



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Please mark your calendars! The PW will host a **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** on Friday, May 6, 7:00-7:00 and Saturday, May 7, 7:00-3:00. Please bring good, clean, usable items to the church starting on Monday, May 2. We will be setting up during the week. In addition, we will participate in the All-Village Rummage Sale, Friday, May 13, 7:00-7:00 and Saturday, May 14, 7:00-3:00. 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.

Summer Special Music



Music and Worship is looking for anyone who would like to do special music for the summer worship services. If you would like to do special music or know of someone else who would like to, please contact Jane Foner (783-4046), Sherry Bonsall (786-1280) or one of the pastors.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION



The following members of our church will be
graduating from high school this spring:

Jamie Betsinger Rachel Brummond Scott Horton Katherine Huston
Kelly Lusk Kyle Moorhead JT Rogala
Kaitlin Seeger Ethan Thomas Addie Tourville James Trautsch

Please join us on Sunday, May 15 for fellowship at 9:30 AM
and a special worship at 10:00 AM in their honor.

Congratulations 2011 Graduates!

March 2011 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance March 1st	\$102.49
Receipts	11,470.83
Expenses	(14,067.86)
Balance March 31st	(\$2,494.54)



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

Thank you!

Highlights from Session:

- Mary Kate Brummond asked the session if she could write letters of financial support for her upcoming mission trip to Mexico. Dollar would be sent to the church and then forwarded on to pay for her trip.
- Session heard two proposals one for a church garden in the back the other about a church softball league (or weekend). The session wanted more information concerning the garden. The session thought the softball might be a fun experience for all ages.
- The session will be looking into having our sanctuary more up to date for electronics in the next months. With prices coming down on many electronics and feeling we are behind the curve, whatever that means, we will again address our needs and concerns in this area. On a side note, the Presbytery is looking for churches with video conferencing capabilities. Our "looking" coincides with but is not driven by what the Presbytery is considering.

DEACONS!

Please plan to attend the May 1st Deacon meeting, immediately following worship!

Hats off to:

- Elinor Johnston, Linda Levendoski, Georgia Motes, Tomi Carlson and Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the April issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our April nursery volunteers: Matthew Schnitzler, Lydia Sells, Chase Aleckson & Lindsey Buehler
- our April acolyte volunteers: Noah Reynolds, Ryan Beirne, Sam Cvikota, Brendan Holt, Dylan Noel, Grant Bohnsack, Katrina Houser & Mariah Terry
- our April liturgists: Howard Garves, Todd Kleiner, John Schmaltz & Tracey Rogers



Elders

Class of 2011

Jane Foner
Sherry Bonsall
Brian Lusk
Nancy Olson
Michael Ebert (Youth Elder)
Rachel Auna (Youth Elder)

Class of 2012

Mike Siekert
Ann Terry
Marcia Kazmark
Lisa Betsinger

Class of 2013

Charles Engel
Todd Kleiner
Greg Meeuwesen
Tracey Rogers

Deacons

Class of 2011 Helen Harold, Joyce Garves, Howard Garves, Beth Hinck, Alice Sprain

Class of 2012 Kathy Anderson, Loris Griffin, Camille Lusk, Diana Swim, Ted Yankee

A Note from Pastor Stephanie:

The month of May affords us the opportunity to thank our Mothers and other women who have had a motherly influence in our lives for the many ways they have loved and cared for us. Marta S. Hardy wrote an awesome poem that I think needs to be shared with moms and other women who have shared motherly love and strength with us. It's entitled, "A Strong Woman versus A Woman of Strength"



*A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...
But a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape.*

*A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...
But a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear.*

*A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...
But a woman of strength gives the best of her to everyone.*

*A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...
But a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be God's blessings and capitalizes on them.*

*A strong woman walks sure footedly...
But a woman of strength knows God will catch her when she falls.*

*A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face...
But a woman of strength wears grace.*

*A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...
But a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey
that she will become strong.*



May God richly bless all who give motherly care and concern – you are indeed a great gift from God – thank you for being women of strength and examples for us!

PASTOR STEPHANIE

The family of Marion Brown would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to the congregation, Pastor Stephanie, and Pastor Larry for all of their prayers, expressions of sympathy, and the loving kindness shown to them during this time of sorrow. Thanks also to the deacons for their many visits to the Morrow Memorial Home. Marion came back to rest in a church that meant so much to her over the last 54 years. Special thanks to everyone who helped make Marion's memorial service so special: to Pastor Stephanie for her loving words of comfort; to Patti Hall Sprain and Sharon Holven for their beautiful music; to Ed Lusk for taking care of all the setup in the church; and to the Presbyterian Women who donated food and served the wonderful luncheon. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless each of you.

Bert, Sue, Andy and Stacy

MAY VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Brian Gullickson

LITURGISTS

- 1—Charlie Evans
- 8—Holly Kleiner
- 15—Ken Buehler
- 22—Lisa Betsinger
- 29—Maraveen Mayer

NURSERY CARE

- 1—Jacob Cvikota
- 8—Brennan Gress
- 15—Kathryn Ebert
- 22—Grace Griffin
- 29—Colin Hass

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

ACOLYTES

- 1—Connor Dunn & Will Griffin
- 8—Alanna Wuensch & Alexis Shaw
- 15—Erick Sells & Patrick Zalewski
- 22—Logan Aleckson & Grady LaJeunesse
- 29—Faith Holt & Alayna Aleckson

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

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Helen Harold

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...the family of Marion Brown on her death, April 1.

