



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## RUMMAGE SALE MAY 2017

### WE NEED YOU....more than ever!!!

It is time for annual spring Fundraiser-the beloved and dreaded-**RUMMAGE SALE!** We always need help, but this year it is more essential than ever. As I'm sure most of you are aware, Diana & Charles will not be available to help this year due to Diana's cancer treatments. You can help them with your prayers, but it would also help them to know that we can maintain the momentum that they have given us with the rummage sale fundraiser.



The dates this year are Friday, May 19th from 7 AM to 7 PM and Saturday, May 20th from 7 AM to 3 PM. We will not be able to start setting up the Fellowship Hall until 5 PM Sunday, May 14th, and we will need lots of help to get this done. This is one of the times where we need lots of help, especially from strong, able-bodied people. You may start bringing your rummage donations on Sunday and put them in the nursery or a Sunday school room, we do

not want to interfere with the ceremony that is taking place. Starting Monday at 9 AM and continuing through Thursday at 7 PM, we will need many helping hands to unpack, organize, and mark our items for sale. Yes, there is a dedicated group of men & women that help, but we need everyone's help, even for an hour or two. This year we will not have Charles always available to help with pickups and things like that so men, we need you! Yes, we work hard, but we also have fun! Since this is a family affair, we could use the help of the youth of the church after school. We will have someone at the church until at least 7 PM each evening so you may come after work to help and/or drop off goodies. Friday and Saturday we need cashiers, baggers, helpers, and reorganizers!

**SATURDAY AT 3 PM, WE NEED LOTS OF HELP FOR CLEANUP!** This is a really big deal since everything must be packed up to be donated or stored and the church and fellowship hall must be ready for Sunday!

**FOOD!** Yes, we need to feed our busy workers. We need everything and anything for lunch and snacks. Please donate hot dishes, salads, sandwich makings, as well as sweet or salty snacks! Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. Hungry workers accomplish less!

Please bring your rummage as early in the week as possible, but for sure by Thursday noon. This is a very major fundraiser for us and goes a long way to helping our annual budget. **THANKS!**

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION

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

*Conner Dunn, Cassandra Francis, Braxton Ghelfi, Will Griffin  
Janna Seeger, Erick Sells, Alexis Shaw, Patrick Zalewski*

Please join us on Sunday, May 21st during fellowship at 9:30 AM for cake, coffee & juice and a special Worship at 10:15 AM in their honor.

**Congratulations 2017 Graduates!**



## March 2017 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance March 1st	\$3,588.18
Receipts	15,370.56
Expenses	(20,556.94)
<b>Ending Balance—March 31st</b>	<b>(\$1,598.20)</b>



### 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:

- Session and Bangor Session met with Executive Presbyter Chaz Ruark to hear and ask questions about Pastoral services for Mindoro Presbyterian Church
- Session in May moved to May 22nd in order for all to participate in Rummage Sale
- Approved Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church Mission Trip (from Michigan) to have overnights here on June 17th and 23rd

## Hats off to:

- our April nursery helpers: Luke Noel, Garrett Byrnes, Willis Jones, Aly Cvikota & Shelby Knaack
- our April acolytes: Lucy Raymer, Gavin Loging, Willis Jones, Keahna Littlejohn, Gideon Wolbrink, Julia Byrnes, Angelina Lu & Jolie Meyers
- our April liturgists: Jenni Loging, Avis Evenson, Jane Foner, Helen Harold & Nick Miller
- our April sound room: Tiffani Aleckson, Kelly Crusan & Erick Sells



## Elders

### Class of 2017

Lois Sanwick  
Carolyn Lindeman  
Carol Griffin  
Valerie Olson

### Class of 2018

Nick Miller  
Kelly Crusan  
Jane Foner  
Barb Hopkins

### Class of 2019

Shawn McAlister  
Mike Siekert  
Kristjan Sells  
Kevin Aleckson

## Deacons

Class of 2017 Kris Seeger, Becky Auna, Lill Twining, Rita Loging and Helen Harold

Class of 2018 Susan Evans, Charlie Evans, Jackie Siekert, Marilyn Bahr and Rita Thompson

## What are your Hopes?

Greetings to you all! I'm writing this newsletter page the day after Easter, even though I know you will not be reading it for a couple weeks, my hope is by the time you are reading this our winter clothing will be put away. My hope is that the trees will have leaves and some of the early flowers will be blooming. I'm also hoping the hummingbirds will be back in our area, drinking at my hummingbird feeders.

Hope is a large part of life. As young children, we hope for that right toy or a friend to play with. As we grow older our hopes change a bit to include looking good, having good grades or being good at something like sports or music. Add a couple more years and our hope is for that "girlfriend/boyfriend" or that job which allows us to purchase clothes or even a car. Soon after that our hopes change again for that right job, spouse or house. We might even hope for that superior job, house or to make a name for ourselves.

