



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Pastor Stephanie Steiner

March 2019

## Lenten Season Schedule

- March 6th**—Ash Wednesday—Meal at 5:00 in Bangor; Activity at 6:00; Worship at 6:30  
**March 13th**—5:00 to 6:00 Soup Supper in West Salem; Activity at 6:00; Worship at 6:30  
**March 20th**—5:00 to 6:00 Soup Supper in West Salem; Activity at 6:00; Worship at 6:30  
**March 27th**—5:00-6:00 West Salem Community Dinner; Activity at 6:00; Worship at 6:30  
**April 3rd** —5:00 to 6:00 Supper in Bangor; Activity at 6:00; Worship at 6:30  
**April 10th** —5:00 to 6:00 Soup Supper in West Salem; Activity at 6:00; Worship at 6:30  
**April 18th**—Maundy Thursday Worship service will be at 6:30 in West Salem

## Church Family Bowling!



You are invited to join us for bowling and fellowship on March 31st at Features in West Salem. Bowling begins at noon and goes until about 3:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Scholarships are available. Cost includes: bowling, shoes and pizza. Please watch for a sign up sheet in early March. Contact the Christian Education Committee if you have questions.

## COMING UP - SALAD LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019



The Presbyterian Women's Salad Luncheon will be held in the church fellowship hall on Wednesday, April 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6 to 10 and free for children 5 and under. Beverage and dessert included.

Help is needed to supply homemade salads, desserts, and other foods; to set up and decorate tables; to work shifts in the kitchen and dining room, to sell tickets at the door; and to clean up when all are served. Monetary donations are welcome and some will be used to purchase paper products, butter, beverages, etc. The profits go to our church budget and missions. Sign up sheets for food donations and help will be posted on the table in the entryway on Sundays or on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall during the week.

We would like to encourage you to share this information with friends and relatives on Facebook or other social media if possible. The luncheon is open to everyone and is a major money maker for our church. The committee thanks you in advance!

## January 2019 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance January 1st	\$22,412.02
Receipts	16,781.98
Expenses	(24,987.35)

**Ending Balance—January 31st \$14,206.65**



### Prayer Chain

Helen Harold	786-0856
Sharon Shaw	786-0653
Vickie Holt	786-1659
Sharon Cullmann	608-797-1732
Sue Strauss	786-0758
Marilyn Bahr	786-0315
Diana Engel	786-1560
Becky Auna	786-0097

### PER CAPITA 2019

For 2019 the per capita is \$32.60. When submitting, please write in “per capita” on the memo part of your check or on the outside of your envelope.

***Thank you!***

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Approved 8th grade students to be confirmed on April 28, 2019
- Approved purchase and down payment on a Columbarium
- Approved Rummage Sale dates for 2019: May 17-18 and September 13-14
- Approved VBS to be held August 4-7, 2019



### Hats off to:

- our February nursery helpers: Keahna Littlejohn, Logan Oldenburg, Gavin Login & Evan Noel
- our February acolytes: Liam Lambertson, Xander Wuensch, Cameron Lambertson, Josiah Wolbrink, Lily Oldenburg, Bradley Baker & Jolie Meyers
- our February liturgists: Tracey Rogers, Jackie Siekert, Shayna Arndt & Barb Hopkins
- our February sound room: Genevieve Haugen, Grant Bohnsack & Tiffani LeJeunesse



### Elders

#### Class of 2019

Shawn McAlister  
Mike Siekert  
Kristjan Sells  
Kevin Aleckson

#### Class of 2020

Valerie Olson  
Carolyn Lindeman  
Charles Engel  
Kathy Schedin

#### Class of 2021

Barbara Hopkins  
Sherry Bonsall  
Becca Bohnsack  
Greg Meeuwssen

### Deacons

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

Class of 2020 Claudia Olson, Nancy Olson, Jackie Siekert, Rita Thompson and Lill Twining

### ■ A Note from Pastor Stephanie:

■ On March 6th we begin our Lenten Journey in Bangor where we gather for Ash Wednesday Worship. If the truth be told, we find ourselves kind of in a daze during Lent. We tire of calls to penitence. We are weary of words of suffering, sin, and death. And with Lent overlapping the lingering days of a winter that we have all grown a little weary of, it makes this season a difficult one to plod through.

