



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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SUMMER MUSIC NEEDED!

There is one more month where we need your help! Do you have a talent that you would like to share with your church family? There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in fellowship hall with the available dates. Please sign up as soon as you can to 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. Your church family eagerly awaits to hear your talent!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On Sunday, August 19th we are planning an Outdoor Church service around our fire ring behind the church. Worship will be followed by an ice cream social.



We are hoping for cooler, less humid weather. In case of rain we will move inside the church. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. If you have an awning we could use, it would be great! We would appreciate having several of them. Hope to see you on August 19th!

~ Worship & Music Committee

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!



FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for September 14th and 15th. Hopefully you are getting donations put together to help with this major fundraiser. We will need help with set-up starting Monday, September 10th through Thursday, September 13th. Your donations, time and purchases are what make this event the BIG success that it has been. Please be sure to get all your goodies together and fill up those boxes, bins and bags for the sale and get them to the church starting September 10th. New this fall — we will have plants available for sale, so if you have any you would like to share we will take those also. Thanks so much for all your help!



June 2018 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance June 1st	\$19,423.44
Receipts	16,180.83
Expenses	(18,111.43)
Ending Balance—June 30th	\$17,492.84



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

Hats off to:

- our July nursery helpers: Aly Cvikota, Alyssa Byrnes, Tanner Jones, Julia Byrnes & Haugen
- our July liturgists: Becky Auna, Kevin Arndt, Charlie Evans & Jenni Logging
- our July sound room: Kelly Crusan, Genevieve Haugen & Tiffani LaJeunesse

Genevieve



A big THANK YOU goes out to:

Jim and Sharon Cullmann for donating the popcorn used for Pastor Stephanie's sermon on July 15th!
Thanks Jim & Sharon!

Come for lunch and a treat at Hansen's IGA on September 1st!

Building and Grounds will be having a Brat and Bake Sale on September 1st from 9AM till around 2PM. Please stop by for a quick bite to eat as you go about your busy Saturday. Our committee would appreciate any baked 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!



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

“Rescue”

It was June 23rd when the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach entered the cave in Thailand. I'm writing this article on July 10th, the very day the last of the boys and their coach had been rescued. The world watched and prayed that this international rescue effort would pan out. This rescue mission was a complex effort by many experts from around the world. On the final day it took 19 divers, many of whom were on their third trip in three days, to rescue the remaining 4 boys and their coach.

One news agency wrote: “We are not sure if this is a miracle, a science or what. All thirteen Wild Boars are now out of the cave.” The world can sit back and rejoice with all those who have put their lives on hold to rescue this team.

As I write this all are now in isolation, under the care of medical professionals, who are monitoring and checking over all the bodily functions of each member of the team. There are issues that are now being closely watched, “cave disease” in particular, an infection caused by breathing in spores of a fungus often found in bird or bat droppings. Weakened immune systems, dehydration and exposure to human wastes, infections from untreated cuts and scrapes while in the cave, are all being watched as I write. (Hopefully when you are reading this, all have fully recovered and have been released from the hospital.)

We love a good story with a happy ending. A story where, against all odds, we come out victorious. I like to believe Christians have that type of story. No matter the odds against us, we have a savior in Christ Jesus our Lord. Christ has done it all. He has designed the plan of salvation for all humanity; believe and you shall be saved. He has done the work of the rescuer, for he went to the cross for each of us. He has been in front of us leading us through the narrow passage, under water and over jagged terrain. He has been behind us encouraging and carrying the load for us. All we need to do is follow his lead and trust in him. He is monitoring our spiritual vital signs and has offered us the Holy Spirit to comfort us in our time of need.

Christianity is much like this soccer team, a unit, a group with a common goal of living for Jesus. Much like the Wild Boars we are helpless in ourselves when it comes to being rescued. Just as they were at the mercy of the rescuers, we are at the mercy of God. Only by God's grace and efforts can we be rescued.

I have to believe that when the first diver entered the portion of the cave where the team had parked themselves, the team's hope of being rescued had to have risen a great deal. For prior to seeing that diver they were at the mercy of whomever might find them, wondering if anyone at all would find them. We are not lost in a cave, waiting to be found. We have already been found by the Lord Jesus Christ. All we need to do is believe.

Like the team who placed their lives in the hands of the rescuers, we are called to place our lives in the care of Jesus. Allow him to train you to do what you have never done, like swim or dive with a mask and air tank. Allow him to lead you through the caverns of life, trusting he will lead into the light. Allow Jesus to rescue you.



Pastor Larry

Secretary Office Hours for August :

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

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!



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Howard Garves **FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Worship & Music Committee

LITURGIST & GREETER

5—Avis Evenson
12—Shayna Arndt
19—Barb Hopkins
26—Becky Auna

NURSERY CARE

5—Willis Jones
12—Keahna Littlejohn
19—Brigitta Haugen
26—Anna Bohnsack

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

5—Ryan & Casey Pfaff
12—Kevin Arndt
19—Bob & Sharon Shaw
26—Diana Seim & Ted Yankee

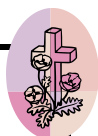
SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

5—Grant Bohnsack
12—Kelly Crusan
19—Outdoor Worship—No Sound booth
26—Tiffani LaJeunesse

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Karen Cox & family on the death of Frank Cox, June 22nd.

...Rogers family on the death of Tim's mom, Mary Ann Rogers, on July 2nd.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Thursday, August 16th from 12:30-5:30 PM
Call Connie Blunck for an appointment at 786-0684.

Congratulations to :

Grandmas Becky Auna and Anne Galbraith on the birth of Josie Anne Auna on July 9th!
(Parents: Riley & Nikki Auna)

~ AND ~

Brad & Dani Miller on the baptism of Remlee Evelyn July 22nd!

~ AND ~

JoDeen Kobishop and Richard Exe on their marriage on July 15th!



Birthdays

1—Joan Gullickson, Evan Noel
2—Audrey Steinborn
4—Rose Lee
5—Justine Griffin
6—Kevin Aleckson
7—Sue Raymer, Robert Allen
8—David Seeger
11—Kandi Holt, Aaron Tourville
12—Laney Stephenson
14—Sharon Cullmann, Diana Swim
15—Patricia Hall, Jon Jones

17—Carissa Hass
19—Tom Bonsall, Ron Seeger
23—Ryan Beirne
24—Claudia Olson
25—Dane Bohnsack
26—Tanner Jones
27—Alexander Wuensch
28—Nicole Jandro, Jessica Noel
29—Kim Sweet, Alyssa Byrnes
30—Gary Willinger
31—Julia Byrnes



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Quick Look Ahead:



- Sunday, August 5th—Vacation Bible School Kick-off Picnic at 5:00
- August 6th-8th—Vacation Bible School from 5:30-8:00 PM
- Sunday, August 19th—Outdoor Worship
- Saturday, September 1st—Hansen's IGA Brat/Pork Sandwich Sale
- Wednesday, September 5th—Confirmation Orientation for 6th-8th Grade

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.