



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Easter Worship

7:30 AM Bangor Worship
Breakfast served after Worship in Bangor
9:00 AM Breakfast in West Salem
Children's Easter Egg Hunt in West Salem at 9:50
10:15 AM West Salem Worship



Childrens Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter egg hunt in West Salem starting at 9:50 Easter morning. You may bring your own baskets to collect eggs or we will have some decorated bags available to use. We will be hiding plastic Easter eggs with surprises. The youngest children will be allowed to hunt first! Bring the kids and enjoy the fun! It is almost as much fun to watch as it is to hunt. For ages 0—6th grade.



SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th DIRECTIONS FOR DELIVERING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS



The Presbyterian Women are holding a Salad Luncheon in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, April 4th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6 to ten, and free for children 5 and under. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to donate food. Following are the directions for getting your food to church on the day of the luncheon: The church kitchen will be open at 6:30 a.m. Please try to bring your food early since carry-outs need to get started early. Write your name on your containers and lids and include the name of your salad or dessert. Please put a check mark by your name on the master food list so we know what food has arrived. Your containers will be on the counter by the windows after the luncheon. Everyone is welcome! Profits go to our general fund and to missions.

*****Church Secretary Office will be closed from April 9th—13th.*****

February 2018 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance February 1st	\$27,520.74
Receipts	16,874.13
Expenses	(25,414.01)
Ending Balance—February 28th	\$18,980.86



PER CAPITA 2018

For 2018 the per capita is \$31.00. 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:

- New Church brochure is printed
- Texas RoadHouse offered us free kids meal coupons to be given out at Easter Egg Hunt time
- Approved May 20th as Graduation Recognition Sunday



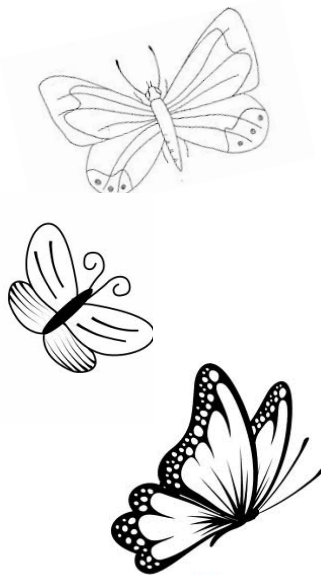
Hats off to:

- our March nursery helpers: Brigitta Haugen, Anna Bohnsack, Connor Brown & Chase Jones
- our March liturgists: Charlie Evans, Tiffani LaJeunesse, Laura Burdick & Kevin Arndt
- our March acolytes: Jolie Meyers, Kendall Stephenson, Gavin Loging, Xander Wuensch, Ethan & Evan Crusan and Dane Bohnsack
- our March sound room: Kelly Crusan, Grant Bohnsack & Genevieve Haugen



News from our missionaries:

After serving many years in Malawi, Jim and Jodi McGill have moved to Niger to begin new assignments. Jim resources the water, sanitation, and hygiene programs of the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger and travels to South Sudan to facilitate similar work with the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan. Jodi serves as a nurse educator at a nursing school that was recently established by the Evangelical Church of Niger.



Prayer Chain

Becky Auna	786-0097
Marilyn Bahr	786-0315
Diana Engel	786-1560
Helen Harold	786-0856
Vickie Holt	786-1659
Elinor Johnston	786-2441
Dorothy Schmaltz	779-5588
Sharon Shaw	786-0653

Easter People

Easter is the day of days for the Christian community. This is the day we celebrate Christ's victory over death. This is the day we marvel that God's plan for salvation was made complete. This is the day we shout from the top of our voices, He is risen, He is risen indeed!

The problem with Easter is that we don't truly understand that we are to be Easter people every time we meet. Sunday morning worship is to be a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The cross hanging in the sanctuary is to remind us Jesus is not dead but alive. He bore the cross for us and purchased our salvation, now that is something to celebrate.

Many have the mindset that Easter, like any of the major holidays, comes and goes. We will quickly move past Easter to Confirmation, Graduation, opening fishing, Memorial Day, some other event of life, all the while failing to understand the resurrection of Christ we celebrate at Easter is a resurrection every day. Unlike championships that will pass on to another in the years to come, Easter is a present reality every day. Christ's victory over death is new each and every day.

I challenge us to be Easter people. Consider as you wake in the morning that God sent the Son to be the final sacrifice for your sin, celebrating Easter. Consider when you have your table prayers or other prayers thanking God for the resurrection of Christ Jesus our Lord, celebrating Easter. Consider when you are out in the world and things are not going so well that Christ died and rose again for that person with which you are experiencing difficulties, just as Christ died and rose again for you and celebrate that we have a risen Savior.