■ The fact that Lent takes us on a pretty solemn journey toward Jesus' suffering and death makes it even more difficult to face. Like the disciples, we would most likely doze off in the Garden of Gethsemane, unable to bear the pressure. Like the disciples, we would most likely be in a daze as Jesus is led away like a criminal to be tried and crucified.

■ Lent was never intended to be an easy journey. As a Pastor, Lent has always been the most trying and tiring time of the year for me. Honestly by the time Easter arrives, I definitely need to experience a Resurrection.

■ Perhaps this Lent, we all need a little jolt to encourage us to stick with this journey - perhaps we need to allow Jesus to startle us in ways we might not even know are possible....that's why this year Pastor Larry and I are working on a Lenten Series that will be a little different than usual. It will be scripturally based; it will be interactive to encourage us to get to know each other better, and it will have some excitement added in as we challenge one another in our faith journeys.

■ This year we will walk the difficult journey with Jesus to the cross in a *PURSUIT* to know Jesus on an even deeper level. We will experience the *TROUBLE'S* Jesus experienced; we will learn how to be truly *SORRY* for our sins; and we will hear the words Jesus Says to each of us personally as we strengthen our faith in him as our Teacher, Savior and Lord!

■ The hope is that at the end of our journey, we will all be ready to celebrate an Easter that is a high octane, bursting out all over, slam bang, bell ringing, cymbal crashing, startling, rip roaring jolt for all of us!

■ May our prayer every day during Lent be:

■ *Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

■ Walking the journey with you,

■ *Pastor Stephanie*

### - REMINDER -



In order to keep everyone safe, we all need to work together. All of us need to be aware of the possible safety concerns and feel comfortable gently reminding the children that the church and fellowship hall are walking zones. During the service, remind children that they need to remember to use their quiet voice or inside voice. Perhaps even ask them to whisper when the Pastor is speaking.

We all need to remember to be courteous to each other and the diverse needs that each of us have. Some of us are unsteady on our feet, some are holding babies or other very little ones, some have babies in their tummies, some are not able to hear very well, and some are just easily distracted by disturbances behind them. If everyone works together, we can keep all of us safe from harm.

Thank you for helping us to keep all of us safe! ~ Worship & Music Committee



## PW February 6, 2019 Meeting

The February PW meeting was a potluck brunch with 10 women attending. Mary Tschida and Helen Harold served as hostesses for the wonderful selection of food. Helen played an excerpt from the 1986 Mother Daughter Banquet with the theme focusing on jobs/work women do-volunteer and paid. We enjoyed hearing a piano melody played by Mary Lou Miller and accompanied by Vickie Arndt on the typewriter. Another highlight was the Engel family performing a medical skit. Diana being the nurse, Alan the patient, and Charles playing the doctor (imagine that). With Kevin Engel playing background music.

A short business meeting followed. Helen made the following announcements:

March 1—World Day of Prayer, to be held at Prince of Peace, LaCrescent, MN

March 6, 13, & 20—Bible study at our church

April 3—Salad Luncheon

May 3—May Friendship Day at our church with PW serving brunch. Help will be needed for this.

May 4—Spring Gathering at Postville, IA

The Tabitha Circle has changed meeting time to 1 PM instead of 2 PM.

Diana Engel and Jean Pearson shared their experience volunteering for the Hunger Task Force and encourage others to join them.

Two colorful fleece blankets were tied for New Horizons.

## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in La Crescent on Friday, March 1st beginning at 9:30 AM with a \$5.00 brunch. The program was written by a World Day of Prayer committee from Slovenia. The invitation is grounded in the parable Jesus told about a great dinner which was attended by the ones called off the streets because the invited ones excused themselves. The question is "Who is missing from the table in our church?" We invite you to "Come" join us for this special day of prayer and fellowship. Please call Joan at 507-895-2841 for reservations or Helen at 7867-0856 by February 25th.

## PW Bible Study March 6th

Please join us for Bible study beginning Wednesday, March 6th and continuing for two more Wednesdays at 1 PM in the room between the offices. It is also a time of fellowship and prayer. The study is "God's Promise, I Am With You".

A big **THANK YOU** to all that bought candy bars in February. The money collected was added to the Community Assistance Fund.

The Stewardship and Mission Committee would also like to remind everyone that the Lenten Season is the time that we collect for One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering is used to support global disaster relief, hunger prevention programs and efforts to empower the poor and oppressed. This collection will wrap up at the end of April.

