



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Pastor Larry Olson &  
Pastor Stephanie Steiner

April 2019

## Lenten Season Schedule

**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; Worship Activity at 6:00

*April 14th—Palm Sunday*

*April 21st—Easter Sunday:*

7:30 AM Worship in Bangor

Breakfast in Bangor following Worship

9:00 AM Breakfast in West Salem

9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt in West Salem

10:15 AM Worship in West Salem

## SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd DIRECTIONS FOR DELIVERING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS



The Annual Presbyterian Women Salad Luncheon is Wednesday, April 3rd from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6 to ten, and free for children 5 and under.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to donate food. Following are the directions for getting your food to church on the day of the luncheon: The church kitchen will be open at 6:30 a.m.

Please try to bring your food early since carry-outs need to get started early. Write your name on your containers and lids and include the name of your salad or dessert. Please put a check mark by your name on the master food list so we know what food has arrived. Your containers will be on the counter by the windows after the luncheon. Everyone is welcome! Profits go to our general fund and to missions.

## EASTER MORNING ACTIVITIES

*Looking for donations of bags of wrapped candy for Easter Egg Hunt needed by April 7th!*



Come join us for Easter Breakfast on April 21st at 9:00 AM. We will be serving egg bakes, muffins, fruit, coffee, juice and milk. If anyone would like to bring an egg bake please call Sherry Bonsall at 786-1280 or Kathy Schedin at 608-633-0606.

All children are invited to *HOP* on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 21st! The hunt will take place rain or shine either indoors or out! Meet in the entryway between the sanctuary and fellowship hall at 9:45 AM for directions. We hope you can all join us for this fun event as we celebrate our Risen Christ!

## February 2019 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance February 1st	\$14,306.65
Receipts	12,148.44
Expenses	(21,007.64)

**Ending Balance—February 28th \$5,447.45**



### 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

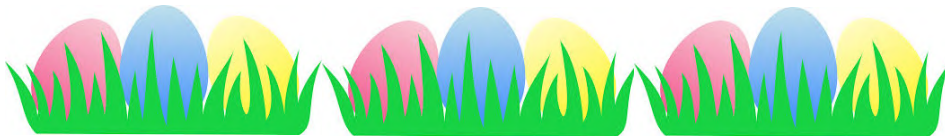
### PER CAPITA 2019

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 to rekey the entry doors
- Approved May 5th as Trash Clean-up following Worship
- Updated Columbarium report received



## Hats off to:

- our March nursery helpers: Luke Noel, Lucy Raymer, Gideon Wolbrink, Dane Bohnsack & Jaycob Brown
- our March acolytes: Dax Pfaff, Evelyn Raymer, Bradley Baker, Evan Crusan, Lily Oldenburg, Josiah Wolbrink, Ayden & Ava Schuster
- our March liturgists: Helen Harold, Tiffani LaJeunesse, Laura Burdick, Kevin Arndt & Charlie Evans
- our March sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Kelly Crusan & 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 Meeuwse

## 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



## Icicles

I hope by the time you read this Lamplighter page, the icicles will no longer be hanging from the eaves of the church. This has been a winter to remember, with the snowiest February on record, with more and larger icicles on many buildings than I can ever remember.

Icicles are what I would like for us to consider this month. What is an icicle – frozen water. Why do they form – heat/cold and gravity. How do they become “uniform” and yet unique – to me that is the question.

As the heated snow reaches the melting temperature gravity begins to pull that melted water droplet downward. Once the water droplet is ready to fall off the roof it encounters a cooler temperature than when it is running (however slowly) down the roof. This change in temperature causes one of two things: an ice droplet to form or the water droplet to drip off the roof. With each ensuing water droplet, the same action occurs, with one exception, the water droplet may hang on to the previous droplets which didn't fall. Only this droplet is a little closer to the ground before refreezing. That is the formation of an icicle. Melting snow takes less heat energy to melt than does melting ice, therefore the snow continues to add droplet after droplet and the icicle grows.

There just might be a spiritual lesson we can learn from the icicle. First off there needs to be “heat” on our lives. If the temperature never moves above freezing, icicles never form. The spiritual heat is God's word in our lives. It can come from our own bible reading, from sermons or bible studies we are involved within. Without any input from God's word, we are more like frozen snow sitting on a roof at a -5 degrees, than moving towards the formation of an icicle or droplet on the ground.