The days following Easter in the church calendar are called the season of Easter, until the Holy Spirit is recognized at Pentecost. Even in the season of Easter, many fail to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Why not consider as the days lengthen, and the sun warms the earth once again, the snow melts and the buds form on the trees, may these signs of spring remind us again and again that new life has been offered to us on account of the Easter message, Christ rising from the dead. May the joys of Easter follow us each and every day of our lives.

I found the quote below but would like for us to consider Easter as a joy the children can understand. Hope in life eternal, a friend, comforter, care giver when times are tough and a reason to rejoice. He is risen, he is risen indeed!

"Easter tells us of something children can't understand, because it addresses things they don't yet have to know: the weariness of life, the pain, the profound loneliness and hovering fear of meaninglessness."
Frederica Mathewes-Green

We are Easter people, let us rejoice together in the risen Jesus Christ.

Attention 2018 graduating seniors!



The Presbyterian Church of West Salem will again be awarding scholarships this year. If you are a member of our church and graduating in 2018, you are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Scholarship forms are available at church or can be mailed to you upon request. Last year we awarded three scholarships of \$250 each to three very deserving students. Scholarship forms are due in early May and recipients will be announced on Graduate Recognition Sunday."

FROZEN APPLE PIES FOR SALE - \$8.00 EACH!

Get them before they are gone! See Diana Engel for pies.



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 8th. 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 22nd. 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, Kevin Aleckson, Jenni Loging, Becca Bohnsack, Kevin Arndt, 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 8, 2018.

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APRIL VOLUNTEERS**HEAD USHER:** Mike Siekert**FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Finance Committee**LITURGIST & GREETER**

1—Nancy Olson
 8—Avis Evenson
 15—Jane Foner
 22—Jenni Loging
 29—Tracey Rogers

NURSERY CARE

1—Luke Noel
 8—Aly Cvikota
 15—Alyssa Byrnes
 22—Tanner Jones
 29—Julia Byrnes

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

1—Helen Harold
 8—Penny Wherry
 15—Neil & Vickie Bain
 22—Terry Loging
 29—Sandy Schmidt & Carol Hass

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

1—Grant Bohnsack
 8—
 15—Genevieve Haugen
 22—Kelly Crusan
 29—Tiffani LaJeunesse

ACOLYTES

1—Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink
 8—Lucy & Evelyn Raymer
 15—Evan Noel & Jaycob Brown
 22—Jolie Meyers & Ava Schuster
 29—Gavin Loging & Xander Wuensch



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Jackie Siekert and family on the death of her mother, Marceline Zwiefelhofer, on February 26th.

*Congratulations to
 TJ & Courtney Holven
 on the birth of
 Rylee Ann
 on February 10th!*

Look for this information in the May Lamplighter:

- Pentecost Offering
- Graduate Recognition, May 20th

**Birthdays**

1—Jamie Holt, Anne Galbraith, Bethany McAlister
 2—Cindy Bergh, Jackie Siekert
 3—Evelyn Raymer
 6—Barry Schimke
 7—Joan Beebe, Mary Griffin
 8—Joan Brown, Coyah Hill, Mike Fisher
 10—Samuel Horton
 11—Kevin Zoerb
 13—Scott Horton
 14—Daniel Sweet
 15—Rick Brown, Brianna Holt

16—Daniel Wolbrink
 17—Susan Hicks
 18—David Griffin, Laura Lusk
 19—Erik Onsrud, William Onsrud, Grace Onsrud
 21—Patrice Meyer
 23—Erika Crusan, Adrian Rice, Kari Schuster
 26—Rachel Brummond
 27—Steve Anderson
 28—Tim Rogers, Lydia Sells
 29—Jamie Mattson

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Quick Look Ahead:



- *Maundy Thursday Worship—March 29th, 6:15 PM*
- *Easter Sunday—April 1st*
- *PW Salad Lunch—Wednesday, April 4th*
- *Confirmation Sunday—April 8th*
- *Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet—Saturday, May 5th at 6:00 PM*
- *Spring Rummage Sale—Friday, May 18th & Saturday, May 19th*

The Lamplighter is published monthly by the Presbyterian Church of West Salem to inform church members and friends about the events, programs, and mission of the congregation. Information for **The Lamplighter** is to be submitted to the church office **by the 15th day of each month.**

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