



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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PW FALL FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 12

It is time to get out your Christmas cookie recipes and other cookie recipes that you just love and bring a batch to church for our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 12. You may bring your craft items and cookies to church on November 11 (Friday) before 7:30 PM and at 8:00 AM on November 12. Do come on Saturday and fellowship with others as you eat the best chicken noodle soup ever, delicious chicken salad sandwiches, BBQ's and chili dogs along with veggies and mouth watering desserts. The prices can't be beat! The hours are 10 AM- 1:00 PM



Along with the cookies, crafts and lunch we have a raffle. Here are the items: Framed Quilted Wall Hanging, Ruby Swarovski Bracelet and Earring Set, Blue Crocheted Afghan, Pendulum Wall Clock, Christmas Platter, Framed Seascape Picture, Christmas Nativity Wall Hanging, MP3 Video Player, Embroidered Pillowcases.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six.

The profit from our Fall Festival goes to mission projects both locally and around the world. We ask that every family that is able please support us in some way with our Fall Festival. If you are unable to work or bake we do accept monetary donations. We are thankful for whatever you can give to make this the best Fall Festival ever!



Veteran's Honored

We will be honoring our Veteran's for their service to our country on November 13th. Worship & Music would like everyone to wear red, white and/or blue to show them how much their service and sacrifice means to us. Thank you Veterans for preserving our freedom and making us the great country we are.



~ Worship & Music Committee

Daylight Savings Time ends—November 6th

NEW 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

September 2011 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance September 1st	(\$3,897.64)
Receipts	7,395.08
Transferred into Operating Budget	3,803.40
Expenses	(10,794.81)
Balance September 30th	(\$3,493.97)



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

Thank you!

Highlights from Session:

- Approved Christmas Joy offering on December 18, 2011
- Approved High School Youth Meeting on Wednesday, November 9th after worship at Features for Pizza and Bowling
- Approved Scrapbooking groups to have classes here every month

Hats off to:

- Bob & Sharon Shaw, Tomi Carlson and Shirley Beaty the October issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our October nursery volunteers: Erick Sells, Janna Seeger, Alexis Shaw, Patrick Zalewski and Alex Galbraith
- our October liturgists: Helen Harold, Bev Onsrud, Todd Kleiner, Jane Foner, Avis Evenson
- our October acolytes: Lauren Garves, Dylan Noel, Brendan Holt, Carissa Hass, Genevieve Haugen, Sam Horton, Grady LaJeunesse, Josie LaJeunesse, Katrina Houser



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 Meeuwsen
Tracey Rogers

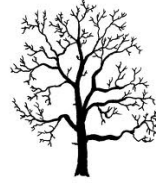
Deacons

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 LARRY

Living Life



Life is not a race – but indeed a journey. Be honest. Work hard. Be choosy.

Say “thank you”, “I love you” and “great job” to someone each day. Go to church, take time for prayer.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper.

Love your life and what you’ve been given, it is not accidental – search for your purpose and do it as best you can. Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you aspire to be.

Laugh often. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkle are more becoming. Forgive, it frees the soul. Take time for yourself – plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you’ve been blessed to know. Live for today, enjoy the moment.

~ Bonnie L. Mohr

This was a saying we received recently that I thought I would share with you. Claudia, Andrew and I would like to say thank you to each of you who has spoken words of comfort, sent cards or offered any other type of support, thank you.

Your example of caring is a fitting reminder of how the church body is to care for each other. And we hear the words, rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep and we begin to understand what God wanted for the church.

Here is the thing: we get so busy with life, as we know it, that we often fail to see life for someone else is not all it could be and we could do something to help. Reading this statement above everyday keeps life in focus. It causes us to reevaluate what is necessary and what is just a want on our part. It helps keep those things that are secondary just that secondary to life itself.

Again we want to thank you for the kind words, the food, the gifts, your working the meals or anything else you did to help us through this first month without our daughter and sister. Thank you.

Larry, Claudia and Andrew

Fliers to check out on the Kiosk!

- Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner & Bake Sale at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 5 from 3:30-8:00.

Sarah Horstmann’s recital: Please come to Sarah’s recital it will be held at UW-La Crosse Recital Hall on November 12th at 3:00 PM.