...Ed Lusk and family on the death of his mother, Agnes Wehrenberg, April 20.



Just for Kids answer:

1. Bathsheba, 2. Eve, 3. Elizabeth,
4. Hannah, 5. Mary, 6. Rachel,
7. Rebekah, 8. Ruth, 9. Sarah,
10. Zipporah



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2- Brian Gullickson, Marty Severson, Jane Wines | 18- Brian Holt, Joy Martin, Kendall Cullmann |
| 3- Ky Gullickson, TJ Holven | 19- Mary Tschida |
| 5- DeLaures Carlson, Hunter Meyer | 20- Rob Galbraith |
| 6- Lyle Miles, Elinor Johnston, Jennifer Van Der Nest | 21- Claude Lindeman |
| 7- Kevin Moorhead | 22- Jolie Meyers |
| 8- Michael Ebert, Lester Hanson, Melissa Sprain, Hannah Olson | 23- Lindy Meyers, Kathy Anderson |
| 9- Neil Bain, Kathryn Ebert, June Lusk, Grady LaJeunesse | 24- Pam (Barnes) Van Riper |
| 10- Randall Auna, Brendan Holt, Camille Lusk,
Rita Thompson | 26- Jacob Burdick |
| 11- Kenny Hauser, Linda Lusk | 26- Mike Lusk, Abigail Knaack |
| 12- Greg Shaw | 27- Mary Fiers |
| 16- Michael Arndt, Desirae Shaw | 28- Jack Finn, Alanna Wuensch |
| 17- Tanner Dunn, Carol Griswold | 29- Nick Miller, Stephanie Steiner |
| | 30- Kyle Schuster |





THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR MAKING THE SALAD LUNCHEON A SUCCESS!

The Salad Luncheon committee - Avis Evenson, Joyce Garves, Carolyn Lindeman, Diana Meeuwsen, Dixie Fladhammer, and Mary Tschida - would like to thank all the women and men who made the Salad Luncheon a wonderful success. It took 66 people to make salads, 65 people to make desserts and 19 people to make or contribute other foods such as deviled eggs, veggie pizzas, fruit, relishes, pickles & olives, rolls, etc. It took 31 people to handle publicity, arrange tables and chairs, decorate and set tables, sell tickets, fill carry-outs, wait on tables, pour beverages, wash dishes, clean the kitchen, and many, many other details. Many cash contributions came in and were greatly appreciated. No wonder we consider this a whole church enterprise!

The linens for the tables were donated by Aramark Co. and also greatly appreciated. The green and pink napkins made the tables look like spring.

We served 288 people and grossed \$2695.00. Expenses were \$84.13 making a profit of \$2610.87. Some donations continue to come in. Thanks again for helping the Presbyterian Women continue local and world-wide mission work. All of you working together made the luncheon work perfectly!!

WANTED/NEEDED! Bev Onsrud has been the church historian for years and believes it is about time for the next historian to be found. If you have an interest in keeping up the history of the Presbyterian Church of West Salem please let yourself be known to a member of the session.

Can you spare 3 hours a week? The Board on Aging & Long Term Care is seeking volunteers to train as advocates to serve older adults living in nursing homes in West Salem. If you feel that you would like to make a difference and give your time and talents to a worthwhile and rewarding program, please contact Karen Price at 608-789-6366. Help is needed!

Bike to Worship! Bike to Work Week has been designated this year to occur May 14-20. As part of Bike to Work Week, the Driftless Region Bicycle Coalition wants to encourage community members to bike to their places of worship as well. So if you would like to participate, Bike to Worship on May 15! Bike to Work Week is a national event to encourage safe biking for fun and transportation, and to encourage motorists to share the road with bikes.

News from John Knox Presbytery: In 2010 the John Knox Presbytery began exploring an opportunity to become a partner with an international presbytery. As we searched we were guided to conversations with the Presbytery of Northern Waters where they have been partners with Portugal for several years. The presbytery graciously asked us to become partners with them and with the church in Portugal. As we progress in these partnerships we will keep you informed of progress and plans for the future.

HYMNALS

Worship & Music are ordering more Celebration Hymnals. Anyone wishing to purchase and donate a hymnal in honor, celebration or memory of a loved one, please contact Holly at the church office (786-0910, Sherry Bonsall (786-1280) or Jane Foner (783-4046) from Worship & Music. The hymnals will be \$10 each.



Summer Worship hours will remain

the same June-August.

Please join us for

9:30AM Fellowship & 10:00 AM Worship



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Friday, June 10th from 12:30-5:30 PM. Call Connie Blunck for an appointment at 786-0684.

Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

April 30, 2011

6:00 PM

The Entertainment:

Skits and Songs celebrating the days when
Riverboats and Rafts ruled the Mississippi

Serving:

Grilled turkey, potatoes and dressing,
vegetable, Jello, dinner rolls, coffee, punch
and man-made cake

Tickets: Adults—\$7.00; Children 6-12—\$4.00;

5 & under—Free

No Reservations Necessary!