



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED!



The beginning of our Lenten Journey is right around the corner – how did that get here so quickly? We will gather around the theme, “Our Lenten Journey: Some Assembly Required!”

We begin on February 13th at 6:30 pm with our Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes service. The Choir will sing that night and you will begin to assemble some parts that night – so it’s important that you are here from the start. Everyone from infant to 100+ will receive these items that the Pastors are preparing, and at the end of the journey it is our hope that your faith and knowledge of the passion will be enhanced and you will have assembled a memento to remind you of our journey!

Listed below are the dates, times, places of worship. Remember we have the privilege of sharing this journey with Bangor, so make sure you post this schedule and refer to it so you know where we will be worshipping.

<u>WHERE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>THEME</u>
West Salem	Feb. 13 TH :	6:30 Worship	“Ashes to Ashes”
West Salem	Feb. 20 th :	5:00-Soup Supper/6:30 Worship	“30 Pieces of Silver”
West Salem	Feb. 27 th	5:00-Comm. Dinner/6:30 Worship	“I Wash My Hands”
Bangor	March 6 th	5:00– Soup Supper/6:30 Worship	“Crown of Thorns”
West Salem	March 13 th	5:00- Soup Supper/6:30 Worship	“Casting Lots”
Bangor (TBD)	March 20 th	5:00-Soup Supper/ 6:30 Worship	“King of the Jews”
West Salem	March 28 th	6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship	“Given and Shed”



EASTER WORSHIP as follows:

7:00 AM Worship at Bangor—followed by breakfast

10:15 AM Worship at West Salem—breakfast from 9:00-10:00 AM

December 2012 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance December 1st	\$ 9,144.24
Receipts	38,282.37
Expenses	(18,660.62)
Balance December 31st	\$28,765.99



PER CAPITA 2013:

Per Capita is a financial responsibility for every adult member of a Presbyterian congregation. For 2013 the per capita will be \$28.12. When submitting, please write in "per capita" on the memo part of your check or on the outside of your envelope.

Thank you!

Highlights from Session:

- Deacons made an annual report to the session which included securing the final deacon for 2013
- Session voted to be the hosting body of future Rummage Sales (More information on page 5)
- Session voted to begin the process with the congregation and the Committee on Ministry to move our pastors to a durable position with congregational involvement
- For 2013 Tracey Rogers was elected treasurer and Charles Engel was elected Clerk of Session
- Approved Pathways Vision Retreat for leaders on Saturday, March 2

Hats off to:

- Bob & Sharon Shaw and Helen Harold the January issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our January nursery volunteers: Dunn family, Griffin family, Cvikota family & Seeger family
- our January liturgists: Holly Kleiner, DJ Daoust, Nancy Olson & Marie Haugen
- our January acolytes: Anna Bohnsack, Alanna Wuensch, Connor Brown, Autumn Schuster, Sam Horton & Genevieve Haugen



Elders

Class of 2013

Charles Engel
 Todd Kleiner
 Greg Meeuwsen
 Tracey Rogers
 Kate Ebert (Youth Elder)
 Grace Griffin (Youth Elder)

Class of 2014

Jane Foner
 Sherry Bonsall
 Becca Bohnsack
 David Daoust

Class of 2015

Mike Siekert
 Nick Miller
 Marcia Kazmark
 Kelly Crusan

Deacons

Class of 2013 Rita Logging, Nancy Olson, Sally Holte, Tiffani La Jeunesse, Valerie Olson

Class of 2014 Kris Seeger, Lawrence Everson, Mary Tschida, Jackie Siekert

A Note from Pastor Stephanie:

During the month of February we have an entire day dedicated to LOVE – an entire day! Put like that it sounds like a major thing, but as Christian people, we should put on love every single day. A church family that is full of love is a powerful influence in any community.

I remember reading a story about a little boy who attended Sunday School at a church in downtown Chicago, only blocks from his home. When his family moved over a mile away from the church, this little boy told his parents he still planned to go to the same church. And he did – it was a long, tiresome walk but he walked it every Sunday. A friend asked him why he went so far, and told him that there were plenty of other churches just as good closer to his new home. The little boy responded, “They may be as good for others, but not for me!” “Why not?” the friend asked. “Because they love a fella over there,” he replied!

