonderful evening. A special "thanks" goes to Julie and Ben Baker who orchestrated the entertainment and Charlie Evans who spear headed the food department. Diana Engel made all those squash casseroles--who else would do that? Then we have Greg Meeuwse's talent on back drop painting and all the actors who gave us lots of laughs and great singing. It was a night to remember.

These pictures are from the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering in April at Muscoda.

The picture on the right is of the Installation of Officers of which Helen Harold is the Moderator (she is on the far right).



Summer Music



It is with many thanks and much gratitude that we say to the choir “Have a great summer.” But that means that we need to tap into the talents of all the members and friends of our church family and ask them to share those gifts with us this summer. There are many of us without a note of musical talent that greatly appreciate listening to the joyful noise that others so capably make! No matter whether you are young or old, please consider contributing to the beauty of our worship services by sharing your musical gifts with us. There is a sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or talk to a member of the Worship & Music Committee.

We need your input!!!! We have not heard from many!

Do we need another service on a different day of the week? Is it something that we need all year or just in the summer? What would be the optimum day – Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday evening? What type of service would you expect? Do we need to have music? There are many things to consider when thinking about adding a service beyond the minister and music such as pianist, liturgist, greeter, usher, cooling/heating, lights, bulletins! It is amazing how something can sound so simple and yet have so many layers to develop. Any decision that is made will not please everyone since we have so many different facets to our lives. Please prayerfully consider your answer and share your thoughts with the family. You may electronically answer by emailing the church at preschurchws@centurytel.net, sending your response to the church office, or placing your response in the offering plate. This is an important question and we want to get as much input as possible as soon as possible. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE:

Day of the week—

Time of day—

Type of service i.e. formal, casual—

Should we consider all year or summer only?

What are your expectations?

Is this a need of many or the want of a few? Please consider this question when answering.

Would you attend an optional service?

CONCERT AT NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A concert by Norwegian pianist Knut Erik Jensen will be presented on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. at North Presbyterian Church, 1327 N. Salem Rd. in La Crosse. The concert entitled "From Grieg to Gershwin" is described as "a musical journey from Norway to the USA".

The concert is sponsored by Wergeland Lodge of the Sons of Norway in La Crosse. A free-will offering at the concert will be for Mr. Jensen. Wergeland Lodge will host a pie and ice cream social following the concert.

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"One picture is worth a thousand words"

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

THUR-FRI JUNE 3-4

2:30-9:00 PM

SAT JUNE 5

10 AM-4:30 PM

TO SIGN-UP ONLINE GO TO:

WWW.PRESBYTERIANCHURCHWESTSALEM.COM

**Click on Links, and then click on
Lifetouch appointments link. Appointments can be made
online through this link.**

OR SIGN-UP AT CHURCH:

See Marcia Kazmark after the service

OR CALL Marcia at 608-385-2210