



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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June 4th is Pentecost Sunday. Please wear something RED,( ie, a hat, shirt, socks) in recognition of the last day of this special offering. Remember, our congregation gets to keep 40 percent of the proceeds, which will be used to help needy students in our own community with school supplies. Thank you so much for caring and helping in our church's ministry. Stewardship and Mission Committee

## SAVE THE DATE!

There will be an outdoor service and dedication of Patrick Zalewski's Eagle Scout walkway project followed by an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 16, 2017. Please plan to attend.



## IT'S GARDEN TIME!



Our goal is to try Tuesday evening around 5 PM for working in the garden. All are welcome to enjoy the outdoors and get to know more people. We are very excited to have taken this project over and look forward to also meeting more people of the church. Hope to see you there!  
~ Janice and Jerry Seeger

## CHURCH CLEAN-UP



Building and Grounds is requesting your help with cleaning chores in the month of June. We need windows washed, cupboards and drawers made tidy, baseboards dusted as well as outdoor flower beds mulched. Our plan is to make a master list of chores and when anyone is here and has 15-30 minutes extra time ask that they take that responsibility for a small portion of the work. Cleaning supplies, rags and buckets will be left out in the kitchen and the master list will be in a central location so anyone can choose a job and record what has been completed.

There is also a Cleaning Day scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> for anyone that is available to come and tackle indoor or outdoor work as a church family.

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

Monday - 7:30-11:30  
Tuesday - 7:30-2:30  
Friday - 7:30-11:30

## April 2017 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance April 1st	(\$1,598.20)
Receipts	26,281.66
Expenses	(24,372.57)
<b>Ending Balance—April 30th</b>	<b>\$310.89</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:

- June 17th Clean-up Day—Please come help from 9:00-?
- Campfire Night June 17th...All Welcome!
- Approved Outside Worship & Dedication on July 16th
- Committees will meet June 12th followed by Session Meeting at 7:00 PM

## Hats off to:

- our May nursery helpers: Alyssa Byrnes, Tanner Jones, Sam Horton & Josie LaJeunesse
- our May acolytes: Ethan Crusan, Gavin Loging, Evan Noel, Willis Jones & Dane Bohnsack
- our May liturgists: Jane Foner & Alanna Wuensch
- our May sound room: Tiffani Aleckson & 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

*Psalm 19:1 – “The heavens are telling the glory of God...”*

I absolutely love this time of year! The landscape is so beautiful decked out in it's many shades of green. Flowers are in bloom and the birds have found my feeders once again this year. Our garden is partially planted and the dandelions in the yard are finally under control. The bright pink geraniums are in full bloom and the bleeding hearts and hostas look amazing this year!

As I was sitting on my deck and enjoying the beauty of this season, I was reminded of a trip Kiernan and I took during the month of May when she was 3 years old. We were simply heading from Viroqua to Prairie du Chien to visit Grandma and Grandpa for a picnic. The music from her little tape player was belting out some of her favorite Disney tunes and all of the sudden, she stopped the tape recorder in the middle of a song and said, “Momma, God sure painted a beautiful picture today, didn't He?” Such a simple reminder from the innocence of a child that God paints beautiful pictures for us every day of our lives. Of course we may not particularly like the snow and have certainly had enough rain already this year, but there is beauty in every single day!

You've heard the saying "Stop and smell the flowers." Yet daily we pass by so many glimpses of God's creation without pausing, even for a moment. Not only do we miss the chance to smell flowers along the path, but we miss beauty surrounding us. Are you conscious of the variety of trees, plants, shrubs or flowers along your daily treks? What if we could fully notice the summer's green, the winter's white, and the fall's magnificent paintbrush of colors?

Most of the time I suspect we fail to hear the birds and other wildlife rustling about. And what about feeling the gentle breeze -- God's finest form of air conditioning -- or noticing the brilliance of our own human form?

This month, I invite you to just stop for a moment and think of creation. In Genesis we read the creation stories that tell us Adam was made from the moist clay of the first garden. From the same stuff that grows all the plants, flowers and vegetables.

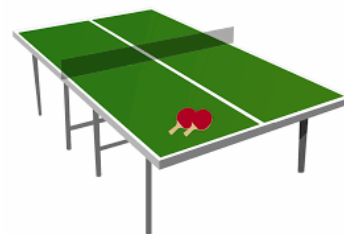
And at the top of creation, in case you need a reminder, is you. If you want to experience and appreciate God's rich variety in creation, simply look at yourself, your neighbor and every other human being.

