



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## ATTENTION KIDS!

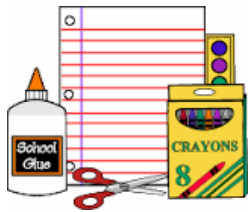
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## PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR VBS 2017!

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! It's sure to be an activity filled week! See you there!



## HELP SUPPORT AREA CHILDREN



During July and August, the Presbyterian Church of West Salem will be collecting donations to be used to help needy children in the West Salem School District. These donations will allow us to purchase gift cards that will then be distributed by the school guidance counselor on an as needed basis to children/families who cannot afford to purchase necessary school supplies. These gift cards may even help a family purchase gloves, mittens or boots for their child/children who have none. Even just \$5 can make a difference to a struggling family.

To support this mission, envelopes for donations will be in a prominent spot in the back of the church. Or you may send in a donation to the church office, noting that it is to support WS Student Supplies.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. — Proverbs 11:25

Please know that your donation will be helping children **here**, in **our** community. *Thank you so much!*

~ Stewardship & Mission Committee

## Summer Special Music Needed



Musicians, vocalists, instrumentalists of all ages and abilities: **IT IS GETTING DOWN TO THE WIRE FOR YOU TO GRACE US WITH YOUR TALENTS!** Please contact Greg Meeuwesen at 608-786-2812 and he would be more than happy to find a Sunday that works with your August schedule.

## June 2017 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance June 1st	\$424.28
Receipts	15,432.56
Expenses	(17,982.25)
<b>Ending Balance—June 30th</b>	<b>(\$2,125.41)</b>



### Secretary Office Hours:

**July 14th - Sept. 1st:**

**Tuesday - 7:30-12:30**

**Wednesday - 7:30-12:30**

**Thursday - 7:30-12:30**

### PW News



PW's summer picnic will be on Thursday, August 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Valerie Olson's home, N6730 Eggen Coulee Rd. Please bring a dish to pass, table service will be provided. Nelda Manter and Jane Foner will present a skit, "Who Is A Presbyterian Woman?" If you would like a ride, please call Helen, 786-0856 and we can meet at church. Hope to see you there. Invite a friend.



Thanks to all who donated new underwear and socks for New Horizons!



### Hats off to:

- our July nursery helpers: Luke Noel, Garrett Byrnes, Chase Jones, Aly Cvikota & Shelby Knaack
- our July liturgists: Jane Foner, Kathy Schedin, Laura Burdick, Kevin Arndt & Jenni Logging
- our July sound room: Tiffani LaJeunesse, Grant Bohnsack & Kelly Crusan



### **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 Logging and Helen Harold

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

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

During the Children's sermon a few weeks ago, I was amazed at all the places our young people had already been on vacation this summer – from Green Bay to Ohio and South Dakota to Boston. Summer is a perfect time to vacation and spend some time with family, relatives and friends.

My favorite mode of transportation for vacation is driving. I will admit to you that I do NOT like to fly, (pray for us as Kiernan and I fly to San Francisco this summer) and the bus and train seem to take way too long – perhaps it's that I like to be in control and determine when and where we stop? For me, driving is just so convenient especially with a GPS in my vehicle or good ol' Siri telling me exactly which turns to take, that is, unless I think I know more than Siri and try to take a different route and end up lost or taking way longer to reach my destination.



Recently I was heading to a new place to eat – thinking I had the general idea where it was, I didn't turn on my GPS and what should have taken ½ hour quickly became more than an hour. As I was roaming around the back roads of Wisconsin, it occurred to me that there have been times in my life when I have been guilty of taking the same stance with God. When the Holy Spirit prompts me in a certain direction, there are times when I insist I know a better route. Sometimes it's because I am uncertain where God's road will lead me and who wants to be taken out of their comfort zone. And other times it's because I can't seem to make sense of the road God has placed me on. Why is this road so bumpy at times? Shouldn't it be smoothly paved? Don't I deserve a nice easy ride?

It's at times like this that we all need to pull out a different GPS – a **God Positioning System!!** And the Good News is that each of us has a God Positioning System that will help us find our way when we are confused, unsure, seeking direction or hope. Because there are times in our lives when we come to a juncture and we need to know the direction God has for us. Times when the road is filled with obstacles, littered with pot holes, or tied up in construction. When that happens all we have to do is turn on God's Positioning System and listen to these same words God spoke to David in Psalm 32:8: *"I will guide you and teach you the way you should go. I will give you good advice and watch over you."*

Wherever the roads lead us this summer, we need to make sure to turn on our God Positioning System and know that God will never lead us down the wrong route or leave us when the road gets tough. Although we might not always understand why he steers us on a particular road, we can be confident that God knows how to get us safely to our final destination!

Enjoying the summer with you,

Pastor Stephanie

### Come for lunch and a treat at Hansen's IGA on September 2nd!



Building and Grounds will be having a Brat and Bake Sale on September 2nd from 9AM till around 2PM. Please stop by for a quick bit to eat as you go about your busy Saturday. Our committee would appreciate any bake goods that you could contribute and they should be wrapped to sell and brought to the church kitchen. Let's hope for good weather and good sales!



## **AUGUST VOLUNTEERS**

**HEAD USHER:** Kristjan Sells

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Finance Committee

### **LITURGIST & GREETER**

6—Becky Auna  
13—Shayna Arndt  
20—Charlie Evans  
27—Helen Harold

### **NURSERY CARE**

6—Alyssa Byrnes  
13—Tanner Jones  
20—Sam Horton  
27—Josie LaJeunesse

### **GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)**

6—Shayna Arndt  
13—Kevin Arndt  
20—Susan Evans  
27—Ron & Kris Seeger

### **SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS**

6—Grant Bohnsack  
13—Tiffani LaJeunesse  
20—Kelly Crusan  
27—Tiffani LaJeunesse



The next Red Cross Blood Drive  
will be Monday, August 28th  
from 12:30-5:30 PM.

Call Connie Blunck for an appointment  
at 786-0684.



1—Joan Gullickson, Evan Noel, Elsbeth Hinck  
2—Audrey Steinborn, Greg Haugen  
4—Rose Lee  
5—Justine Griffin  
6—Kevin Aleckson  
7—Sue Raymer, Robert Allen  
8—James Schmidt, David Seeger  
11—Kandi Holt, Aaron Tourville  
12—Laney Stephenson  
14—Sharon Cullmann, Diana Swim  
15—Patricia Hall, Jon Jones

17—Carissa Hass  
19—Tom Bonsall, Ron Seeger  
23—Ryan Beirne  
24—Marion Fried, Claudia Olson  
25—Dane Bohnsack  
26—Tanner Jones  
27—Alexander Wuensch  
28—Nicole Jandro, Jessica Noel  
29—Kim Sweet, Alyssa Byrnes  
30—Gary Willinger  
31—Julia Byrnes

## **FALL RUMMAGE SALE**



Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for September. Hopefully you are getting donations put together to help with this major fundraiser. The dates for this year are September 15th & 16th and again this year we will be doing the following weekend of the 22nd & 23rd. We will need help with set-up starting Monday, September 11th through Thursday, September 14th. Your donations, time and purchases are what make this event the BIG success that it has been. Please be sure to get all your goodies together and fill up those boxes, bins and bags for the sale and get them to the church starting September 11th. Thanks so much for all your help!

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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- *August 6th–9th–Vacation Bible School*
- *August 10th–PW Picnic*
- *August 19th–Presbytery Meeting–Video Conference [here](#)*
- *August 28th–Red Cross Blood Drive*
- *September 2nd–Hansen’s Brat Sale*

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