If and when the heat enters our life, movement becomes necessary in our lives. Gravity if you will, pulling us closer and closer to who God desires for us to be. Most of us do not just suddenly become the person God intended for us to be. Like water rushing off the roof in a rain storm. Our spiritual lives are much more like the formation of an icicle, slow and almost imperceptible. Ever so slowly moving toward the person God intended for us to be. At times we cling to others who are seeking to be who God wanted them to be and together we form something unique, we call it the church. People clinging to each other with all our joys and concerns, with all our hopes and questions, waiting for more heat to aid us in our becoming all God intended. As with icicles, so the church, at times can endure many different hardships. And at other times just break off for seemingly no reason at all.

As I said at the beginning, I hope the icicles are gone by the time you read this because my hope is you are already seeing signs of spring, maybe crocus or tree buds. Renewing your hope that God is still in control. Control of the weather, control of our church and control of our lives. Take a lesson from the icicle and allow the heat of God's word to inspire you to becoming the person God intended you to be.



*Pastor Larry*

### Attention 2019 graduating seniors!



The Presbyterian Church of West Salem will again be awarding scholarships this year. If you are a member of our church and are a graduating High School Senior in 2019, you are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Scholarship forms are available at church or can be mailed to you upon request. Scholarship forms are due in early May and recipients will be announced on Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 19th.



## John Knox Presbytery Women Coordinating Team

The John Knox Presbyterian Women coordinating team has a new member, Valerie Olson. Valerie joins Lois Sanwick along with women from Postville, Waukon, Maynard, Decorah and Waterville in Iowa and Cambria, Madison and La Crosse in Wisconsin. This team of women plan the spring gathering, fall workshops and oversee the mission money. This includes the Global Exchange and USA Mission experience from which our presbytery is represented.



### Dear Presbyterian Women,

You are cordially invited to the 2019 Spring Gathering of John Knox Presbyterian Women on Saturday, May 4, at Community Presbyterian Church, 106 S. Reynolds St., Postville, Iowa. Coffee and registration will be from 9:30-10:00 a.m., followed by the meeting and program on the theme "Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come." Lunch cost: \$7. Please RSVP to Chris Soride, email [denny.chris@soride.com](mailto:denny.chris@soride.com) or call 563-379-1152. The church is handicapped accessible.

Please help spread the word! You do not have to be a part of an organized PW or Circle group ... We look forward to this opportunity for fellowship!

### Easter Egg Hunt

We would like to continue the tradition of the Easter Egg Hunt with your help. Individually wrapped candies, stickers, little goodies, or monetary donations are needed by April 7th so the eggs can be filled at committee meeting April 8th. This is always a fun event. The more eggs we have filled, the more fun the kids will have! Thanks for your consideration of this special event!

~ Worship & Music and Christian Ed Committees

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

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 on Easter.

### Special Music



We have need for people to provide special music on some Sundays in April and May, and then throughout the Summer. This a great opportunity for teens to show off a solo-ensemble or recital piece. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or let Barb Hopkins or Greg Meeuwssen know.

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE



Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for May 17th & 18th. Hopefully you are getting donations put together to help with this major fundraiser. We will need help with set-up starting Monday, May 13th through Thursday, May 16th. 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 May 13th. Thanks so much for all your help!



# **SALAD LUNCHEON**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Adults: \$9.00**

**Children 6-10: \$2.00**

**Children 5 and under free**

**Tickets available at the door**

**Carryouts available – call 786-0675**

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**(1 block south of Hwy 16 – behind Hansen's IGA)**



# MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND BANQUET

Join us on

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

At the Presbyterian Church of West Salem

**"NEW MENU THIS YEAR!"**

***GRILLED TURKEY!***

WITH ALL THE EXTRAS AND MAN MADE CAKE!

*Professionally prepared and served by the Men of the Church*

FOLLOWED BY **UNFORGETTABLE** ENTERTAINMENT!

**SCHOOLTIME FOLLIES!**

**-----THIS IS NOT ONE YOU'D WANT TO MISS!!!-----**

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**<Bring your family<Bring your friends<Bring people you don't even know**

**Adults Only \$8.00**

**12 & under JUST \$4.00**

**5 & under FREE!**

Please return this ticket with payment  
by Sunday, May 5th

**Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet**  
Saturday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m.

**Write Check to: Presbyterian Women**

Mail or drop off to: Presbyterian Church  
625 West Franklin St.  
West Salem, WI 54889

Or return to a committee member:

Kristjan Sells, Chris Winther, Dave Bohnsack, Ron Seeger,  
Kelly Crusan, or Ben Baker

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ 8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children @ 4.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 and under FREE

TOTAL AMOUNT = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Camp Scholarships

Summer camp registration has already begun. The Christian Education Committee has limited scholarship money available for campers. The committee is asking for those interested in a camp scholarship to complete an application form and provide a short essay as to why they want to go to camp.

