



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Come for lunch and a treat at Hansen's IGA on September 8th!



Building and Grounds will be having a Brat and Bake Sale on September 8th 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!



Sunday School 2018 Kick-off

Welcome back to Sunday School and Confirmation! Confirmation orientation for grades 6th-8th will be Wednesday, September 5th, 6:00 PM in Bangor. Regular Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 19th for grades 7th-8th at 5 PM. ***Kick-off to begin the new Educational programs is Sunday, September 16th at 9 AM.*** Sunday School class will begin Sunday, September 23rd. Sunday classes will be offered for 3 year olds-Kindergarten, 1st-3rd Grade, 4th-5th Grade, 6th Grade (pre-confirmation), and Youth Group (7th-12th Grade). We look forward to a fun and exciting year as we continue to learn about God's love for us all!

***3rd Grade Bibles to be handed out during Worship on September 16th! 3rd Graders and Parents please plan to be at Worship.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE



The dates for the fall rummage sale are September 14th & 15th. We will start on Sunday September 9th with set-up immediately following Worship. Some may need to go home to change or eat, but we will welcome you all back! You may bring your rummage starting on the 9th.

There will be someone in the building from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM Monday through Thursday. Your help, for even an hour or two is needed and gratefully appreciated. You may call the church kitchen at 786-0675 if you want to verify that someone is there. On Friday help will be needed from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Saturday from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Saturday, September 15th at 3:00 PM is when we need to get everything packed up to be donated. The Fellowship Hall must also be cleaned and ready to go for Sunday morning!!

FOOD! We are so appreciative for the food that is provided by everyone! We can use snacks, casseroles, sandwiches, salads and desserts. If you are unable to help set up for the sale, food is always appreciated. Any questions about food, please contact Diana Engel.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP & GENEROSITY!

July 2018 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance June 1st	\$17,492.84
Receipts	17,973.83
Expenses	(21,036.41)
Ending Balance—June 30th	\$14,430.26



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:

- Deacon's Annual Report received
- Insurance reviewed—new company, Brotherhood Mutual
- Discussion about up coming Book Club beginning September 19th from 6:15-7:00 PM
- West Salem Clean-up dates, September 23rd and October 21st
- Rummage Sale—September 14th & 15th

Hats off to:

- our August nursery helpers: Willis Jones, Keahna Littlejohn, Brigitta Haugen & Anna Bohnsack
- our August liturgists: Avis Evenson, Shayna Arndt, Barb Hopkins & Becky Auna
- our August sound room: Kelly Crusan, Grant Bohnsack & Tiffani LaJeunesse



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected from September 2- October 7. The Special Offerings that are taken each year are a reminder to all church members that the Presbyterian Church has chosen to ask for support in these specific areas. The giving that we do here shows our commitment to one another, our community and others around the globe. This collection is a reminder that blessed are the peacemakers.

Announcing our Fall Book Club!



<i>What:</i>	Book Club
<i>Topic:</i>	Grief
<i>Where:</i>	At Church
<i>When:</i>	Wednesday nights 6:15pm to 7pm for 6-8 weeks
<i>Starts:</i>	Wednesday, September 19 th

We'll be meeting once per week on Wednesday evenings at church (room to be announced). The book we have chosen is: "Holding On To Hope" (a pathway through suffering to the heart of God) by Nancy Guthrie. Come share, learn, heal, and fellowship as we work our way through the book within a couple months. Everyone is welcome. Whether you've lost someone dear, have friends going through grief, have lost a job, struggling with finances, or just want to learn and support others, please join us.

Look for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall, or tell a committee member you would like to participate. For more information see the Membership & Evangelism Committee (Kristjan Sells, Kathy Schedin, Sherry Bonsall, Janice Steiger)

A Note from Pastor Stephanie:

“Happy are those...whose delight is in the law of the LORD...They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.” ~ Psalm 1

In recent conversations I’ve had with people they all echo some form of this question: Where did the summer go?

It seems the older I get the quicker time goes by and certainly it can’t be September already? The fringe of color I saw the other day on a young maple, the back to school shopping ads, and preseason football games all say YES - September is here!

Many households have been preparing themselves for their child’s first day of Kindergarten, or High School or College or Grad School. Like other markers in the rhythm of life, we greet these days with excitement, pride and even with a few tears (usually the parents tears not the child’s), and are surprised these milestones came along so quickly! We remind ourselves that our children belong to the Lord and as we “let go” a little more each year, we are thankful that they are held in the gracious, strong, trustworthy hands of God as we all are!

