



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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PENTECOST 2013

The Pentecost Offering, traditionally received on the day of Pentecost, provides a direct way to meet the needs of children-at-risk and youth and young adults. The Presbyterian Church of West Salem has been a strong contributor to the Pentecost Offering since its start in 1998. We are encouraged to keep 40 percent of this offering and will be donating this share to the West Salem Boys and Girls Club. The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. We will dedicate this offering on May 19th. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile offering.



Congratulations to the following who were Confirmed April 14th!

Conner Dunn, Alexandra Galbraith, Braxton Ghelfi, Brianna Holt
Janna Seeger, Erick Sells, Alexis Shaw, Patrick Zalewski



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION

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

Rachel Auna Jordan Beirne Mary Kate Brummond Alexander Carlson
Katelyn Carlson Michael Ebert Mason Gress Hayden Gullickson
Jennifer Kelley Kyle Koeneke Curtis Matthews Hunter Meyer
Broderick Rogala Jacob Servais Aric Tourville Alex Twining Dylan Van Riper

Please join us on Sunday, May 19th for fellowship at 9:30 AM for
cake, coffee & juice and a special worship at 10:15 AM in their honor.

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



March 2013 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance March 1st	\$43,032.27
Receipts	21,491.53
Expenses	(21,113.43)
Balance March 30th	\$43,410.37



Building and Grounds
will be having a
Brat-Pork Chop Sandwich sale
at Hansen's on May 25th.

We are looking for donations of baked goods to sell at this event. Please contact Mike Siekert, Marcia Kazmark, Charlie Evans, Ed Lusk, Diana Engel or Ted Yankee with any questions.

Highlights from Session:

- Christian Education, Membership & Evangelism and Stewardship & Mission Committees will be the chair committees for the Spring Church Rummage Sale
- Approved May 12 Sunday School trip to Le Coulee Cheese Castle for ice cream
- Approved pool parties at the Daoust family pool for June 30 & April 18
- Marcia Kazmark will replace David Daoust on the Garden Committee

Hats off to:

- Bob & Sharon Shaw, Sandy Schmidt and Helen Harold for the mailing of the April issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our April nursery volunteers: Griffin family, Aleckson family, Holt family and LaJeunesse family
- our April liturgists: Charlie Evans, Avis Evenson, Bev Onsrud and David Doust
- our April acolytes: Grant Bohnsack, David Silbaugh, Connor Brown, Sam Kleiner, Alanna Wuensch, Alyssa Byrnes, Garrett Byrnes



Opportunity for service—Come Join the Fun! The Postal Food Drive is May 11, 2013



The food pantry board is looking for volunteers to help mark and sort the large quantity of food that arrives. Last year we were not able to process all of the food due to lack of volunteers. We usually take in 4000 pounds of food. Any amount of time between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM would be appreciated. We will be working in the basement of Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 359 N. Leonard St. All ages welcome. Please call Lynette Ender 786-0723 to sign up or just stop by.

June Dairy Days Parade is June 1st

We will be having a float in the June Dairy Days Parade again this year. Our theme will be Sky VBS: Everything is Possible with God! (Mark 10:27). Please mark your calendars and join in the parade. We will meet at the church at 10:30 AM to decorate the float and proceed to our parade space by 11:30 PM. We will be handing out pencils, mini frisbees and foam airplanes instead of candy this year. If you would like to make a donation please see a Christian Education member. We will also need colored tissue paper, clothes pins (the kind that pinch), balloons for filling with helium, ribbon for tying on balloons, and quilt batting for decorating.



The Heifer International fundraising campaign for our Sunday School Students has raised just over half of our goal of \$500.00. 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 to purchase a heifer please drop off the funds with a Sunday School Teacher or a Christian Education Committee member.

What Is Your Time of Life?

I just returned from a retirement seminary, yes retirement is just around the corner for this pastor. I learned a few things that are valuable for whatever stage of life you might find yourself. I hope you can glean some of these items for yourself.

The first thing I learned is the power of 72. 72 times the interest rate tells you how long it will take for your money invested to double. This bit of information is especially important for you young people who have years to save, for the longer you have, the more your saved money has a chance to double and redouble for you.

Young people consider a small payment to yourself in savings, if you stick to it that sum will look huge when you get to my age.

The next thing I learned is that the best budget for you is the one you will stick to. It is not so much our income that we can alter as our expenses. When we learn to spend less than what is coming in, we will do fine. This one is for everyone, but most of us don't spend much time perfecting a budget for our lives.

As we approach retirement age (this one was for me) we need to learn to re-invent ourselves. This means those very things that brought meaning to us (being pastor of a group of wonderful people) is no longer what gives meaning to one's life. What will give meaning to my life after I retire? It just might be something far outside of the normal for a pastor-like woodworking or traveling or volunteering. Those of you who are retired understand how you have re-invented yourselves. It just might be that you can assist people like me to re-invent ourselves.

I learned that the government doesn't make Medicare any easier than income taxes. It might be good that we are given many options for our choosing but without knowing what the future might hold for us which option is the best for us is a mystery. Of course if we knew the future those choices would be rather easy.

I learned many other things which I hope to share with you at some point in time. One final thought was shared – pay God first, the tithe; pay yourself second that same tithe amount and build your budget around the remainder of the dollars coming in.

We are more than our income, we are more than our titles or positions, we are the people of God and whether we are gainfully employed or retired our identity is found in our relationship with God.

Rejoice with me, no matter what time or place we are in life, we are God's people.

Pastor Larry



Youth Group Meetings

Come all High School Youth

May 1st & 15th

at 7:30 PM

for Youth Group meetings at church!