### Enjoy a little laugh!

**The Sunday School teacher asked her class,  
"Why it is important to be quiet in church?"**

**One little girl answered,  
"Because everyone is sleeping."**



### MILK MOOLA

Our Milk Moola fundraiser from Kwik Trip will be discontinued in March. If you have any milk caps or milk bag labels from Kwik Trip, please make sure to have them in to our collection box by Sunday, March 17th so we can get them mailed in before it is done.

*Thanks for all the support for this fundraiser!*



## Teachers Needed

You may not be aware of this, but some of our Sunday school teachers have been teaching for close to 10 years. All of our teachers are volunteers and most of our teachers are parents. These volunteer teachers have done a tremendous job of sharing the bible with the children of our church, but even the best teachers need a break. We are in need of 3 or 4 people who may be interested in teaching.

We have a team teaching structure set up so that volunteers don't have to teach every Sunday. Our curriculum is kid tested and teacher approved! The Dig in curriculum has been very popular and the lessons are very easy to prepare. We have had 4 classrooms of students each Sunday broken down by age groups. If we can't find enough volunteers we will have to combine or eliminate classes.

We are also looking for a few volunteers that would be interested in watching our 3 year olds. This would involve a lot of toys and games!

We need You! Please search your heart. You might find that you are being called to share the word. Contact anyone on the Christian Ed committee if you have questions or would like to sit in on a class to see what it is all about.

Sincerely,

Becca Bohnsack

Christian Education Committee

## **MARCH VOLUNTEERS**

**HEAD USHER:** Brian Baker

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

### **LITURGIST & GREETER**

3—Helen Harold  
10—Tiffani LaJeunesse  
17—Laura Burdick  
24—Kevin Arndt  
31—Charlie Evans

### **NURSERY CARE**

3—Luke Noel  
10—Lucy Raymer  
17—Gideon Wolbrink  
24—Dane Bohnsack  
31—Jaycob Brown

### **GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)**

3—Carolyn Lindeman  
10—Kevin Aleckson  
17—Martha Burdick  
24—Tom & Sherry Bonsall  
31—Susan Evans

### **ACOYLTES**

3—Dax Pfaff & Evelyn Raymer  
10—Kendall Stephenson & Evan Crusan  
17—Liam & Cameron Lambertson  
24—Lily Oldenburg & Josiah Wolbrink  
31—Ayden & Ava Schuster

### **SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS**

3—Grant Bohnsack  
10—Genevieve Haugen  
17—Genevieve Haugen  
24—Kelly Crusan  
31—Tiffani LaJeunesse

### ***Congratulations to :***

\*William Hole who was baptized on February 10th!



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

...Jane Hunt-Gotisha family on the death of her son, David, on January 20th.

...Claudia Olson and family on the death of her aunt, Joan Benson, on February 17th.



## **MARCH**

### **CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE**

**3rd**—Ash Wednesday Worship in Bangor at 6:30

**13th—5:00** Attend Lenten Worship in West Salem at 6:30

**20th—5:00** Attend Lenten Worship in West Salem at 6:30

**27th—5:00** Community Dinner & Attend Lenten Worship at 6:30

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

2—Shawn McAlister  
3—Nelda Manter, Alice Sprain  
4—Shirley Beaty  
6—Sean Horton, Angela Molling, Josie LaJeunesse, Aila Meeuwssen  
7—James Rogala, Becca Bohnsack  
9—Connor Brown  
15—Carolyn Lindeman  
16—Harry Griswold, Willis Jones  
17—Tracey Rogers, Virgil Thompson  
18—Robert Elliott, Marilee Zalewski

20—James Leicht, Greg Meeuwssen  
22—Heidi Ebert  
24—Isaac Wolbrink, Marie Haugen  
25—John Twining, Heath Byrnes  
26—Sandra Carlson  
27—Nancy Koeneke, David Wolf  
29—Jane Foner  
30—Kyle Rogers



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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- **Ash Wednesday Worship—March 6th at 6:30 PM in Bangor, Dinner at 5:00; Activity at 6:00**
- **PW Bible Study, March 6th, 13th & 20th**
- **Daylight Savings Time Begins—Sunday, March 10th**
- **Lenten Worship Services from March 13—April 10th**

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