That really is our role in the world, isn't it? To love people, all people, regardless of the many barriers that attempt to separate us from one another. Real love doesn't count the cost, it jumps right in over and over again!

William Gladstone, in announcing the death of Princess Alice to the House of Commons, told a touching story. The little daughter of the Princess was seriously ill with diphtheria. The doctors told the princess not to kiss her little daughter and endanger her life by breathing the child's breath. Once when the child was struggling to breathe, the mother, forgetting herself entirely, took the little one into her arms to keep her from choking to death. Rasping and struggling for her life, the child said, "Momma, kiss me!" Without thinking of herself the mother tenderly kissed her daughter. She got diphtheria and some days thereafter she went to be forever with the Lord. Real love forgets self. Real love knows no danger. Real love doesn't count the cost. The Bible says, "Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away." (Song of Songs 8:7)

Let's love like that,

Pastor Stephanie

We would like to thank the following families for sharing a Poinsettia for the Christmas Services in honor of their loved ones:

John & Dorothy Schmaltz—in memory of Mark David Schmaltz
David & Jaime Daoust & family—in memory of David's mother,
Rosalie Daoust

Bert Brown—in memory of Marion K. Brown

Holt family—in memory of Burton & Mayabelle Zabriskie

In memory of Henry Herling, husband of Ruth Herling & father of
Teresa Schnitzler

In memory of Esther Shelmidine

Just for Kids answer:

Adam & Eve; Abraham & Sarah; Isaac & Rebekah;
Jacob & Rachel; Moses & Zipporah; Elkanah & Hannah;
David & Bathsheba; Joseph & Mary; Zechariah & Elizabeth;
Ananais & Sapphira; Aquila & Pricilla; Felix & Drusilla





February PW Meeting

Presbyterian Women will meet on Thursday, February 7 at 9:00 AM for a potluck breakfast. Lynda Bahr and Sandy Schmidt are hostesses. The Birthday offering will be received and following a short business meeting we will tie fleece blankets and pillows for New Horizons. The pillows will be given to children who like something cozy to take with them when they leave. We are also donating toilet paper and paper towels as these are in short supply at New Horizons. Thank you to those who have already brought these items to church. Please join us for a nice time of fellowship and working together to help others whose lives are in turmoil.

Birthday Offering

Westminster Neighborhood Ministries is the recipient of the 2013 Birthday Offering. Based in Indianapolis, Indiana, the offering will allow them to expand their parent training and support programs so the children in this inner-city community will continue to thrive. Please give generously and thank you for your gifts.

Bible Study

Bible study on the Epistles, those tiny books at the back of the Bible, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John and Jude will continue on March 6, 13 and 20. Please mark your calendar.



Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast - February 3, 2013

7:30a.m. to 12 noon

West Salem Elementary School

475 North Mark Street, West Salem

Adults \$5.00; 12 years and under \$3.00

Pancakes, sausage, blueberries,
milk, coffee, juice

Served by West Salem Lions Club

Super Bowl Raffle, Drawing at 12 noon



Thank you to all who gave to the 2012
Christmas Joy offering. We received
\$689.00 for this offering.

Thanks! ~ Stewardship & Mission

6th Grade Schedule Class—Sunday morning 8:45 AM

February 3	Pray This Way
February 10	There Is a Time
February 13	Ash Wednesday Worship—6:30
February 17	We Are What We Sing
February 20	Lenten Worship
February 24	Nailing It
February 27	Community Dinner at 5:00 PM & Lenten Worship

*****7th graders refer to recent letter
from Pastor Larry*****



Youth Group Meetings

Come all High School Youth

February 6th & 20th

at 7:30 PM

for Youth Group meetings at church

8th & 9th Grade Schedule Class—Wednesday 6:30 PM

February 6	Session Preparation
February 13	Ash Wednesday Worship—6:30 PM
February 18	Session Interview—6:00 PM
February 20	Lenten Worship—6:30 PM
February 27	Community Dinner at 5:00 PM 6th & 7th serve, Worship Service—6:30 PM Presbytery

NAME TAG SUNDAYS



Membership and Evangelism would like to make **February “Name Tag” month** for all Elders, Deacons, and Committee members. We are requesting that everyone wear their name tags every Sunday during February. For anyone new, the name tags are hanging on the wall in the main entrance. ~ *Thank You!* Membership & Evangelism

