



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## RUMMAGE SALE MAY 2018

**WE NEED YOU!!!** It is time for our annual Spring fundraiser – the beloved and dreaded – RUMMAGE SALE. The dates this year are Friday, May 18th from 7 AM to 7 PM and Saturday, May 19th from 7 AM to 3 PM. Setup will start Sunday, May 13th. We will need lots of help, especially from strong able-bodied people! Yes, this is Mother's Day, but if you are going for lunch, please consider coming in after that!

You may start to bring your donations on Sunday. We would appreciate all donations be made by noon on Thursday, May 17th. If you have items that need to be picked up, please call Diana Engel at home 608-786-1560 or her cell at 608-386-0860. She wants to be sure that no one is missed.

Starting Monday, May 14th through Thursday, May 17th, we will need many workers between the hours of 9 AM and 7 PM. The tasks that need to be accomplished are unpacking, organizing, cleaning, and marking the items we receive. You do not need to be there all day because an hour or two will help tremendously. If you want to know if there is work for you to do, please call the church kitchen at 786-0675 or Diana's cell 386-0860. We do have a dedicated core group of volunteers, both men and women, but this benefits the entire church. Since this is a family affair, we could certainly use the help of the youth of the church after school or early evenings. Friday and Saturday we need cashiers, baggers, helpers, and reorganizers. Please consider helping in some way. Yes, we work hard, but we have lots of laughs!

### SATURDAY AT 3 PM – WE NEED LOTS OF HELP FOR CLEANUP!!

This is a really big deal since everything needs to be packed up for either donation or storage. The church and fellowship hall must be ready for Sunday!

**FOOD!** Yes, we need food for our busy workers. We need everything for lunches and snacks. Please donate hot dishes, salads, sandwich makings, and snacks of all kinds, healthy, sweet, or salty. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you know you want to bring something for a special day, please let Diana know.  
**THANKS** for all you do for this major fundraiser!



## High School Graduation Recognition

May 20th we will be honoring our high school graduates!

This year we have five young people taking this big step forward in their life.

Please mark your calendars to learn more about:

Ryan Beirne, Sam Cvikota, Faith Holt, Trisha Jones, and Anne Zalewski.

This will give their church family an opportunity to learn more about each of these young adults and wish them well.

*Congratulations to the Class of 2018!!*

## March 2018 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance March 1st	\$18,980.86
Receipts	18,165.92
Expenses	(22,833.47)

**Ending Balance—March 31st    \$14,313.31**



### 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

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Approved Logger's Game Fundraiser at date to be determined at \$5.00 per ticket
- Approved Vacation Bible School, Sunday, August 5th through Wednesday, August 8th from 5:30-8:00 PM (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
- Approved 40% of Pentecost Offering to go to backpacking trip for 7th graders

### Hats off to:

- our April nursery helpers: Luke Noel, Aly Cvikota, Alyssa Byrnes, Tanner Jones and Julia Byrnes
- our April liturgists: Nancy Olson, Avis Evenson, Jane Foner, Alanna Wuensch and Tracey Rogers
- our April acolytes: Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink, Lucy & Evelyn Raymer, Evan Noel, Jaycob Brown, Jolie Meyers, Ava Schuster, Gavin Logging and Xander Wuensch



**Pentecost Offering** - As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA, the Pentecost Offering unites us in a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique talents with the church and with the world. Please consider a contribution to help give our youth a strong foundation. ~ Stewardship and Mission



**Summer Music Needed!** Since our choir is taking a well earned break, we will miss out on their beautiful music. That is where you can help. Do you have a talent to share with your church family?

Maybe you can sing or play an instrument or have a talent for poetry or whatever that you would be willing to share. You may not feel that you can commit to a season of choir, but have a song in your heart waiting to be heard. Do you have a child or grandchild that is taking instrumental lessons? There is no better audience to listen to them than their loving and appreciative church family.

