



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Change in Contribution Statements

Anyone wanting a contribution statement for your second quarter of giving, please contact the church office by phone (786-0910) or email (preschurchws@gmail.com) and Holly will get that for you. Otherwise, third quarter statements will go out as usual!

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 Meeuwssen, Jane Foner or Barbara Hopkins. Thank you for your consideration and your church family eagerly waits to hear your talent!

Like to kayak? Want to try kayaking?



Join us on Sunday, July 15th from 1 pm-5 pm as we kayak down the Black River! We will meet at the Highway 35 boat landing and kayak until we get to Lytles Landing (by Brian and Molly Baker's house). It should be a fun day with your church family! Stay tuned for more details!

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!



April 2018 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance May 1st	\$9,650.79
Receipts	32,086.90
Expenses	(22,314.25)
Ending Balance—May 31st	\$19,423.44



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 All-Church Kayaking Event on July 15th from 1-5 PM
- We will present 40% of Pentecost offering to Brian Baker and Jon Jones who are heading up the program “Let’s Get Kids Outside”



Hats off to:

- our June nursery helpers: Anna Bohnsack, Connor Brown, Chase Jones & Luke Noel
- our June liturgists: Alanna Wuensch, Becky Auna, Kathy Schedin & Jackie Siekert
- our June sound room: Grant Bohnsack & Tiffani LaJeunesse



ARTICLE IN THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

Recently Helen Harold submitted an article to the Presbyterian Outlook magazine about the Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet. If you would like to read it there are copies available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

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

A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

With summer well underway, what's the most refreshing treat you can imagine? Well, for me, it's Ice Cream - it always hits the spot. And that's exactly what people wanted on a hot, sticky day in the summer of 1904. People at the St. Louis World's Fair had walked for hours in the hot sun, and they were ready for something to cool them off. That's why they were lined up for what seemed like miles in front of the booth of Arnold Fornachou to get a taste of his frosty ice cream.

The problem was that Arnold's ice cream was so popular he quickly ran out of paper bowls. The moonlighting teenager scrambled to keep his potential customers by washing and reusing the few ceramic bowls he had on hand. But no matter how hard he worked, many people grew tired of waiting and wandered off in search of another treat. That's when an unlikely partner emerged to save the day.

His name was Ernest Hamwik, a pastry chef who had grown up in Damascus, Syria. In the booth next to Arnold's he was selling a wafer-thin Persian confection called a zalabia. That is....he was offering them but no one was buying them.

When Ernest saw his neighbor's plight he was struck with a great idea. Grabbing a warm zalabia, he twisted it into a cornucopia shape and rolled it in sugar. Then he ran over to Arnold's booth and offered it to him. Still scrambling to wash bowls and wait on customers, Arnold didn't understand what the older man had in mind. But when Ernest handed an ice cream scoop atop a confection cone to a waiting customer, Arnold instantly got the message. A huge smile spread over his face, and in no time, the two men were working side by side—Ernest made "edible bowls", Arnold scooped ice cream. Back then, they were called World's Fair Cornucopias, and they were the hit of the fair. Today, we simply call them ice cream cones and they are still a hit.



I hope this little story encourages you to invite someone out for an ice cream cone this summer. I also hope this story empowers your faith, knowing that as Christians we aren't in this world to compete with one another, but to complete one another just as Arnold and Ernest did!

Please pray with me, "Gracious God, come into our hearts, our homes, and our Church as we find summer refreshment and prepare to partake and partner in the Gospel of Jesus Christ anew!"

ENJOY THE SUMMER!

Pastor Stephanie



Secretary Office Hours for July 13th-August 31st:

Tuesday - 7:30-12:30
Wednesday - 7:30-12:30
Thursday - 7:30-12:30





PW June 14th meeting

Nine women attended a potluck lunch at the serene country setting of Julie and Ben Baker. A colorful Iris garden greeted us along with Bos, the Springer Spaniel. A great assortment of food was topped off with a springtime favorite, Rhubarb Meringue Dessert.

Helen informed us of an upcoming article she wrote and submitted to "Presbyterian Outlook" magazine about our annual Mother-Daughter-Friend dinner and entertainment put on by Julie and Ben and the men of our church. She was told to watch for it in the next issue along with photos.