PICTURE BOARD

We thank Tim Fladhammer for the beautifully constructed picture boards in the gathering area that he made and donated. Now we need your help in providing pictures of you or your family. Helen Harold will gladly take your picture at church at your convenience. We are missing a lot of pictures and need all of you pictured on the boards so our church family can be complete. If you want a different picture from what is posted, that can be done too.
Membership and Evangelism Committee



Did you know that last year the two rummage sales held here, at our church, netted \$9,457.00? Over the last five years, the rummage sales netted \$41,707.89, all of the money having been given by the PW to help the church's ministry fund or general fund. Last year the Fall rummage sale had very few people volunteering to help so the PW has asked the Session if it would be the sponsoring group. The focus here being to include more people. The Session has said yes! This means that this year's rummage sale will be an all church rummage sale. The way it looks now, each standing committee of Session will take one day. That committee will recruit volunteers to help do whatever that day calls for. Usually Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are sorting days, Thursday is the marking day and Friday and Saturday are the sale days.

Everyone will get a chance to help in some way. We will need sorters, people that do not like to sort clothes, can sort something else such as books, toys, or housewares. Maybe you don't like any of those, then you might be the person to go and pick up various items, or maybe you would rather make some food for those working. A rummage sale needs everyone, people cleaning out their unwanted items, people sorting and pricing those items, and people buying those items.

A rummage sale is a mission. It gives items a second chance to be used and not end up in the landfill, it gives people a chance to buy usable items at a very reduced price and we make money to continue doing our mission as a church.



FYI!

Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Larry are now spending some hours each week at The First Presbyterian Church of Bangor

Contact information for them

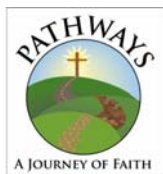
at Bangor is:

Phone: 486-2670

1612 Pearl Street

Bangor, WI 54614

firstpresbangor@charterinternet.com



Pathways: A Journey of Faith

During our Journey we have reflected on our identity, discovered our missional context, and have been discerning God's call. The Pathways process sets deliberate events and activities to discern and embrace God's purpose for our community of faith. In the first half of 2013 we'll embark on bible study, more discussion and prayer on God's call, a Vision Retreat, a congregational Conference on the Future, and more.

As we have meandered down several paths exploring, studying, praying, listening...together we move forward into Navigation by God's Vision. We begin defining and refining a guiding vision.

The Visioning Team is already hard at work, and contains the following members:



Susan



Becky



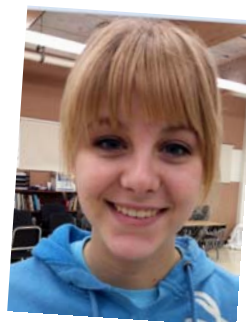
Greg



Dan



Terry



Katie

The Vision Retreat

Plan to attend a vision retreat to focus on what God is doing in our church! It's a time to share your thoughts, dreams, and hopes with others as we begin expressing the guiding vision!

What? A fun Saturday gathering reflecting on the power and importance of discerning God's vision.

Where? Sugar Creek Bible Camp (1 hour south of La Crosse; East of Ferryville)

When? 9am – 3pm Saturday, March 2nd

Cost? Free to attend, and includes lunch

Who? All leaders from all aspects of the church

Who's a leader in the church? Anyone who now or in the past has been part of: Session, choir, Sunday school teacher, Presbyterian Women, committee members, bible study members, community dinner, memorial garden,... those that want to share in refining the guiding vision. Stay tuned for more details.

The event will include singing, praying, lunch, fellowship, and fun activities for adults and children. So bring the entire family !

The Pathways Coordinating Team:

Dave Bohnsack, Carolyn Lindeman, Ben Baker, Kristjan Sells, Pastor Larry Olson, Pastor Stephanie Steiner
Coach: Dave King

Summer Camp Scholarships

With spring just around the corner, it's once again time to look into summer Bible camps. As in the past, the Christian Education Committee has limited scholarship money available for campers. This year the Committee is asking for those interested in a camp scholarship to complete an application and provide a short essay as to why you want to go to camp. These applications are due in the church office by May 12^h. All applications will be reviewed at that time and it will be determined how much can be allotted to each camper based on the number of children applying. As in past years, we may ask camper's to give a very brief overview of their camping experience to the congregation in the fall. If you are unfamiliar with camps in the region, listed below are several that have served our youth over the years. You can obtain further information regarding activities, dates, cost, directions, etc. by visiting their websites. If you need further information, please contact anyone on the Christian Education Committee. Committee members are: Becca Bohnsack, Kelly Crusan & Jenni Loging.