**Applications are due in the church office by April 8th.** All applications will be reviewed and it will be determined how much can be allotted to each camper based on the number of applicants. Traditionally scholarships of 1/3 to 1/2 of the tuition cost have been awarded. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the camps. Families will be notified of the scholarship amounts awarded by April 22nd. The Committee may ask campers to give a brief overview of their experience to the congregation.

For more information contact the Christian Education Committee, Nick Miller, Kevin Aleckson, Jenni Loging, Becca Bohnsack, Kevin Arndt, Shayna Arndt or Brian Baker.

[www.lxbc.org](http://www.lxbc.org) Living Waters Bible Camp Westby, WI – 35 miles, 40 minutes  
[www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org) Sugar Creek Bible Camp Ferryville, WI – 51 miles 1hr  
[www.villagecreek.net](http://www.villagecreek.net) Village Creek Bible Camp Lansing, IA – 50 miles 1 hr  
[www.campwyoming.net](http://www.campwyoming.net) Camp Wyoming Wyoming, IA – 175 miles 3.5 hours  
[www.abcamp.org](http://www.abcamp.org) Arrowhead Bible Camp New Auburn, WI – 125 miles, 2 hours  
[www.fortwilderness.com](http://www.fortwilderness.com) Fort Wilderness McNaughton, WI – 233 miles, 3.5hrs

### Presbyterian Church of West Salem—Summer Camp Scholarship Application

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Camp You Will Be Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Date You Will Be Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a short essay about why you want to go to camp:

**All applications are due to the church office by April 8, 2019.**

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## **APRIL VOLUNTEERS**

**HEAD USHER:** Mike Siekert

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Finance Committee

### **LITURGIST & GREETER**

7—Avis Evenson  
14—Jane Foner  
21—Nancy Olson  
28—Jenni Logging

### **NURSERY CARE**

7—Julia Byrnes  
14—Ethan Crusan  
21—Aly Cvikota  
28—Brigitta Haugen

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


7—Irma Koonce  
14—Brian & Molly Baker  
21—Ryan & Casey Pfaff  
28—Terry Logging

### **ACOYLTES**

7—Xander Wuensch & Evelyn Raymer  
14—Dax Pfaff & Jolie Meyers  
21—Bradley Baker & Evan Crusan  
28—Liam & Cameron Lambertson

### **SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS**

7—Grant Bohnsack  
14—Genevieve Haugen  
18—Tiffani LaJeunesse (Maundy Thursday)  
21—Genevieve Haugen  
28—Tiffani LaJeunesse



***Congratulations to :***  
Shawn & Bethany McAlister  
on the birth of Christian Nolan  
on March 5th.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

1—Jamie Holt, Anne Galbraith, Bethany McAlister  
2—Cindy Bergh, Jackie Siekert  
3—Evelyn Raymer  
6—Barry Schimke  
7—Joan Beebe, Mary Griffin  
8—Joan Brown, Coyah Hill, Mike Fisher, Olivia Hopkins  
10—Samuel Horton  
13—Scott Horton  
15—Rick Brown, Brianna Holt  
16—Daniel Wolbrink

17—Susan Hicks  
18—David Griffin, Laura Lusk  
19—Erik Onsrud, William Onsrud, Grace Onsrud  
21—Patrice Meyer  
23—Erika Crusan, Adrian Rice, Kari Schuster  
26—Rachel Brummond  
27—Steve Anderson  
28—Tim Rogers, Lydia Sells  
29—Jamie Mattson



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

...Jane Bangsberg family on the death of her father, Clarence, on February 22nd.

...Mary (Jerry) Meyer on the death of her mother on February 27.

...Walt Willis family on the death of Joan on March 7th.

## **APRIL CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE**

**3rd**—Attend Lenten Worship in Bangor at 6:30

**10th**—Attend Lenten Worship in West Salem at 6:30

**14th**—*Palm Sunday Worship*

**18th**—Attend Maundy Thursday Worship  
in West Salem at 6:30

**21st**—*Easter Sunday*

7:30 AM Worship in Bangor

10:15 AM Worship in West Salem

**28th**—*Confirmation Sunday*



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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- **PW Salad Lunch—Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:00-1:00**
- **Lenten Worship Services April 3rd & 10th**
- **Maundy Thursday Worship—April 18th at 6:30 PM**
- **Easter Sunday—April 21st**
- **Confirmation Sunday—April 28th**
- **Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet—Saturday, May 11th**

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