



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM



As the crow flies, it is 6,200 miles from West Salem, WI. to Jerusalem, Israel. This year part of our Lenten journey will be to walk the miles from here to Jerusalem with Jesus. We will begin our Journey to Jerusalem with Jesus in Capernaum and go through Gadara, Mt. Tabor, Sychar, Jericho, Bethany and finally reach Jerusalem. Each week members of the congregation will be asked to log the miles they walk that week as we hope to reach our goal of 6,200 miles at the end of our Journey. Throughout this adventure we hope to deepen our faith and practice getting regular exercise as we care for our souls and bodies this year.

On Ash Wednesday, March 1st, you will receive your travel passport that will be stamped every Wednesday at Worship and you will also receive all the details of our Journey to Jerusalem and alternate ways of getting miles if you are not able to do much walking. If you have a smart phone, we encourage you to download the "Pacer"

free app to log your miles (or another app of your choosing). We will also have pedometers available for those who don't have a smart phone.

We hope you join us as we Journey to Jerusalem with Jesus!

SOUP SUPPERS FOR OUR WEDNESDAY LENTEN JOURNEY

Our Lenten journey begins in Bangor on March 1 and ends in Bangor on April 5. These dates coincide with their Community Dinner that runs from 5-6 PM. There will be a free will offering taken as many community members attend this on a regular basis, but we will not be expected to donate as it is part of our journey. March 22 is our Community Dinner as usual with the service following at 6:30. Please help as you are able with that. Your Session Committees will prepare and serve on March 8th, 15th & 29th. Hope to walk beside you on this exciting journey. See you there!

Committee Lenten Soup Supper Assignments

March 8th—Worship & Music and Stewardship & Mission
March 15th—Finance and Building & Grounds
March 22nd—Community Dinner-All Committees help
March 29th—Christian Ed and Membership & Evangelism

We will be serving soup, bread & butter, dessert & beverages from 5:00 to 6:00 with Worship at 6:30.

BREAD NEEDED for Lenten suppers!

We will be hosting the soup suppers for Lent On March 8th, 15th & 29th. All donations of bread for these soup suppers, whether it is homemade or from a store, will be greatly appreciated. The serving starts at 5 PM. Thanks for your help.

January 2017 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance January 1st	\$7,525.33
Receipts	20,148.45
Expenses	(21,557.60)
Ending Balance—January 31st	\$6,116.18



PER CAPITA 2017

For 2017 the per capita is \$29.80. 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:

- Approved Worship & Music looking further into Valet Service on Sunday mornings
- Approved Rock Climbing for 6th – 12th graders at UW-L
- Session voted to approve Garrett Byrnes, Sam Horton and Shelby Knaack for Confirmation on April 2nd

Hats off to:

- our February nursery helpers: Alyssa Byrnes, Tanner Jones & Josie LaJeunesse
- our February acolytes: Lucy Raymer, Jaycob Brown, Julia Byrnes, Keahna Littlejohn, Ethan Crusan, Willis Jones, Gideon Wolbrink & Gavin Loding
- our February liturgists: Tracey Rogers, Jackie Siekert, Howard Garves & Shayna Arndt
- our February sound room: Tiffani Aleckson & Erick Sells



Family Movie Night

Join us for Pizza and a Movie March 3rd!

6:00 Papa Murphy's Pizza - \$5.00 per family

6:30 Movie - Trolls, Rating-PG, 108 minutes long.



After the Bergens invade Troll Village, Poppy (Anna Kendrick), the happiest Troll ever born, and the overly-cautious, curmudgeonly Branch (Justin Timberlake) set off on a journey to rescue her friends. Their mission is full of adventure and mishaps, as this mismatched duo try to tolerate each other long enough to get the job done.

Comfy clothes, pillows and sleeping bags a must!

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering runs through the season of Lent, ending on April 16th. This special offering goes to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry and support towards the self-development of poor and oppressed communities. This offering is part of a collective effort of Presbyterians to create a positive impact and share God's grace and love. OGHS envelopes are provided in each of the chair backs for your donation. Thank you.

Stewardship & Mission Committee

Company of New Pastors

#Greeting to you all, I want you to know what the Presbyterian Church USA has asked for me to do for the larger church. I have been asked to be a mentor in the program called the Company of New Pastors or CNP.