www.lxbc.org Living Waters Bible Camp Westby, WI – 35 miles, 40 minutes

www.sugarcreekbiblecamo.org Sugar Creek Bible Camp Ferryville, WI – 51 miles 1hr

www.villagecreek.net Village Creek Bible Camp Lansing, IA – 50 miles 1 hr

www.campwyoming.net Camp Wyoming Wyoming, IA – 175 miles 3.5 hours

www.abcamp.org Arrowhead Bible Camp New Auburn, WI – 125 miles, 2 hours

www.fortwilderness.com Fort Wilderness McNaughton, WI – 233 miles, 3.5hrs

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Summer Camp Scholarship Application

Today's Date _____

Student Name _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Camp You Will Be Attending _____

Date You Will Be Attending _____

Cost _____

Please write a short essay about why you want to go to camp:

All applications are **due to the church office by May 12, 2013.**

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FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Todd Kleiner

LITURGIST & GREETER

3—Tracey Rogers
10—Marcia Kazmark
17—Jane Foner
24—Faith Zoerb

NURSERY CARE

3—Logan Aleckson
10—Trisha Jones
17—Laura Burdick
24—Connor Dunn

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

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

3—Jim & Diane Rogala
10—David & Joy Martin
17—Virgil & Rita Thompson
24—Ann & Mariah Terry

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Finance/Stewardship & Mission
COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Marie Haugen



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2—Ted Yankee
3—Mason Gress, Anthony Gullickson, Sarah Sweet
5—David Motes, Jacob Cvikota, Kathy Schedin
6—John Holt, James Cullmann
8—Kelly Lusk, Genevieve Merkel
9—John Schmaltz, Diane Adams, Jenna Bonsall
10—Valerie Olson, Erick Sells, Amy Silbaugh
12—Ray Ebert, Jeanette Kroll
14—Christine Matthews
15—Broderick Rogala, Anne Zalewski, Andrew Raymer
16—Faith Holt, Jameson Rogala, Faith Zoerb
17—Thomas Sprain
18—Andy Severson
19—Pamela Eggen, David Miller, Michelle Servais
20—Laura Burdick, Teresa Schnitzler, Janna Seeger, Kris Schwier
21—LaVerne Torgerson
23—Kathy Brummond, Robert Shaw, Aric Tourville
25—Mary Winther, Tiffani LaJeunesse
26—JoDeen Kobishop
27—Lawrence Everson, Nicole Griffin, Jenni Hauser, Jaymie Holte
28—Porter Blum
29—Nathan Wilczynski

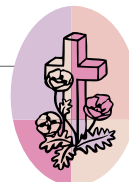
ACOLYTES

6—Alyssa Byrnes & Genevieve Haugen
10—Brynn Kleiner & Sam Kleiner
17—Chase Jones & Connor Brown
24—Anna Bohnsack & Jennifer Garves

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Kevin Zoerb & family on the death of his mom, Gloria Zoerb, January 7

...Teresa Schnitzler & family, on the death of her aunt, Ruth Herling, January 12



Prayer Chain

Helen Harold	786-0856
Sharon Shaw	786-0851
Vickie Holt	786-1659
Dorothy Schmaltz	317-2064 or 779-5588
Elinor Johnston	786-2441
Marilyn Bahr	786-0315
Diana Engel	786-1560
Doris Riniker	786-0655



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Change Service Requested

Looking Ahead:



- *Ash Wednesday—February 13, 6:30 PM*
- *Lenten Worship Services with Bangor begin Wednesday, February 20 with meals—please refer to schedule on page 1*
- *Community Dinner & Lenten Worship—February 27*
- *Daylight Savings Time begins—Sunday, March 3*

The Lamplighter is published monthly by the Presbyterian Church of West Salem to inform church members and friends about the events, programs, and mission of the congregation. Information for **The Lamplighter** is to be submitted to the church office **by the 15th day of each month.**

Please inform the church office of any change in your address.