Greg will post a sign up sheet on the kiosk in fellowship hall with the available dates, please sign up as soon as possible. If you have questions or concerns please talk to Greg Meeuwsen or Jane Foner. Thanks for your consideration.



**Congratulations to the following who were Confirmed April 8th!**  
*Anna Bohnsack, Connor Brown, Alyssa Byrnes, Genevieve Haugen, Chase Jones*

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

Well, I think it is finally time to start spring cleaning - that time of year when we start sprucing up our yards, our garages, and our homes. There is nothing I enjoy quite so much as opening the windows and allowing the spring breezes to blow through the house - it makes the house smell so good!

As I go about Spring cleaning my home I ask myself, "Do I really need to keep this?" "Is this worthy of being put in a rummage sale or should it be discarded?" I always find things I have forgotten about and have to consider if they should be thrown out, polished, or replaced.

As I looked at my garage the other day with all the accumulated sand on the floor, and the stuff I stashed out there throughout the winter, I was reminded of the definition for clutter. Four words are offered as synonyms for "clutter": mess, disorder, litter, and confusion.

As I thought about Spring cleaning my home and yard, I had a thought that maybe now would be a good time to do some Spring Cleaning of my life as well. Perhaps I need to ask God to help me clean my heart and soul from all that has accumulated in there over the years. I came up with this approach for me to do a little cleaning of my heart and soul - maybe it will help you as well:

1: **Eliminate Clutter:** Spend some time getting rid of distractions that block your intimacy with God. Make time for quiet reflection, prayer, and prioritize.

2: **Scrub away dirt and disinfect:** Cleanse away negative thoughts about self and others. Wash out the anger and bitterness from people that have hurt you. Scrub your heart from bad attitudes and purify your thoughts.

3: **VACUUM:** Suck up daily annoyances that stain your soul and ask God to help you forgive others.

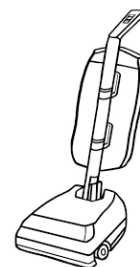
4: **DUST:** Wipe away the things of the past that hinder you from moving on to the future.

5: **POLISH:** Make your relationships shine by serving others where God leads you.

Be creative about figuring out how you can bless others through your words and actions. Small acts of kindness can make a positive difference in someone's life!

6: **ORGANIZE:** Perhaps a little rearranging of your life will help you dream new dreams. Set achievable goals to help you fulfill God's dreams for your life and check your progress regularly.

Happy Spring Cleaning,  
*Pastor Stephanie*



## Attention Everyone-Upcoming Mission Opportunity

We are looking to form a work crew to help clean up West Salem on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our church will be responsible for trash pickup at the entrance signs to West Salem as well as the park in town. Adults and youth will be needed to break up into work teams. Trash bags will be provided, we may need some rakes and everyone should bring old gloves or rubber gloves

The work day is a Sunday, so we would like to gather after church for a quick lunch which will be provided. Then we can break up into groups for assignments and rides.

The Stewardship and Mission Committee has a sign up sheet in the central entry for those interested since we need to know what number to plan lunch for.

Please come and join in for a bit of work that will bring us together and help to make our community a more beautiful place.



**Church Women United May Friendship Day** is Friday, May 4th beginning with brunch at 9:30 AM at First Congregational Church, 2503 Main St. in La Crosse. The theme is "Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God's Presence." Please give your \$5.00 reservations to Helen, 786-0856 by April 30th. All women are invited. Please phone Helen for a ride.

### **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

Note that the postal drive for the food pantry is Saturday, May 12th. Workers are asked to be at Our Savior's when you can between 11 AM-5 PM. Kids, age five and up are welcome, in fact, they love it, so please help sort food for any amount of time you can spare.

### **2019 Food Pantry Schedule**

If you would like to help at the food pantry on two Saturdays in 2019, please let me know soon. If you are presently helping, I will keep you on the schedule unless I hear differently. We always have those who are no longer able to work and so we need replacements every year. You are expected to help from 10 AM-12 PM on two Saturdays during the year. You would be working with two others. Please consider this mission. Thanks so much for those who are helping and have for a number of years.