TIME TO RING BELLS FOR SALVATION ARMY! Once again the churches in West Salem will ring bells for Salvation Army. Our church is scheduled for November 25 and 26. A schedule will be posted. Please think about ringing bells for one hour at Hansen's IGA. Elementary kids can ring with an adult, high school kids by themselves. It is important to note that the money will return to West Salem in the form of vouchers. Our Food Pantry received \$1170 this year which was a blessing as we were short of food at that time. A sign up schedule will be posted later in the month.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS**HEAD USHER:** Charles Engel**LITURGISTS**

6—Tracey Rogers
 13—Jane Foner
 20—Maraveen Mayer
 27—Helen Harold

NURSERY CARE

6—Will Griffin
 13—Brianna Holt
 20—Laura Kelley
 27—Alexis Shaw

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

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Helen Harold**FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up):** Finance/Stewardship & Mission Committee**ACOLYTES**

6—Laura Burdick & Alanna Wuensch
 13—Alayna Aleckson & Mariah Terry
 20—Dylan Noel & Noah Reynolds
 27—Lauren Garves & Martha Haugen

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2—Dominic Daoust, Curtis Matthews
 3—Marsha Ledman
 4—Kathy McKee, Georgia Motes, Scott Twining
 6—Megan Bain, John Schmidt
 9—Pam Twining
 12—Colene Miller
 13—Avis Evenson, Mark Wuensch
 14—Will Griffin
 16—Lindsey Buehler
 18—Mike Koeneke, Riley Auna, Logan Aleckson
 19—Heath Weissenberger, Kari Haun, Laura Stephenson,
 Melissa Bakkestuen
 20—Richard Carlson
 21—Trisha Wessel, Mariah Terry
 22—Damen Daoust, Bob Harold, Lisa Hanson
 23—Marilyn Bahr, Loris Griffin
 24—Matthew Schnitzler
 26—Charles Engel, Harlan Meyer, Janet Twining
 27—Vicki Arndt
 28—Fran Leicht
 30—Tom Berent, Alex Twining

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Linda Levendoski on the death of her father, Nick Kendhammer on October 6.

...Bob & Sharon Shaw on the death of their brother-in-law, Ron Burling.

**Congratulations on the following baptisms:**

- * Brynn Alexandra Auna, October 16, daughter of—Riley & Nikki Auna
- * Laney Elizabeth Stephenson, October 23, daughter of Rex & Laura Stephenson
- * Hayden Grace Bonsall, October 23, daughter of Nick & Jenna Bonsall
- * Tate Ryan Pfaff, October 30, son of Ryan & Casey Pfaff

**Congratulations to:**

Nick & Jenna Bonsall
 on the birth of Hayden Grace
 on September 18

Congratulations to

Bethany Saarem & Shawn McAlister

who were married on October 1!



PW Bible Study: Bible study on the Beatitudes continues on Wednesdays in November on the 2nd & 9th at 1 p.m. in the room between the offices. Come and join us these last two times for fellowship and study!



DECEMBER PW CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Notice that our PW Christmas finger food buffet is on Thursday, December 1 at 6 PM. Following our meal we will have a short business meeting, installation of officers and a beautiful program called "THE STAR". Hostesses are Sherry Bonsall and Kathy Anderson. Please bring a finger food to pass. Coffee and punch will be provided. You may bring an unwrapped practical gift for New Horizons.

The Human Rights Celebration/Tea is December 2 at Onalaska United Methodist church, beginning at 9:30 AM. The New Horizons gifts will be brought there.



MID-WEEK WORSHIP: On The 2nd Wednesday of each month we will be offering an Alternative Worship service beginning at 6:30 PM and lasting for about 45 minutes.



Pastor Larry and Pastor Stephanie will take turns leading worship on these Wednesdays with the Confirmation Students being the liturgists. Crossroads will lead the music which will be more contemporary in nature.

Hope you join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month—the next one is November 9th!

**Join in the fun at the Deke Slayton Museum
for an evening with Mr. Science, aka Larry Scheckel!**

The event will be held on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011

from 6:30PM to 7:30PM

in the gallery of the Deke Slayton Museum,

200 W. Main St, Sparta, WI 54656.

This event is free and open to anyone who wishes to attend!



The next **Red Cross
Blood Drive**
will be Monday,
November 21st from
12:30-5:30 PM.

Call Connie Blunck for an
appointment at 786-0684.



2011-2012 CONFIRMATION NEWS

- November 2nd—Class for 7th & 8th graders
- November 9th—Wednesday night Worship service—
Followed by High School Youth Group meeting at
Feature's, more information to come—watch your
mail!
- November 16—Class for 7th & 8th graders
- Community Dinner is Wednesday, November 23rd from
5:00-6:00. 6th graders and mentors assist with this meal. 7th
& 8th graders and mentors in the craft room. Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be at Our Savior's Lutheran
Church at 7:00 PM—after Community Dinner!

The Thanksgiving Eve

**Ecumenical Worship Service with
Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be,
Wednesday, November 23rd beginning at
7:00 PM.**

Please plan to attend this worship service
with our neighbors following
our

Community dinner at
5:00-6:00 PM.



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Change Service Requested

Looking Ahead:



- *All Saints Sunday—November 6; Don't forget Daylight Savings Time ends!*
- *PW Fall Festival—November 12, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM*
- *Red Cross Blood Drive—November 21*
- *Community Dinner—November 23, 5:00-6:00 PM, followed by Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church*
- *December 1, 6:00 PM—PW Christmas Finger Food Buffet Meeting*

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