Just for Kids answer:

“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”



SALAD LUNCHEON THANK YOU NOTE

The salad luncheon committee - Avis Evenson, Joyce Garves - co-chairpersons, Carolyn Lindeman - publicity, plus Dixie Fladhammer, Rita Logging, and Diana Meeuwesen - want to thank all the people who made the Salad Luncheon a success.

The church gets involved in the luncheon wholeheartedly as you can see by the following list: 53 people made salads, 40 people made desserts, 17 people made or contributed other foods such as deviled eggs, veggie pizza, fruit, pickles, olives, rolls, etc. 38 people worked on the following: Publicity, arranged tables and chairs, decorated and set tables, sold tickets, greeted the public as hostesses, filled carryout containers, waited on tables, poured beverages, washed and dried dishes, cleaned the kitchen, put away tables and chairs and handled many other details. We had many compliments about the quality of the food and the appearance of the dining room. The linens for the tables were again donated by Aramark Co. and greatly appreciated. The pink napkins looked like Spring and made our rooms look extra special! We served 270 people and grossed \$2,353.75, part of which came from monetary donations. [Some donations are still coming in - thank you!] Expenses were \$102.05 giving us a profit of \$2251.70, so far.

Thanks again for working together to help the Presbyterian Women continue local and world wide mission as well as helping our own church budget.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Helen Harold just returned from a Synod meeting of Presbyterian Women where the moderator, Marilyn Stone reported on having volunteered time at the warehouse where hygiene, baby, school and clean-up kits are sent. The warehouse is in Ferncliff, Arkansas. She and her husband were asked to organize the warehouse which is a new building. Now when volunteers come to work they know exactly where to go and what to do. While she was there, a semi pulled up, loaded baby kits and hygiene kits and went on its way to hurricane Sandy's location. Every kit has been inspected so the exact amount of any item is in it. Extra items are kept out and used for other kits made up by our donations. Some of the One Great Hour of Sharing money goes to Ferncliff.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Mark your calendars for May 3rd! Church Women United will have brunch at Church of LDS in Onalaska at 9:30 a.m. followed by a program. See poster in fellowship hall for details. Contact Rita(786-0145) or Helen(786-0856) for rides.

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. Bring a swimming suit and towel. 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 11th-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.



ATTENTION!!!! The Spring Rummage Sale is just around the corner. It will be on the same weekend as the All Village Rummage Sale, Friday, May 17th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Saturday, May 18th from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Items may be brought after church on May 12th through Thursday, May 16th. If you have a large item you cannot get to church you can call Diana Engel at 786-1560 and arrangements will be made to have it picked up. We NEED your help donating items for the sale, helping set up, running the sale the weekend of the 17th and 18th and clean-up after the sale is over. We will have a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. This is an important fundraiser for the church, so give generously of your time and treasures. Please sign-up to help!!!!!! Thank You ~ Session

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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MAY VOLUNTEERS**HEAD USHER:** David Daoust**LITURGIST & GREETER**

5—John Schmaltz
 12—Kathy Schedin
 19—Maraveen Mayer
 26—Becky Auna

NURSERY CARE

5—Ryan Beirne
 12—Noah Garcia
 19—Sam Cvikota
 26—Mariah Terry

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

ACOLYTES

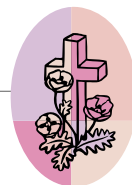
5—Sam Horton & Dylan Noel
 12—Alanna Wuensch & Josie LaJeunesse
 19—Anna Bohnsack & Grant Bohnsack
 26—Chase Jones & Connor Brown

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

5—Kelly & Erika Crusan
 12—Rose Lee & Sheryl Lee
 19—LaVerne & Delores Torgerson
 26—Bob Harold

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Building & Grounds Committee**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Helen Harold**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2—Brian Gullickson, Martin Severson, Jane Wines, Trevor Jones
 3—Hayden Gullickson, TJ Holven
 4—Brynn Auna, Dax Pfaff
 5—Hunter Meyer
 6—Lyle Miles, Elinor Johnston
 7—Kevin Moorhead
 8—Michael Ebert, Lester Hanson, Melissa Sprain
 9—Neil Bain, Kathryn Ebert, June Lusk, Grady LaJeunesse
 10—Brendan Holt, Camille Lusk, Rita Thompson
 11—Kenny Hauser, Linda Lusk
 12—Gregory Shaw
 13—Deon Hughey
 16—Michael Arndt
 17—Tanner Dunn, Carol Griswold
 18—Brian Holt, Joy Martin, Kendall Stephenson
 19—Mary Tschida
 20—Rob Galbraith
 21—Claude Lindeman
 22—Jolie Meyers
 23—Lindy Meyers, Kathleen Anderson
 24—Pam (Barnes) Van Riper
 25—Carol Hass
 26—Jacob Burdick, Michael Lusk, Abigail Knaack
 27—Mary Fiers
 28—Brynn Logging, Alanna Wuensch
 29—Nicholas Miller, Stephanie Steiner
 30—Kyle Schuster



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Cindy Moorhead and family on the death of her father, Fred Farley, on March 23

...Ed Lusk and family on the death of his aunt, Dorothy Hayes, on April 1

...the family of DeLaures Carlson on her death, April 6

**Congratulations**

Dan & Rose Wolbrink family

on the new addition

Isaac Adrian

on March 24

and

Sean & Amity Hill family

on the new addition

Coyah Jace

on April 8!

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Change Service Requested

Looking Ahead:



- *Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet—May 4th at 6:00 PM*
- *Church Rummage Sale—May 17th & 18th*
- *Graduate Recognition—Sunday, May 19th*
- *Brat & Pork Sandwich Sale at Hansen's IGA—May 25th*
- *Sugar Creek Explorer Day Camp—June 17th*

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