



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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OUR LENTEN JOURNEY:

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED!



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>
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	March 20 th	5:00-Soup Supper 6:30 Worship	“King of the Jews”
West Salem	March 28 th	6:30 Maundy Thursday	“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

One Great Hour of Sharing: Sharing Brings Joy--to others, to God, to Us

For many years our congregation has joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The money received from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is divided into three areas. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of the undesignated OGHs gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent. We will dedicate this offering on Palm Sunday. Thank you in advance for considering a gift to this worthwhile cause.

~Stewardship & Mission Committee

***** New email address for the church: preschurchws@gmail.com *****

January 2013 Financial Summary



Operating Budget

Balance January 1st	\$28,765.99
Receipts	40,252.69
Expenses	(23,828.78)
Balance January 31st	\$45,189.90

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:

- New church email address - preschurchws@gmail.com
- Session interviewed and received 8 confirmation students, date set for April 14, 2013
- Session will be looking for a new Treasurer - if you are interested please contact one of the session members.
- Contract with Bangor has been approved by Committee On Ministry. All systems go!



Hats off to:

- Bob Shaw, Sandra Schmidt and Helen Harold the February issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our February nursery volunteers: Aleckson family, Jones family, Hass family and Dunn family
- our February liturgists: Tracey Rogers, Marcia Kazmark, Jane Foner and Lill Twining
- our February acolytes: Brynn & Sam Kleiner, Connor Brown, Chase Jones, Anna Bohnsack & Jennifer Garves



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 Loging, Nancy Olson, Sally Holte, Tiffani La Jeunesse, Valerie Olson

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

Some Assembly Required

I'm writing this letter to you as Lent begins, knowing we will be half way through Lent by the time you will be reading this message. We will have thought about the cross and the central role that plays in Christianity. We will have considered if 30 pieces of silver is enough even for the master of life. And we will have considered the role service plays for a Christian. At each Wednesday worship experience we will have "put something together" or assembled something.

As a clergy I struggle with the issues of grace and works. I believe we are offered life eternal on account of what God in Christ Jesus did apart from anything we have done – that is grace, the free gift of God given for all of us. But then I see so very many people who do absolutely nothing with this gift offered to us. They put no effort in thanking God for their salvation; simply put they do nothing about the grace given. I believe God wants more from us.

True we are not saved by our works but that doesn't mean we should refrain from doing good for others. And that brings me back to the theme of our 2013 Lenten experience, Some Assembly Required.

God has done the most important part of salvation, as Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead. But there is still something for us to do as followers of Jesus – we are called to love one another, we are called to carry each other's cross, we are called to make a difference for others, and we are called to do many other "works". Or we might say, "Some Assembly Required" for those who follow Jesus.

By the end of March our clocks will have sprung forward, we will have had our Vision Retreat at Sugar Creek Bible Camp, finished off Lenten experience with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Hopefully we will have completed another winter and have begun our plans for spring. Much of life continues on without much effort on our part, but there is some assembly required to make our spiritual lives improve. My prayer is we might be thankful for the grace of God in our lives and we might also put in the efforts of assembling that which is ours to do for the Kingdom of God.



Pastor Larry

Change for all to note!

The Sunday morning Men's Bible Study has a change...all are encouraged to participate - Men & Women!

All are welcome to start joining this Bible Study, Sunday, March 10 at 8:30 AM.

Thank you!

The Stewardship & Mission Committee would like to offer a Huge Thank You to all of you who contributed to our budget in 2012. The support for our church and for Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Larry has been proven through our increased giving. While we will still have a continued need for additional giving in the coming year, our 2013 pledges offer us much hope. Our church has shown time and time again that when we work together, great things happen! Once again, thank you so much.

Just for Kids answer:

God gave us Jesus Christ, His Son, the holy, loving righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day He rose again!





PW February 7, 2013 meeting

Quiche, freshly baked scones, blueberry bread pudding, fruits, muffins, fruit slush, etc. were all part of the array to choose from at the PW potluck brunch on February 7th at the church. Twelve women were present with Lynda Bahr and Sandy Schmidt serving as hostesses.

The Birthday offering was collected which goes to expand the services of Westminster Neighborhood Ministries in Indianapolis, IN. Preschool children through adults will benefit from this collection.

A short business meeting followed. Some of the topics discussed were: a change in funeral lunches served, and, also, to resume the making and delivery of a prepared meal to a family with a new baby.

The February meeting is usually a project meeting. Two cuddly, colorful fleece blankets and six fleece pillows were made for New Horizons House. Children will be given the pillows and they may take them when leaving New Horizons. All agreed this is a fun and rewarding project to do.

Come join the fellowship at our next potluck lunch/meeting June 6th at Alice Sprain's cabin.

SALAD LUNCHEON - APRIL 3, 2013 - HELP NEEDED!