February 12-16, 2017, I was sent to Nashville, TN to be trained and meet the group of new pastors I would be mentoring along with a pastor from Cambria, WI the Rev. Kristin Frederich. Our responsibility is to walk with these new pastors for a number of four day, three-night events over the next 4 years.

Our group of pastors are in their first year as a pastor, ranging in age from 25 to 68, and have both male and female. We will mentor 6 individuals, one in each of these states: Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas.

We will be responsible to assist them in navigating ministry in their context, encouraging them when things are not progressing as they had hoped and helping them to keep their spiritual lives healthy so they can feed their people.

I write this for a couple of reasons, the first is so you are aware I am one of 10 mentors in this class offered this honor and responsibility. There are 3 other classes so you could say I'm one of 40 mentors for the entire CNP program. But maybe more importantly is for a request to each of you to consider walking with me on this journey. Helping me to be the best possible mentor.

Here is how you might help me. One aspect of CNP is daily Prayer and Bible reading. For Lent this year and possibly beyond I will host a daily prayer and bible reading morning devotions at 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and invite any and all of you to attend. This will likely last 10 to 15 minutes and you will be engaged in the process. Beginning March 6th and at least running through April 17th you can join me on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for morning prayers

#CNP encourages pastors to be in the word and prayer so I also encourage you to do the same with me. Come every day, or come when you can. Even if you miss, the next day will be a different prayer and bible reading.

Days will be **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

Beginning **March 6th** and will continue **through at least April 17th.**

#Hope you will nurture your spiritual life with morning prayers.

#Thanks for being the people of God.

Pastor Larry

MARCH

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

- 1st—6:30** Ash Wednesday Worship—Bangor
8th—5:00 Meal & 6:30 Worship in West Salem
15th—5:00 Meal & 6:30 Worship in West Salem
22nd—5:00 Community Dinner & 6:30 Worship
 in West Salem
29th—5:00 Meal & 6:30 Worship in West Salem

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY

- Youth group is going rock climbing this March!
- The cost is \$15 to experience the rock wall and
- high ropes course at UWL from 1-3 pm some
- Sunday afternoon. The date hasn't been confirmed
- yet, so be on the look out and contact Brian Baker
- for details (608)797-6575.



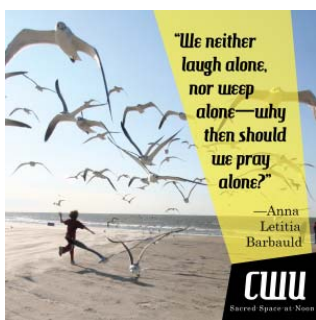
PW February 2nd, 2017

Eleven women enjoyed the bountiful potluck brunch hosted by Jean Pearson and Helen Harold on Thursday, February 2nd. A wonderful selection of egg dishes, breads and fruit was served at 9:00 a.m. followed by a short business meeting.

Helen brought a prayer request from Church Women United for prayers every Monday noon for concerns in our community and the world.

There is a date change for the June PW picnic. It will be held June 15 which is later than usual. The mission program consisted of tying two fleece blankets to be donated to the Horizon House.

We encourage all to join us every Monday at noon to pray for concerns in our community, our country and our world. This idea was initiated in 2014 after girls were captured from school in Nigeria and Church Women United felt there is a need for us to unite on a regular basis in prayer.



Sacred Space at Noon

Wherever you are...pray with us every Monday at noon for concerns in your community and the world

We ARE Church Women UNITED—in action, in celebration, in friendship, and most especially in PRAYER.

SALAD LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017 - HELP NEEDED!



The Presbyterian Women's Salad Luncheon will be held in the church fellowship hall on Wednesday, April 5th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The cost is \$9 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. Monetary donations are welcome and some will be used to purchase paper products, butter, beverages, etc. The profits go to our church budget and missions.

Sign up sheets will be posted on the table in the entryway on Sundays or on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall during the week. We would like to encourage you to share this information with local friends and relatives on Facebook or other social media if possible. The luncheon is open to everyone and is a major money maker for our church. The committee thanks you in advance!

Please call Avis Evenson, 786-2393 or Joyce Garves, 269-7787 with any questions.