As we continue to age our hopes tend to become fewer and somewhat less grand in nature. We hope to be able to get up and down the stairs without much difficulty, certainly without falling. We hope to make it to our granddaughters wedding in the fall, knowing full well our health issues may keep us home. And towards the end of life, we hope to be able to live at home and not have to go to the nursing home.

Hope seems to be the smaller sister of the three the Apostle Paul was speaking of in 1 Corinthians 13:13 when he said; "And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

We hear a great deal about love and we are taught to love God, neighbor and self. We hear just about as much about being people of faith and believing the gospel message of salvation. But when it comes to hope, less seems to be spoken. Yet there are times in life when love does not feel evident and times when our faith is lagging. Especially at those times, hope is what we can hang on to. Hope that what we have heard for years of the love of God and the assurance of salvation will carry us through the dark times of life. Even as sure as we might be that spring will come, spring is a great picture of hope. Hope that God will once more bring new life to the world around us.

So, my hope for all of us is this: that we might enjoy the love of God which covers our lives, that our faith might be strengthened as we join together in worship and prayer, but most of all today, that when problems arise, when life seems to be too much for us, our hope may be found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Easter Sunday is the beginning of the Easter season, the season of hope. What are your hopes?

Pastor Larry



## Pentecost Offering



The Pentecost Offering began on April 17th and will end on Sunday, June 4th. Our congregation is able to keep 40% of this special offering and use those proceeds to help youth in our own community. This year we have chosen to use that money to help children at the West Salem Elementary with their fall school supplies. The remaining portion of the Pentecost offering goes to the general Presbyterian Mission Agency to support youth programs throughout the world. Please give generously to the Pentecost Offering and see how Christ's promise grows in our youth. Thank you.

Stewardship and Mission Committee



**SALAD LUNCHEON THANK YOU NOTE** The salad luncheon committee - Avis Evenson, Joyce Garves, Carolyn Lindeman and Diana Meeuwsen want to thank everyone who made the April 5th Salad Luncheon a success. People working in their kitchens ahead of time made 45 salads, 34 desserts, and 17 people brought other foods such as deviled eggs, fruit, veggie pizza, pickles, olives, sandwich spread, and rolls. To make the luncheon happen, 46 people worked at jobs such as publicity, arranged tables and chairs, decorated and set tables, sold tickets, greeted the public, waited on tables, poured beverages, filled and delivered carryouts, scraped, washed and dried dishes, cleaned the kitchen, put away tables and chairs, counted the money and took care of remaining tasks. The linen tablecloths and napkins donated by Aramark Co. made our dining room look elegant. Thanks to Helen Harold for picking them up and returning them. We received many compliments on the food thanks to our great cooks! We served 234 people and had a profit of \$2449. Part of the profit came from money donations with some still coming in. Many thanks again for helping the Presbyterian Women continue world and local missions as well as helping our own church budget.

### MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friday, May 5th is Church Women United May Friendship Day at Prince of Peace Lutheran in La Crescent beginning at 9:30 with a \$5.00 brunch. The theme is *Kindling New Fires of Love*. We will be assembling hygiene kits for Church World Service. Our speaker is a student from Africa attending Viterbo who will share her experiences as part of Hosea's Heart. Notice the poster on the kiosk.

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### Congregational Campfire



The Christian Education Committee invites everyone to join us on Friday, May 5th from 7-8pm for a campfire in the church backyard! We will enjoy s'mores, beverages, and yard games while we use our fire pit and enjoy our new concrete walkway. Come for a few minutes or stay as long as you can! We hope you can join in the fun and fellowship!

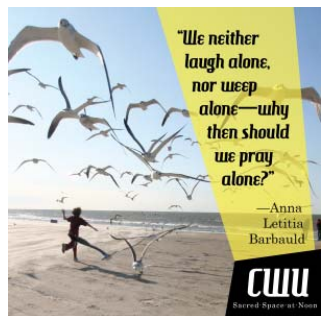
### Summer Special Music Needed



Musicians, vocalists, instrumentalists of all ages and abilities: **WE NEED YOU!** The Worship & Music Committee is looking for individuals or groups to share their musical abilities during worship services during the months of June, July, and August. Please contact Greg Meeuwsen at 608-786-2812 and he would be more than happy to find a Sunday that works with your summer schedule.

### Are you trained on the AED?

We would like to create a list of our members that are qualified to use the AED. Ours is located in the closet behind the stained glass window in the Fellowship Hall entrance. There is a decal on the door. Please let Holly know either by email or phone if we can add your name to the list. Thanks so much for caring and being



### 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.**



**Congratulations to the following who were Confirmed April 2nd!**

*Garrett Byrnes   Sam Horton   Shelby Kraack*

**Are you interested in the sound room? We are interested in you!**

We need to have a few more people trained to operate the equipment in the sound room. Erick Sells, who has done an amazing job in there, will be moving to a new stage in his life and we are very proud of him.

We will miss his expertise and thank him very much, but that leaves us short on sound booth technicians!

Please contact the church office, Tiffani Aleckson, Jane Foner or Barbara Hopkins if you have any interest in working in the sound room. Confirmands, this would be a great way to earn service hours!