Actually, to appreciate creation might not even require us to go outside. We can look at one another and give thanks for the diversity of our personalities, gifts, talents, characteristics, etc., as manifested throughout the many seasons of our lives! I encourage you to live fully within God's creation. Take time to slow down and notice the beauty of your world – after all, “God sure painted a beautiful picture today, didn't HE?”

*Pastor Stephanie*

## **ATTENTION KIDS! PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR VBS 2017!**

We will kickoff a fun-filled week on Sunday, August 6th immediately following church. We will have an all congregation lunch followed by a ping pong tournament! The fun continues from 5:30-8:00 pm, Monday, August 7-Wednesday, August 9th! Our theme this year is "Conquer the Day, Mega Sports Camp!" We hope you can join us for some awesome Bible lessons, games, food, and sports FUN! Watch for more details in the July Lamp-lighter!



## June PW Picnic

Our summer picnic is on Thursday, June 15th at 11:30 AM at Diana Swim's home at N4967 Moos Road. Please bring a dish to pass. Table service, rolls and drinks will be provided, Helen Harold will assist Diana in hosting. A skit by Jane Foner and Nelda Manter, "Think You Know Presbyterian Women?" will be given. The Fellowship of the Least Coin offering will be received. Please join us and bring a friend.



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## 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?

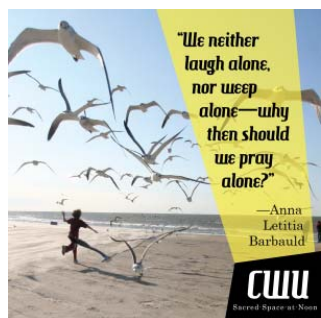
We would like to create a list of our members that are qualified to use the AED. Ours is located in the closet behind the stained glass window in the Fellowship Hall entrance. There is a decal on the door. Please let Holly know either by email or phone if we can add your name to the list. Thanks so much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

## Are you interested in the sound room? We are still looking for volunteers!

We need to have a few more people trained to operate the equipment in the sound room. 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!



## 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.**

## JUNE VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Howard Garves

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Building & Grounds Committee

### LITURGIST & GREETER

4—Becky Auna  
11—Jackie Siekert  
18—Howard Garves  
25—Avis Evenson

### NURSERY CARE

4—Genevieve Sprain  
11—Anna Bohnsack  
18—Connor Brown  
25—Genevieve Haugen

### GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

4—Crusan family  
11—Mike Siekert  
18—Joyce Gaves  
25—Penny Wherry

### SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

4—Grant Bohnsack  
11—Tiffani LaJeunesse  
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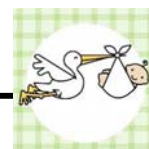
### The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...the family of Helen Meyer, who died April 28th.

...Sandy Schmidt and family on the death of her husband, Marlin "Mookie" Schmidt, on May 2nd.



The next  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
will be  
Monday, June 19th from  
12:30-5:30 PM  
Call Connie Blunck  
for an appointment  
at 786-0684.



*Congratulations to*  
Lonny & Emily Van Schepen  
(Winther)  
on the birth of  
Mick  
on May 5th!



## Birthdays

2—Crystal Wuensch, Lisa Jones, Brigitta Haugen  
3—Addie Tourville  
5—Caroline Sells  
7—Quentin Wilczynski  
8—Paxton Roe, Burton Bangsberg  
9—Karen Willinger  
10—Emily Willinger  
11—Gavin Logging, David Onsrud, Jane Bangsberg  
13—Brennan Gress, Jane Hunt-Gotisha, Ann Terry, Gail Griswold, Stephanie Sweet

14—Katherine Huston  
15—Lois Elliott, Charles Evans, Mark Harris  
19—Mary Kate Brummond, Tim Gress, Fred Miller, Amity Hill  
21—Tom Holven  
24—Julie Harris, Abigail McAlister, Norman Sanwick  
25—Terry Zalewski  
27—Lill Twining, Grant Bohnsack  
28—Brandie Gress

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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- *June 6th—Bingo at Mulder's*
- *June 15—PW Picnic at Diana Swim's*
- *June 19th—Red Cross Blood Drive*
- *June 22—25—Mission Trip to Bowler, WI*
- *July 8th—Hansen's IGA Brat/Pork Sandwich Sale*

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