For any questions or information regarding Food Pantry please contact Helen Harold at 786-0856.

### **SALAD LUNCHEON THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who helped make this years Salad Luncheon another great success. April 4th was a cold and snowy day, but 199 people came to enjoy this years wonderful luncheon and compliment the good food! This was made possible by those who made or brought 57 salads, 35 desserts, 15 other foods such as deviled eggs, fruit, pickles, olives, veggie pizza, sandwich spread and rolls. Linen tablecloths and napkins, which were donated by Aramark Co., gave a look of elegance to the setting. Thank you to Helen Harold for picking up and returning them.

No doubt this would not have happened without the help of 43 individuals who worked at various tasks such as publicity, setting up and decorating tables, making table decorations, selling tickets, greeters, waiting on tables, pouring beverages, filling and delivering carryouts, food preparation, washing dishes, counting the money, and of course cleaning up the fellowship hall and kitchen and remaining tasks afterwards. The profit from ticket sales and donations thus far is \$2036, with possibly 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.

Salad Luncheon Committee: Avis Evenson, Joyce Garves, Carolyn Lindeman, Diana Meeuwsen, Lois Sandwick & Carol Griffin

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### **GARDEN OF HOPE**



It's that time of year again to think about the church garden. Jerry and Janice will be doing this project again this year. We had great response to the produce we harvested last year and very much enjoyed it. We don't have a plan yet as to what day or night we will be gardening, but when that time comes we would love any help we can get. Just listen for announcements in church and come watch things grow.

~ Janice and Jerry Seeger



# **RUMMAGE SALE!**

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

**Friday, May 18th  
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

**and**

**Saturday, May 19th  
7:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

## MAY VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Fred Miller

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

**LITURGIST & GREETER**

6—Nancy Olson  
13—Kathy Schedin  
20—Charlie Evans  
27—Nick Miller

**NURSERY CARE**

6—Genevieve Haugen  
13—Willis Jones  
20—Keahna Littlejohn  
27—Brigitta Haugen

**GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)**

6—Dustin & Danielle Wehrs  
13—Alan Schedin  
20—Susan Evans  
27—Penny Wherry

**SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS**

6—Grant Bohnsack  
13—Genevieve Haugen  
20—Genevieve Haugen  
27—Tiffani LaJeunesse

**ACOLYTES**

6—Ethan & Evan Crusan  
13—Dane Bohnsack & Ava Schuster  
20—Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink  
27—Lucy & Evelyn Raymer

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

...Norm Sanwick and family on the death of his brother, Maynard Sanwick, March 30th.

...the family of Lynn Lieder, on her death April 1st.

...Shawn McAlister and family on the death of his stepdad, Lowell Sommerfeldt, on April 1st.

...Maureen Longcor and family on the death of her daughter, Cindy Ward, on April 13th.

...Holly Rigotti and family on the death of her brother, Mike Franzwa, on April 15th.



*Congratulations to*  
Sean & Becky Johnson  
on the baptism of  
Grayson Tyler  
on Sunday, April 8th!

**FROZEN APPLE PIES FOR SALE - \$8.00 EACH!**

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



## Birthdays

2—Jane Wines, Trevor Jones  
3—TJ Holven  
4—Dax Pfaff  
6—Elinor Johnston  
8—Melissa Norman, Michael Ebert  
9—Neil Bain, Kathryn Ebert, Jerry Seeger, Grady LaJeunesse, Ann Vallier  
10—Brendan Holt, Camille Lusk, Rita Thompson  
11—Linda Lusk, Kenny Hauser  
12—Gregory Shaw  
17—Tanner Dunn, Carol Griswold, Lois Sanwick  
18—Kendall Stephenson, Brayden McAlister

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 Loding, Alanna Wuensch  
29—Nicholas Miller, Stephanie Steiner  
30—Kyle Schuster

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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- CWU May Friendship Day—May 4th
- Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet—May 5th
- Spring Rummage Sale—Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th
- Graduate Recognition Sunday—May 20th

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