September’s arrival within our congregation brings about exciting opportunities as well: the start of Sunday School and Confirmation, Bible Studies, the return of the Adult Choir, Rummage Sale, Mission Projects, etc. All of this alerts us that the summer is over and it’s time to get back to business!

As much as I will miss the slower pace of the summer, I am excited that when we gather for Worship and become reconnected after summer travels and vacations away, we are reminded that our roots in Christ have been planted and nourished by living water, and that Christ is cultivating fruit in us—fruit that we will sustain our community, our neighbors, those in need, and the world. While the leaves on the trees that surround our neighborhoods will turn in color, darken, and eventually fall, the leaves on the trees of faith do not wither.



I can’t wait to see what harvest God has in store for us this year!

Hugs,

Pastor Stephanie



A big **THANK YOU** to the brave & generous special music providers for the summer Sundays!!! We all benefited from your beautiful performances.

Thank you so much for taking time out of your summer to enrich our worship service. Each and every one of you is a sweet blessing!!

~ Worship & Music Committee

Also, we will be needing people to provide Special Music throughout September. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or let Barb Hopkins or Jane Foner know.



September 6th PW Fall Meeting

Please join us on Thursday September 6 at 7 PM for dessert and then to hear Bryce Dorff, a case worker, from the St. Clare Health Mission speak about how the mission operates. PW has given to this mission for many years so it will be good to hear from him and to ask questions. Hostesses are Carol Griffin and Lois Sanwick. A skit, "Just Askin" will be performed. The Thank offering will be received.



Thank Offering

The Thank Offering was started in 1888 when each woman was urged to give one dollar over their usual gift to mission as a "thank offering to her Lord". So began the Thank offering. Of the 88 applications submitted, twelve projects will serve people in the United States and four are international. Envelopes are in the chair pockets. Please give as you are able. Thank you for your gift.

FALL WORKSHOP

The Fall Workshop will be on Saturday, September 15th at Zalmona, Waukon, IA beginning at 9:30 AM with coffee. Sue Ingalls will be the speaker using "Faithful Service" as the theme. She recently returned from Indonesia. We are asked to bring one yard of fleece to make into scarves and to bring new socks and mittens, all of which will go to local school students. Lunch is \$7.00. You may give your reservations to Helen by September 10th.

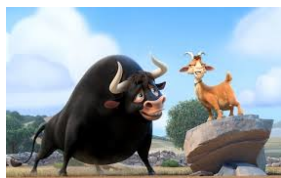
2018 Vacation Bible School



Thank you to everyone who helped make this summer's VBS a success! We had 38 kids enrolled and enjoyed a fun week being "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!" It takes a lot of effort to complete a successful VBS, but it is always worth it when you see the fun that the students have! Thanks to all for your help and support!

~ The Christian Education Committee

Movie Night is Back!



Join us on Friday night September 21st for the first movie night of the season! We will serve pizza, popcorn, and beverages at 6:00 PM and the movie *Ferdinand* will start at 6:30 PM. No cost, but donations will be accepted. We hope you can join us for this fun evening with your church family!

PW Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is fast approaching. Do any of our "crafty" members or friends have any items which would be suitable for use as raffle prizes? If you can donate anything, please call Sue Strauss at 786-0758 or let Holly in the Church office know. Thanks a lot for your help!



SEPTEMBER

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

5th—6:00 Confirmation Orientation held at First Presbyterian Church of Bangor

19th—5:00 Class in West Salem

26th—5:00 Community Dinner



Garden of Hope

It's harvest time and there has been lots of produce coming out of the garden. We hope everyone is enjoying the produce that has been set in back of church for your taking. It has been a great year for the garden and we have truly enjoyed the smiles when we see people commenting and enjoying the veggies. Keep enjoying. ~ God Bless, Janice and Jerry

Sound Room Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in learning how to operate the sound system in our sanctuary? If so, we need you! We are looking for volunteers to help in the sound room on Sunday mornings and for special events such as weddings. 6th graders and older are encouraged to learn how to operate our sound system. Please see anyone in the sound room or anyone on the Christian Education Committee if interested.

