



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## Fall Festival November 11th

Our Fall Festival will begin with a breakfast served from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. At only \$3.50 you will receive scrambled eggs, sausages, cinnamon rolls and beverages. This is an advanced ticket sale so we know exactly how many to plan for. Please purchase tickets at church or call Helen at 786-0856 to reserve tickets.

We are asking each family to donate at least 6 dz. cookies to sell for \$6.00/lb. We also need craft items. The raffle includes: \$50.00 cash, Embroidered Pillowcases, Braided Rug, Hand Carved Wooden Duck, Decorative Glass Plate, Family Tree Floral \$20.00 Gift Certificate, Le Coulee Cheese \$20.00 Gift Certificate, Swarovski crystal angel ornament/suncatcher.

Donations should be at church on Friday, November 10th before 7:00 PM or by 7:30 AM on November 11th. Profits go to local and worldwide missions. Eat breakfast at 8:30 AM, shop for cookies,

crafts and raffle and be on your way at 11:30 AM. Let's make this the best Fall Festival ever!



## Mark your calendar! December 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Holiday Dinner & Silent Auction Fund Raiser!#

*Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00pm – 6:30pm*

- Provide your donations for the silent auction:

\* a service, new items, gift baskets, crafts & handmade items,...  
be creative

\* candy and snacks (not cookies) for the treat sale

- Music provided by the Driftless River Band!

- Tickets \$7 (Kids 3-11 \$4, Children age 2 and under are free)



**Tickets:** on sale at the church office and Sunday mornings in the entryway.

**Menu:** Baked potato bar with all the fixin's & desserts.

*Mark your calendar for a fun evening of food, fellowship,  
music and silent auction deals!*

*Sponsored by Music & Worship and Membership & Evangelism committees*

**There will be a Special Congregational meeting, Sunday, November 12th immediately following worship for the express purpose to hear the report of the nominating committee and to elect Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members for 2018.**

## September 2017 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance September 1st	\$7,964.12
Receipts	29,142.66
Expenses	(17,735.80)
<b>Ending Balance—September 30th</b>	<b>\$19,370.98</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:

- Approved PW Spring Gathering be held here on April 14, 2018
- Approved Kristie Ristey-Mandel to preach on November 19, 2017
- Approved Blue Christmas Worship on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 PM
- Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders and Deacons on November 12th

## Hats off to:

- our October nursery helpers: Brigitta Haugen, Anna Bohnsack, Connor Brown & Luke Noel
- our October liturgists: Jane Foner, Dave Bohnsack, Howard Garves, Shayna Arndt
- our October acolytes: Lucy & Evelyn Raymer, Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink, Kendall Stephenson, Jolie Meyers, Evan & Ethan Crusan, Evan Noel, & Xander Wuensch,
- our October 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:

*God once sent two angels to the earth on a special mission, with each one of them carrying a basket. One angel was assigned to gather up all of the prayers of petition, and the other was assigned to gather up all of the prayers of thanksgiving.*

*The first angel returned very quickly, and her basket was filled to overflowing with requests. “Ah, yes,” reported this angel, “the people of God have remembered well the Bible’s counsel: ‘Ask, and you shall receive.’ ” Yet the second angel was gone a long time, and when she finally returned, her basket was nearly empty. “I had a hard time finding people who pray prayers of thanksgiving,” she said quietly.*

Like everyone else, I too have plenty of petitions to place in the first angel’s basket, including a petition for peace with justice in this world that is hurting on so many levels.

I have a petition that all of the subtle systemic aspects of racism will be both honestly recognized and courageously overcome.

I have a petition for safe travels for my daughter as she travels to Italy in December as part of her Master's program at Mizzou.

At the same time, I do not want to neglect the second angel’s basket, as we are often tempted to do.

I want to give thanks for a God who steadfastly refuses to give up on any of us—a God Who is forever and always at work for good: forming, reforming, and transforming the world, the church, and every human heart.

I want to give thanks for the privilege of being called—along with all my sisters and brothers—to be not passive spectators but active participants amidst the ongoing struggle for peace with justice in our personal relationships, our neighborhoods, and our world.

I want to give thanks for the strength God graciously promises to us amidst any struggle.

And I want to give thanks for this family of God, which, for all its flaws and foibles, still offers the world a glimpse of people who keep humbly seeking to learn to live together in love.

May we all strive to fill the second angels basket with many prayers of thanksgiving every day - not just one Thursday this month!



Thankful for each of you,  
Pastor Stephanie

## Blue Christmas Worship

Once again, at 6:00 PM on December 20<sup>th</sup> we offer a special service for those who find this time of the year not all bright and cheery. “Blue Christmas or Longest Night” service is geared to those who wish to worship yet find themselves feeling a little blue. The aim is to offer support, hope and a space for healing of the spirit for all those in attendance. The longer nights can often add to a sense of sadness that make the joyful celebrations and holiday parties painful to endure. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities. We certainly understand this service is not for everyone but if you are one who finds the nights too long or are on the blues side of living, join us December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM as we seek to worship God in the middle of our time of darkness or time of being blue.

# WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Church Women United will meet on November 3 at 9:30 am. for brunch at Church of Latter Day Saints, 701 Well St., Onalaska to celebrate World Community Day. Donations will be collected for Salvation Army--winter items such as coats, mittens, caps. There will be a box in the back of church for donations. Phone Helen, 786-0856 if you would like to go and for brunch reservations.



There is a collection for Winter outerwear for Salvation Army. If you have items to donate they will be needed by Thursday, November 2nd. There is a box in the back of church.

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## MUSIC ANYONE?



Are you interested in being part of a Contemporary/Praise Group? We need singers and instrumentalists! Please contact Greg Meeuwsen or Pastor Stephanie.



**HANGING OF THE GREENS**—Please plan to join in the fun immediately after church on November 26th to decorate the church for Christmas! The more participation we have, the more quickly it goes. We need young, capable, steady legs & backs to help carry up the decorations from the basement. We love to see all ages working together. Our church always looks so festive and inviting when the decorations are in place with the lights lit. So mark your calendar and let's get Advent started in a big way. Thanks!

**Silent Auction Items Needed!** Please help by donating items for the silent auction. They can be services, new or very gently used gift items, things that you may have bought and thought "Why did I do that?". Be creative and have some fun with it. If we could have the items by November 29th, that would be great. But never fear, we will take them anytime before 3:30 PM on Saturday December 2nd. Thanks for your help! (If you want a minimum bid on your donated item, please put a note with it.)

**LITURGISTS!** - It is the time of the year to get the liturgist schedule ready for next year. If you are interested in serving the church in this meaningful way, please let us know. We certainly welcome new people to become involved in this aspect of the service. If you no longer feel this is right for you, please let us know and we will remove you from the schedule. Please find a Worship & Music committee member and we will get your information.

### Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 22nd  
at 6:30 PM  
the Community Dinner will be  
before Worship at 5:00 PM



### Notice -

Do any of you want a letter typed to your family or friends, or your fingers have arthritis and are unable to write well—

Just call me and I will type and mail whatever you want done.

No Charge I like to type.

Alice Sprain  
786-0152



# **PRESBYTERIAN FALL FESTIVAL**



**When:** Saturday, November 11, 2017  
8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

**Where:** Presbyterian Church of West Salem  
625 West Franklin Street  
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**Huge Cookie Sale \* Raffle  
Craft Items**

**Breakfast from 8:30-9:30 AM—Advance ticket sales only for \$3.50**

Call the church at 786-0910 for ticket information

## **NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

**HEAD USHER:** Charles Engel

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Membership & Evangelism Committee

### **LITURGIST & GREETER**

5—Jackie Siekert  
 12—Jane Foner  
 19—Laura Burdick  
 26—Jenni Loding

### **NURSERY CARE**

5—Chase Jones  
 12—Aly Cvikota  
 19—Alyssa Byrnes  
 26—Tanner Jones

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

5—Mike Siekert  
 12—Greg Haugen family  
 19—Clark & Martha Burdick  
 26—Tom & Sherry Bonsall

### **SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS**

5—Grant Bohnsack  
 12—Tiffani LaJeunesse  
 19—Genevieve Haugen  
 22—Tiffani LaJeunesse (Thanksgiving Eve)  
 26—Genevieve Haugen

### **ACOLYTES**

5—Dane Bohnsack & Gavin Loding  
 12—Lucy Raymer & Evelyn Raymer  
 19—Ava Schuster & Kendall Stephenson  
 26—Gideon Wolbrink & Josiah Wolbrink



The next Red Cross Blood Drive  
 will be Tuesday, November 14th  
 from 12:30-5:30 PM  
 Call Connie Blunck for an appointment  
 at 786-0684.

## **NOVEMBER CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE**

**1st—5:30** Class in Bangor

**8th—5:00** Class in West Salem

**15th—5:00** Class in West Salem

**22nd—5:00** Community Dinner &  
 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**29th—5:00** Class in West Salem

## *November Birthdays*

2—Dominic Daoust, Curtis Matthews  
 4—Robert Twining  
 9—Pamela Twining  
 11—Kendall Hill, Aubree Hill  
 12—Colene Miller  
 13—Avis Evenson, Mark Wuensch  
 14—Will Griffin  
 15—Joseph Silbaugh  
 16—Lindsey Buehler  
 18—Michael Koeneke  
 19—Laura Stephenson

20—Richard Carlson  
 21—Mariah Terry  
 22—Damen Daoust, Jr., Robert Harold, Ayden Bjorkman  
 23—Marilyn Bahr, Loris Ann Griffin  
 24—Annabelle Baker, Matthew Schnitzler  
 25—Keahna Littlejohn  
 26—Charles Engel, Harlan Meyer, Janet Twining  
 27—Joy Raymer  
 28—Frances Leicht  
 30—Alex Twining

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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- *November 5th—All Saints' Sunday & Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall back an hour!*
- *November 11th—PW Fall Festival*
- *November 12th—New Member Sunday & Special Congregational Meeting following Worship*
- *November 14th—Red Cross Blood Drive*
- *November 22nd—5:00 Community Dinner & 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship*
- *November 26th—Hanging of the Greens*

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