The Presbyterian Women's Salad Luncheon will be held in the church fellowship hall on Wednesday, April 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6 to 10, and free for children 5 and under. Beverage and dessert included.

Help is needed to supply homemade salads, desserts, and other foods; set up and decorate tables; to work shifts in the kitchen and dining room; to sell tickets at the door; and to clean up when all are served. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or will be on the table in the entryway. The committee thanks you in advance!

Monetary donations are welcome and some will be used to purchase paper products, fruit, butter, beverages, etc. The profits go to our church budget and missions. Please call Avis Evenson, 786-2393 or Joyce Garves, 269-7787 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH

PW Bible study continues on March 6, 13 and 20 in the room between the offices. The study will focus on our elders, our children, dysfunctional families and how to live in harmony with our brothers and sisters. Not a small task, but we will see what 1 John, 2 Peter and Jude have to say about it. Please join us for fellowship, study and prayer.

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON UNDER HEAVEN--Ecc. 3:1

"For Everything There Is a Season Under Heaven" is the theme for the Synod Gathering in Storm Lake, IA on June 12-15. We will meet women from California, Nebraska and Missouri who will give keynote addresses. Workshops feature women from all over the synod. The song leader is from Sioux Falls, SD. The organist is from DePere, WI. Cost is \$250 for a double room. All rooms are air conditioned at Buena Vista University where the gathering is held. Please see Helen Harold for more information. Helen plans to attend so you will have a ride.

THANK YOU

Thanks goes to all of you who donated toilet paper and paper towels for New Horizons Women's and Children's Shelter. They were gratefully received.

FYI!

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

Contact information for them

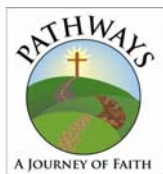
at Bangor is:

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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



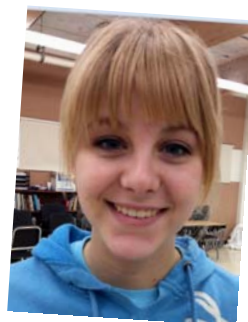
Greg



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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MARCH VOLUNTEERS**HEAD USHERS:** David Daoust & Kelly Crusan**LITURGIST & GREETER**

3—Nick Miller
 10—Vickie Bain
 17—Howard Garves
 24—Diana Swim
 31—Todd Kleiner

NURSERY CARE

3—Brianna Holt
 10—Laura Burdick
 17—Alex Galbraith
 24—Braxton Ghelfi
 31—Martha Haugen

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

ACOLYTES

6—Garrett Byrnes & Sam Horton
 10—Josie LaJeunesse & Autumn Schuster
 17—Grant Bohnsack & Dylan Noel
 24—Alanna Wuensch & Genevieve Haugen
 31—Anna Bohnsack & Brynn Kleiner

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

3—Jim & Sharon Cullmann
 10—Marcia Kazmark
 17—Dorothy Hicks & Jeanette Kroll
 24—Bob Harold
 31—John & Vickie Holt

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Membership & Evangelism**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Helen Harold**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

2—Shawn McAlister
 3—Tom Beirne, Nelda Manter, Alice Sprain
 4—Shirley Beaty
 6—Sean Horton, Aila Meeuwsen, Josie LaJeunesse
 7—Earl Carlson, Matthew Griffin, James Rogala, Phyllis Olson, David Silbaugh,
 Becca Bohnsack, Jennifer Kelley
 9—Connor Brown, Kevin Thompson
 11—Kyle Moorhead
 12—Rae Davis
 15—Carolyn Lindeman, Nikole Auna
 16—Harry Griswold, Willis Jones
 17—Tracey Rogers, Virgil Thompson
 18—Robert Elliott, Marilee Zalewski
 20—James Leicht, Greg Meeuwsen, Chase Aleckson
 21—Katerina Houser
 22—Heidi Ebert
 24—Marie Haugen, Julie Schmidt
 25—John Twining
 25—Heath Byrnes
 26—Sandra Carlson, Marty Olson
 27—Nancy Koeneke, David Wolf
 29—Jane Foner
 30—Kyle Rogers
 31—Alyssa Moorhead, Benjamin Faas

**Youth Group Meetings**

For the month of March
 check Facebook for
 Youth Group meetings



**8th & 9th grade Confirmation students
 serve for the March 27th
 Community Dinner**



Prayer Chain

Helen Harold	786-0856
Sharon Shaw	786-0653
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:



- *Vision Retreat at Sugar Creek—Saturday, March 2*
- *Daylight Savings Time begins—Sunday, March 10*
- *Lenten Services and Meals—refer to schedule on page 1*
- *Holy Week begins—March 24 on Palm Sunday*
- *Easter Sunday—Breakfast 9:00-10:00, Worship Service 10:15*

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