



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Easter Morning—Breakfast 9:00-10:00; Worship 10:15

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 DIRECTIONS FOR DELIVERING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS

The Presbyterian Women will hold a salad luncheon in the church Fellowship hall on Wednesday April 3rd 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.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to donate food. Following are the directions for getting your food to church on the day of the luncheon: The church kitchen will be open at 6:30 a.m. Please try to bring your food as early as possible since carry-outs need to get started early. Write your name on your containers and lids and include the name of your salad or dessert. Please put a check mark by your name on the master food list so we know what food has arrived. After the luncheon, your containers will be on the counter by the windows.

Everyone is welcome! Profits go to our church general fund and to missions.



Pathways Event !

The next Pathways congregational engagement activity event is planned for Sunday, April 28th at our church. Stayed tuned for details. This is an opportunity to reflect and provide input on what we've collected so far along the pathways.

The Pathways Journey is about transition...sharing, reflecting, growing in faith, celebrating, building connections, praying, study, seeking God's direction, creating the mindset for change... The Guiding Vision is being drafted to document our focus to participate in God's dream for our church with relevance to the Pathways themes: programming, church family, and pastoral relationship. The guiding vision draft will be reviewed and revised with your input.

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

February 2013 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance February 1st	\$45,189.90
Receipts	17,739.39
Expenses	(19,897.02)
Balance February 28th	\$43,032.27



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:

- April 7 Congregational meeting to elect Session as our Pastor Nominating Committee
- Spring Churchwide Rummage Sale, May 17-18, all church people needed
- Conference on the Future—April 28
- Election of new Treasurer, Todd Kleiner, with thanks to Tracey Rogers for her service



Hats off to:

- Shirley Beaty, Tomi Carlson, Sandy Schmidt and Helen Harold for the mailing of the March issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our March nursery volunteers: Holt family, Burdick family, Galbraith family, Ghelfi family and Haugen family
- our March liturgists: Nick Miller, Vickie Bain, Howard Garves, Diana Swim and Todd Kleiner
- our March acolytes: Garrett Byrnes, Sam Horton, Josie LaJeunesse, Autumn Schuster, Grant Bohnsack, Chase Jones, Alanna Wuensch, Genevieve Haugen, Anna Bohnsack & Brynn Kleiner



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

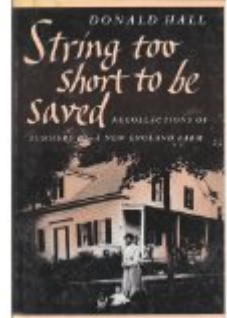
Deacons

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

A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE

For the past 25 years, a dear pastor friend of mine has given me a new book to read as we begin the Lenten season. This year the book is, "Calmly Plotting the Resurrection" by Donna Schaper. I'm not finished with the book, but one of the chapters I've read totally hit a nerve. In that chapter, Schaper talks about Donald E. Hall, the poet laureate of New Hampshire. Hall was cleaning out his grandfather's attic one day and found a box marked, "strings too short to save. Hall was caught completely off-guard by this seemingly eccentric contradiction - useless bits and pieces but valued anyway. Out of the humor of that phrase, Hall was able to write a beautiful poem in his book of the same name, "String too short to be saved."



The reason this struck a nerve with me is because my goal during Lent is to clean out my storeroom in the basement. Needless to say, I have found numerous things I just had to save for that next craft project, children's sermon, school project, etc. Much of it is pretty useless, and it's quite difficult to use things you didn't remember you saved in the first place. In other words, I discovered that my storeroom was full of boxes that might as well have said, "Strings too short to be saved!"

But reading Schaper's meditation, I realized what a profound Easter message this humorous little quip is. Isn't the story of the cross and the empty tomb all about God's gathering up all of us, too-short and too-tall, misfits and plain-Jane's and royalty alike, and saving us. Isn't the Easter story all about folks who, by most estimates, should be tossed out on the garbage bin of history being carefully cared for by God, who sees value and worth more deeply than we humans ever will?

My hope and prayer this Easter Season is that every time we gather in God's name, we remember that we gather not by our own merit or will, but through God's grace and desire to draw us together – because in reality all of us are "strings too short to save!" And yet God's love for us, this deep love that allowed him to give up his only son, saved each and every one of us! So it seems that our job is simple: having been loved and saved, we need to keep a place open in this family of faith and love so that the next misfit, short string, can fit right in!

Easter Blessings to you all,

Pastor Stephanie



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!

Just for Kids answer:

"He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He provides you with plenty of food and fill your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17

God sends us showers of blessings!