**Proposed Valet Parking Service**

We are trying to organize a valet service to park and retrieve cars, for those with a need, at the time of church service. This would be only parking cars not transferring people. Our thought is that this could make coming to church so much easier for those with a special need. We need **volunteers**, who are over 25, that would be willing to be scheduled to help with this project. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you would need to be scheduled. Details are still to be developed. Please contact Greg Meeuwsen, Barbara Hopkins or Jane Foner if you are willing to be of service in this way. Thanks!

**Graduation recognition!**

On May 21st we would like to recognize and congratulate our high school graduates as they embark on their new journey in life. We are asking them to share their Senior Exit Project, or online learning opportunity, or Eagle Scout Project. Please plan to support our youth as they cross over this threshold of life.

**OGHS Youth Offering**

Congratulations! The OGHS Youth Offering from the Plinko game was \$44.65. Thank you to all the children who gave to this offering this year! You will make a difference to many people out in the world who are needing assistance.

**Secretary Office Hours for June 5th-July 14th:**

**Monday - 7:30-11:30**

**Tuesday - 7:30-2:30**

**Friday - 7:30-11:30**

# Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

Join us on

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

At the Presbyterian Church of West Salem

**“New Menu this year!”**

***Pork Tenderloin***

with all the extras and MAN MADE CAKE!

Professionally prepared and served by the Men of the Church

Followed by **Unforgettable** Entertainment!

**Nighttime Follies!**

**-----This is not one you'd want to miss!!!-----**

**<Bring your family<Bring your friends<Bring people you don't even know**

**Adults Only \$8.00    12 & under JUST \$4.00    5 & under FREE!**

Please return this ticket with payment  
by Sunday, May 7th

**Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet**  
Saturday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m.

**Write Check to: Presbyterian Women**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or drop off to: Presbyterian Church  
625 West Franklin St.  
West Salem, WI 54689

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Or return to a committee member:

Kristjan Sells, Chris Winther, Dave Bohnsack, Ron Seeger,  
Terry Zalewski, Kelly Crusan, or Ben Baker

\_\_\_ Adults @ 8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Children @ 4.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 5 and under FREE

TOTAL AMOUNT = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# **RUMMAGE SALE!**

**Presbyterian Church  
625 W. Franklin Street  
(behind Hansen's IGA)**

**Friday, May 19th  
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

**and**

**Saturday, May 20th  
7:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

## MAY VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Fred Miller

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Christian Education Committee

### LITURGIST & GREETER

7—Tracey Rogers  
14—Noah Garcia  
21—Alanna Wuensch  
28—Nancy Olson

### NURSERY CARE

7—Alyssa Byrnes  
14—Tanner Jones  
21—Sam Horton  
28—Josie LaJeunesse

### GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

7—Pfaff Family & Jackie Schimke  
14—Barb Reynolds  
21—Crystal Wuensch  
28—Claire & Kim Sweet

### ACOLYTES

7—Ethan Crusan & Gavin Loging  
14—Evan Noel & Willis Jones  
21—Dane Bohnsack & Gideon Wolbrink

### SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

7—Tiffani Aleckson  
14—Erick Sells  
21—Tiffani Aleckson  
28—Tiffani Aleckson

### The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Teresa Schnitzler Gehrke on the death of her father, Walter J. Gehrke, April 2nd.

...Kathy Schedin on the death of her father, David Fruechte, on April 16th.



*Congratulations to*  
Chris & Melissa Norman on the  
baptism of  
Augustine Chase  
*and*  
Ben Sprain & Sarah Sullivan on the  
baptism of  
Braxton William  
on April 23rd!



## Birthdays

2—Martin Severson, Jane Wines, Trevor Jones  
3—TJ Holven  
4—Dax Pfaff  
6—Lyle Miles, Elinor Johnston  
8—Melissa Norman, Michael Ebert  
9—Neil Bain, Kathryn Ebert, Jerry Seeger, Grady LaJeunesse  
10—Brendan Holt, Camille Lusk, Rita Thompson  
11—Linda Lusk, Kenny Hauser  
12—Gregory Shaw  
13—Deon Hughey  
17—Tanner Dunn, Carol Griswold, Lois Sanwick

18—Brian Holt, Kendall Stephenson  
19—Mary Tschida  
20—Rob Galbraith  
21—Claude Lindeman, Carter Holven  
22—Jolie Meyers  
23—Lindy Meyers, Kathleen Anderson, Jackie Schimke  
25—Carol Hass  
26—Jacob Burdick, Michael Lusk, Abigail Knaack  
28—Brynn Loging, Alanna Wuensch  
29—Nicholas Miller, Stephanie Steiner  
30—Helen Meyer, Kyle Schuster



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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- *Friday, May 5th at 7:00 PM—Congregational Campfire*
- *Saturday, May 13th at 6:00 PM—Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet*
- *Sunday, May 14th—Sunday School Children Singing*
- *Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th—  
Spring Church Rummage Sale*
- *Sunday, May 21st—Graduate Recognition*

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