The Ridge History Park is holding a ONE-ROOM-SCHOOL REUNION, Saturday, September 15th at 2:00 PM. Larry Scheckel will speak on the one-room-school experience and alumni are welcome to share stories. A light supper will be served. \$10 to attend. All who attended the little or big school in Middle Ridge, another one-room-school or anyone connected or interested in the one-room-school experience is welcome to attend. Please contact the park so we can plan food at [608-783-6745](tel:608-783-6745) and ask for Julie.

The Coulee Region Gospel Choir is seeking singers for the annual Christmas Concerts

This season a new program titled 'City of Light' by Fettke/Courtney/Greer will be performed on November 30th, December 1st and 2nd. The Choir is excited to invite area singers to join us in the preparation of this program. Tim Jensen is directing with Steve Koch and Trina Schlifer on the keyboard. The Choir gained several new singers during the summer session. 100 singers are being sought.

Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 7th at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 1215 Redwood Street in Onalaska. A time of 'meet and greet' starts at 2:15 PM. If you have reserved music, it can be picked up at this time. Rehearsals are at 3:00 PM every Sunday beginning October 7th. Please contact Ruth Ann Granum, Managing Director for more information or to reserve music at granum@centurytel.net or 608-526-2218.

Performances at Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska: Friday, November 30th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, December 1st at 3:00 PM. Performance at Olivet Lutheran Church on French Island: December 2nd at 3:00.

Hello Fellow-Church Goers,

There will be two more garbage cleanups for Grady LaJeunesse's SEP project in the coming months. The first will be on September 23rd and the second will be on October 21st. There will be lunch provided for anyone who volunteers and plan for about 4 hours of cleanup. The only thing you have to do is show up, as bags, reflective gear, and gloves will be provided (if you have gloves at home that you can bring that would be very helpful). The more volunteers we have the better. It was so much fun last time and I look forward to seeing everyone there!



Thank you all in advance!

Grady LaJeunesse



RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, September 14th

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

and

Saturday, September 15th

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Shawn McAlister

FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up): Stewardship & Mission Committee

LITURGIST & GREETER

2—Nick Miller
 9—Tracey Rogers
 16—Helen Harold
 23—Jane Foner
 30—Howard Garves

NURSERY CARE

2—Dane Bohnsack
 9—Jaycob Brown
 16—Julia Byrnes
 23—Ethan Crusan
 30—Aly Cvikota

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

5—Mary Tschida
 9—Barb Hopkins
 16—Drew & Kristin Kreibich
 23—Ron & Kris Seegeer
 30—Joyce Garves

ACCOYLTES

2—No acolytes for this Sunday
 9—Bradley Baker & Evan Crusan
 16—Jolie Meyers & Evelyn Raymer
 23—Dax Pfaff & Kendall Stephenson
 30—Ayden & Ava Schuster



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Julie Baker and family on the death of her mother, Dorothy, on August 7th.

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

2—Grant Bohnsack
 9—Kelly Crusan
 16—Tiffani LaJeunesse
 23—Kelly Crusan
 30—Tiffani LaJeunesse

Congratulations to :

Barb Hopkins on the birth of a new granddaughter, Alannah Grace Tweed, on August 10th!
 (Parents: DJ & Andrea Tweed and big sister Olivia)

Katie Seeger and Anthony Thornton who were married on August 24th!



Birthdays

1—Benjamin Sprain
 2—Julie Baker
 5—Richard Calvetti
 6—Carol Griffin, Jennifer Logging, Maraveen Mayer, Vivica Wolf
 8—Ethan Crusan
 9—Evan Crusan
 11—Landon Pliner
 12—Nena Reynolds
 13—Beverly Onsrud, Casey Pfaff, Kayla Pliner
 15—Cecelia Steinborn

18—Brendon Haverly/Ghelfi, Kyle Koeneke
 19—Braxton Ghelfi, Jacob Servais, Laurie Chambers, Charli Pfaff, Debra Allen
 20—Tate Pfaff
 26—Kristin Kreibich
 28—Greg Bergh
 29—Dorothy Hicks
 30—Darren Dunn



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Quick Look Ahead:



- *Wednesday, September 5th—Confirmation Orientation for 6th-8th Grade*
- *Saturday, September 8th—Hansen's 1GA Brat/Pork Sandwich Sale*
- *Rummage Sale—Friday, September 14th & Saturday, September 15th*
- *Sunday, September 16th—Rally Sunday*
- *Confirmation begins Wednesday, September 19th*
- *Grief Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 19th*
- *PW Bible Study begins Wednesday, October 3rd*

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