SPRING GATHERING April 13

Cambria First Presbyterian Church is the site of the PW Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 13 which will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee. Speakers are Mike Schnitzius and Marla Engbloom, retired teachers in the La Crosse school district who will use "Steadfast Hope", Presbyterian material on Peace and Justice that they speak very highly of and they are both Lutherans. Please let Helen Harold know by April 7 if you would like to go so reservations can be made. Lunch is \$5.00 and Helen will be driving.



The Heifer International fundraising campaign for our Sunday School Students has raised just over \$110.00 We would like to open up this fundraising event to all of the congregation. If you would like to donate money to help reach our goal of raising \$500.00 to purchase a heifer please drop off the funds with a Sunday School Teacher or a Christian Education Committee member.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Explorer Day: June 17, 2013!

Families, mark your calendar for some summer fun! Join us for "Sugar Creek Explorer Day" at Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferryville, Wisconsin on Monday, June 17, 2013! The cost for children 1st – 5th grade is \$15.00. Parents, chaperones and younger siblings are free. Activities will include games, songs, arts & crafts, and quite possibly pony rides, and swimming in the outdoor pool. Lunch and snacks are provided. The Sugar Creek camp counselors are great at teaching the children about God’s Word in a fun way! Carpooling will be available. Adult chaperones will be needed.

The Sky Vacation Bible School for grades K-6th is scheduled for Sunday, August 11-Thursday, August 15th. During the week we will discuss how everything is possible with God. Please save the date for your loved ones to join the fun. If you are interested in helping with the event please contact the Christian Education Committee we need lots of helpers to have a successful camp.



Vision Retreat

The Vision Retreat was held on Saturday March 2nd at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. 36 members of our congregation met to share thoughts, dreams, and hopes of a vision for our church. We met in small groups for discussion and conversation while we searched for God’s vision for us. The Vision Panel members took notes learning from the insights that arose from the groups discussions. The Vision Panel is hard at work drawing upon the insights shared to write a Guiding

Vision for our congregation.

April 28 we will embark on a congregational Conference on the Future to help our congregation begin to explore the future to which God is calling.

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



Confirmation Sunday
April 14 at 10:15 AM

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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APRIL VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Jon Jones

LITURGIST & GREETER

- 7—Charlie Evans
- 14—Avis Evenson
- 21—Bev Onsrud
- 28—David Daoust

NURSERY CARE

- 7—Will Griffin
- 14—Logan Aleckson
- 21—Brendan Holt
- 28—Grady LaJeunesse

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

ACOLYTES

- 7—Chase Jones & David Silbaugh
- 14—Connor Brown & Sam Kleiner
- 21—Jennifer Garves & Alyssa Byrnes
- 28—Grant Bohnsack & Garrett Byrnes

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

- 7—Mary Tschida & Lawrence Everson
- 14—Harley & Helen Meyer
- 21—Fred & Terry Miller
- 28—Sherry Bonsall

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

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Marie Haugen

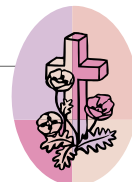


APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Jamie Holt, Anne Galbraith, Bethany McAlister
- 2—Cindy Bergh, Jacquelyn Siekert, Alayna Aleckson
- 3—Evelyn Raymer
- 7—Joan Beebe, Mary Griffin, Todd Kleiner
- 8—Joan Brown
- 10—Samuel Horton
- 11—Kevin Zoerb
- 13—Scott Horton
- 15—Rick Brown, Brianna Holt
- 16—Daniel Wolbrink
- 17—Fred Otto, Susan Hicks
- 18—David Griffin, Laura Lusk
- 19—Robert Eggen, Erik Onsrud, William Onsrud, Grace Onsrud, Linda Levendoski
- 20—Lynn Reedy
- 21—Patrice Meyer
- 22—Kim Garves
- 23—ErikaCrusan, Matthew Huston, Adrian Rice, Kari Schuster
- 24—Elizabeth Schlichenmeyer
- 26—Rachel Brummond
- 27—Jeff Betsinger, Steve Anderson, Kim Faas, Devin Stetzer
- 28—Tim Rogers, Lydia Sells
- 29—Jamie Betsinger
- 30—David Arndt

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Julie Schmidt and Ann Terry families, on the death of Philip Schmidt, March 11th.



Youth Group Meetings

Come all High School Youth
 April 3rd & 17th
 at 7:30 PM
 for Youth Group meetings at church!



Prayer Chain

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| 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:



- *PW Salad Luncheon—Wednesday, April 3*
- *Confirmation Sunday—April 14th*
- *Conference on the Future—April 28th*
- *Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet—Saturday, May 4*

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.