After a short business meeting, a skit was presented by Diana Engel, Lois Sanwick, and Mary Tschida, titled, "Become Like Children, Really?".

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

It takes a whole congregation to have a successful rummage sale and we did have a very successful rummage sale. Thanks to all of the following:



- those who worked sorting and marking items
- those who brought items to be sold
- those who bought items at the sale
- those who brought food for the workers to eat while they worked
- those who worked as checkout people
- those who helped with the cleanup following the sale

Many people are involved in this, a major money maker for our church. This Spring rummage sale made \$10,026.53 to date which is the most that we have made in the Spring. Again, thank you to all.

~ Diana Engel

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BRAT SALE

The Building & Grounds Committee held a brat & pork chop sandwich sale at Hansen's IGA on June 9, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM along with a bake sale. Our profit was \$336.71. Thank you to everyone that worked and to those that donated baked goods to be sold.



~ Buildings & Grounds Committee

MISSION DAY CLEAN-UP

Thank you to all who helped to make our Mission Day Cleanup a successful event. Our committee along with Pastor Stephanie and Grady LaJeunesse organized the day so that the group could go out into our community and make West Salem roadsides more presentable. The total amount we collected was 160 pounds of trash and the entry roads to West Salem are looking good.

Great job everyone,

Stewardship and Mission Committee



Thank you for a successful day of Mission work in West Salem!

Carol Griffin (also made the lunch to feed the crew)
Carolyn Lindeman (also made the lunch to feed the crew)
Valerie Olson (also made the lunch to feed the crew) and Jim Olson
Terry Miller (also made the lunch to feed the crew) and Fred Miller
Erika, Kelly, Ethan and Evan Crusan
Sharon Holven
Nick Miller
Pastor Stephanie, coordinated reflective vests and totally kick started Grady's SEP
Kevin Aleckson
Sara Oldenberg and her son and daughter
Terry, Jen and Brynn Loging (a special thanks to Terry for sharing his expertise with road crews so we spread out!)
Mike and Ethan Fisher
Josie and Tiffani LaJeunesse



JULY VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Kelly Crusan **FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Membership & Evangelism Committee

LITURGIST & GREETER

1—Jane Foner
8—Kevin Arndt
15—Laura Burdick
22—Charlie Evans
29—Jenni Loging

NURSERY CARE

1—Aly Cvikota
8—Alyssa Byrnes
15—Tanner Jones
22—Julia Byrnes
29—Genevieve Haugen

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

1—Bohnsack family
8—Shayna Arndt
15—Martha Burdick
22—Susan Evans
29—Terry Loging

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

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

Congratulations to
Jason & Angelina Lu
NaNa Jiang
Chen Xue Jin
on their baptisms on
June 17th!



Congratulations to
Mark & Tatiana Wolf
on the birth of
Bianca Wolf
on June 13th!

GARDEN OF HOPE



The garden is planted and weeds are growing! If you have any extra time and can stop and pull some weeds that would be very much appreciated!



Birthdays

1—Susan Strauss
3—Ben Baker, Tilman Fladhammer, Eugene Denson
4—Debra Killian, Conner Dunn
5—Jaime Daoust, Autumn Schuster, Aliana Jones
6—Claire Sweet
8—James Mayer
10—Chris Winther
11—Eric Burdick
12—Kris Seeger
13—Jordan Beirne, Noah Garcia, Dylan Noel, Ayden Schuster, Drew Kreibich,
Andrew Benzing
14—Koen Molling
15—Martha Haugen

16—Chase Jones
18—Mildred Evans, Dani Seeger
20—Bob Bahr
21—Michael Servais
22—Sherry Bonsall
23—Zachary Martin
24—Elsa Wolbrink
25—Kelly Crusan
27—Conrad Miller
28—Jim Olson
30—Lisa Dicus, Shelby Knaack
31—Roger Auna, Paul Raymer, Anna Bohnsack, Alan Schedin

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Quick Look Ahead:



- *Tuesday, July 10th—CWU Human Rights Celebration*
- *Sunday, July 15th—Kayaking Outing*
- *Sunday, August 5th—Vacation Bible School Kick-off Picnic*
- *August 6th-8th—Vacation Bible School from 5:30-8:00 PM*

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