



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## Summer Music Needed!

It's summer and our wonderful choir is taking a well deserved break. We need your help! Do you have a talent that you would like to share with your church family? Maybe you play an instrument, read poetry or sing. If you are willing to share your talent, your church family is willing to enjoy it with you! Is your child or grandchild taking instrumental lessons or singing in the school choir? Encourage them to consider sharing their talent with us. Their church family will be very appreciative. They can even choose what music they want to play or sing!



There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in fellowship hall with the available dates. Please sign up as soon as you can so you can reserve the date you would like. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Greg Meeuwesen, Jane Foner or Barbara Hopkins. Thank you for your consideration and your church family eagerly waits to hear your talent!

## All Church Campfire



The Christian Education Committee is hosting an all church campfire night on Sunday, June 24th at 5:00 PM in the church backyard. We will roast hotdogs, have smores, play games, and possibly sing along to some campfire songs. It will be a nice evening with your church family as we enjoy our wonderful backyard and fire pit. See you there!

## Shipwrecked VBS 2018!

Attention kids 4K-5th grade! Mark your calendars for August 5th-August 8th as we join together for an exciting week of VBS! Our theme this summer is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus! Even better...the entire congregation is invited to join together for a potluck picnic at the Lake Neshonoc Boat Landing to kick-off VBS on Sunday, August 5th at 5:00 PM. VBS will continue August 6th-8th from 5:30-8:00 PM at church. We hope you can join us! It will be an exciting week as we learn some awesome Bible stories! Stay tuned for more details!



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## Secretary Office Hours for June 4th-July 13th:

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

## April 2018 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance April 1st	\$14,313.31
Receipts	20,427.97
Expenses	(25,090.49)

**Ending Balance—April 30th      \$9,650.79**



### Prayer Chain

Helen Harold	786-0856
Sharon Shaw	786-0653
Vickie Holt	786-1659
Sharon Cullmann	797-1732
Elinor Johnston	786-2441
Marilyn Bahr	786-0315
Diana Engel	786-1560
Becky Auna	786-0097

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Approved Church-wide Campfire Night in backyard on Sunday, June 24th at 5:00 PM
- Approved All-Church Picnic at Lake Neshonoc boat landing on Sunday, August 5th at 5:00 PM to kick-off Vacation Bible School

### Hats off to:

- our May nursery helpers: Genevieve Haugen, Willis Jones, Keahna Littlejohn & Brigitta Haugen
- our May liturgists: Nick Miller, Howard Garves, Charlie Evans & Nancy Olson
- our May acolytes: Ethan & Evan Crusan, Dane Bohnsack, Ava Schuster, Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink and Lucy & Evelyn Raymer
- our May sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Tiffani LaJeunesse & Genevieve Haugen



### All-Church Mission Day



Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Mission Day activity on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Our church has volunteered to do some roadside cleanup in West Salem. We would like adults and youth to meet after church for a quick lunch and then we will organize assignments and work groups. A sign-up sheet is in the central entryway for those interested. Please lend a hand and think about joining in this opportunity to serve.

### Elders

#### Class of 2018

Nick Miller  
Kelly Crusan  
Jane Foner  
Barb Hopkins

#### Class of 2019

Shawn McAlister  
Mike Siekert  
Kristjan Sells  
Kevin Aleckson

#### Class of 2020

Valerie Olson  
Carolyn Lindeman  
Charles Engel  
Kathy Schedin

### Deacons

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

Class of 2019 Kris Seeger, Jean Pearson, Diana Swim, Chris Winther and Helen Harold

## “Be Still”

In the busyness of the world, in the rush from one activity to the next, in the caring for the needs of those around us, being still is a most difficult concept. Our type one world, pushes us to do more, be active all the time and shouts to us that “being still” is equated with laziness, a waste of precious time or an oddity at best.

We read in Psalm 46:10 “Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.” What does it take to quiet our lives enough to be still before God and know that God is far more than we can ever imagine? Does it take a mighty tornado, a hurricane or a volcano erupting? Does it take a tragedy in our lives for us to stop long enough to be still?

Your pastors have challenged you before to be people of the word, by opening up the scriptures and meditate upon what God has to say to you in a small section of the scriptures. Psalm 46 could be a great place to start spending quiet time with God. It begins with these words: “God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.”

When life is sailing along on smooth waters we rarely thank God for the wonders we are presently receiving. We rarely consider that God has prepared for us smooth sailing. But when the waves begin to crash against the side of our lives, when calmness is but a memory it is easy for us to turn to God and shout above the roar, where are you in my time of need?

Meditating on Psalm 46 begins to answer that question; God is present in our time of need, God is our help and strength. But God is present in the calmness of life and is still our help and strength. Though the earth should change (volcano) and the mountain shake in the heart of the sea (earthquakes) we will not fear for our God is still our strength and refuge. Check that out in Psalm 46.

A quote from John Grossman’s book One Square Inch of Silence “Good things come from a quiet place. Study, prayer, music, transformation, worship, communion. The words peace and quiet are all but synonymous, often spoken in the same breath. A quiet place is the think tank of the soul – the spawning ground of truth and beauty.”

For the Christian a quiet place is a place alone with their God. A place to listen to what God is saying and a place to be restored when we are spent. It is true that we seek to set apart one hour a week in worship for this time alone with God, but even our worship can be filled with such busyness that we fail at merely “being still” and knowing that God is God!

As we move into summer and life continues to ramp up with vacations and summer activities, make sure you carve out a spot of time to “be still” with your God. “Be still, and know that I am God!”

*Pastor Larry*

### PW Meeting at Julie Baker’s



The PW picnic will be June 14th beginning at 11:30 AM at Julie Baker's home in the country. Her address is: W3905 Scotch Coulee Rd. Please call Helen (786-0856) so we can arrange rides. We will meet at church at 11:15 AM. After a potluck meal our program will be a skit: "Become Like Children, Really"? Then the least coin offering will be received. Please join us for a time of fellowship and sharing.



## JUNE VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Kristjan Sells

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

### LITURGIST & GREETER

3—Alanna Wuensch  
10—Becky Auna  
17—Kathy Schedin  
24—Jackie Siekert

### NURSERY CARE

3—Anna Bohnsack  
10—Connor Brown  
17—Chase Jones  
24—Luke Noel

### GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

3—Ann Vallier  
10—Helen Harold  
17—Alan Schedin  
24—Mike Siekert

### SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

3—Grant Bohnsack  
10—Genevieve Haugen  
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24—Kelly Crusan

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

...the family of Doris Riniker. Doris died on April 29th.

Caroline Sells and family on the death of Elsbeth "Beth" Hinck on May 17th.



### Come for lunch and a treat at Hansen's IGA on June 9th!



Building and Grounds will be having a Brat and Bake Sale on June 9th from 9 AM till around 2 PM. 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. They should be wrapped to sell and brought to the church kitchen. Let's hope for good weather and good sales!



### 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



## Birthdays

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

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

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



15—Lois Elliott, Charles Evans, Mark Harris  
19—Mary Kate Brummond, Tim Gress, Fred Miller, Amity Hill  
24—Julie Harris, Abigail McAlister, Norman Sanwick  
25—Terry Zalewski  
27—Lill Twining, Grant Bohnsack  
28—Brandie Gress  
30—Cole Seeger

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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- *June 5th—Bingo at Mulder's*
- *June 9th—Pork Sandwich/Brats served at Hansen's IGA*
- *June 10th—Mission Day*
- *June 14th—PW Picnic*
- *June 23rd—Spring Clean-up Day*
- *June 24th—All Church Campfire Night*

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