PW Bible Study

Please join us for bible study on Wednesday, March 1st at 1 PM in the room between the offices. We are continuing the study, "Who Is Jesus" as seen by John, Paul and Hebrews. We will meet again on March 8th and 15th. It is also a time of fellowship and prayer,

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3rd is World Day of Prayer at our church beginning at 9:30 AM with a \$5.00 brunch. The program was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Philippines and the World Day of Prayer USA Committee. Please join us as we unite with others all over the world on this day to celebrate our Christian faith. Please give brunch reservations to Helen 786-0856 by February 26th.

Summer Camp Scholarships

Summer camp registration has already begun. The Christian Education Committee has limited scholarship money available for campers. The committee is asking for those interested in a camp scholarship to complete an application form and provide a short essay as to why they want to go to camp. **Applications are due in the church office by April 9th.** All applications will be reviewed and it will be determined how much can be allotted to each camper based on the number of applicants. Traditionally scholarships of 1/3 to 1/2 of the tuition cost have been awarded. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the camps. Families will be notified of the scholarship amounts awarded by April 23rd.

The Committee may ask campers to give a brief overview of their experience to the congregation. For more information contact the Christian Education Committee, Nick Miller, Kelly Crusan, Jenni Loging, Becca Bohnsack, Kevin & Shayna Arndt or Brian Baker.

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

Presbyterian Church of West Salem—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 April 9, 2017.

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MARCH VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Kelly Crusan

FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up): Stewardship & Mission Committee

LITURGIST & GREETER

5—Tracey Rogers
12—Jackie Siekert
19—Laura Burdick
26—Kevin Arndt

NURSERY CARE

5—Genevieve Sprain
12—Anna Bohnsack
19—Connor Brown
26—Genevieve Haugen

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

5—Sandy Schmidt & Carol Hass
12—Mike Siekert
19—Clark & Martha Burdick
26—Shayna Arndt

ACOLYTES

5—Jolie Meyers & Brigitta Haugen
12—Dane Bohnsack & Evan Noel
19—Ethan Crusan & William Silbaugh
26—Keahna Littlejohn & Lucy Raymer

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

5—Erick Sells
8—Erick Sells (Wednesday)
12—Tiffani Aleckson
15—Tiffani Aleckson (Wednesday)
19—Erick Sells
22—Erick Sells (Wednesday)
26—Tiffani Aleckson
29—Tiffani Aleckson (Wednesday)

*Congratulations to
Kyle & Jennifer Rogers
on the birth of
Maddox George
on February 14th!*



*Congratulations to
Mark & Tatiana Wolf on the
baptism of
Vivica Opal Ann
on February 19th!*

PW Birthday Offering Update

The 2017 Birthday offering will go to provide water for 40 families in the Smith Lake Navajo reservation in New Mexico. Currently they are storing water in pots, pans and 55 gallon drums. Each household will have a cistern, pump, sink, showers and pipes necessary for the installation. Their goal is 205 families depending on the amount of offering received. Thank you for your donations.



Birthdays

2—Shawn McAlister
3—Nelda Manter, Alice Sprain
4—Shirley Beaty
6—Sean Horton, Aila Meeuwsen, Angela Molling, Josie LaJeunesse
7—Earl Carlson, James Rogala, Becca Bohnsack, David Silbaugh
9—Connor Brown
15—Carolyn Lindeman
16—Harry Griswold, Willis Jones
17—Tracey Rogers, Virgil Thompson
18—Robert Elliott, Marilee Zalewski

20—James Leicht, Greg Meeuwsen
21—Katerina Houser
22—Heidi Ebert
24—Isaac Wolbrink, Marie Haugen
25—John Twining, Heath Byrnes
26—Sandra Carlson
27—Nancy Koeneke, David Wolf
29—Jane Foner
30—Kyle Rogers

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Quick Look Ahead:

- *March 1st at 6:30—Ash Wednesday Worship in Bangor*
- *PW Bible Study begins March 1st*
- *March 3rd—World Day of Prayer—here*
- *Movie & Pizza—March 3rd—Pizza at 6:00 & Movie “Trolls” at 6:30*
- *March 19th—West Salem Business EXPO at WS High School*

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