



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Pastor Stephanie Steiner

May 2019

## RUMMAGE SALE MAY 2018



WE NEED YOU!!! It is time for our annual Spring fundraiser – the RUMMAGE SALE. The dates this year are Friday, May 17th from 7 AM to 7 PM and Saturday, May 18th from 7 AM to 3 PM. Setup will start Sunday, May 12th after Worship.

You may start to bring your donations on Sunday the 12th thru noon Thursday the 16th. If you have items that need to be picked up, please call Diana Engel at home 608-786-1560 or cell at 608-386-0860.

Starting Monday, May 13th we will need many workers between the hours of 9 AM and 7 PM. - even an hour or two will help tremendously. If you want to know if there is work for you to do, please call the church kitchen at 786-0675 or Diana's cell. Please consider helping in some way. Yes, we work hard, but we have lots of laughs!

*SATURDAY AT 3 PM – WE NEED LOTS OF HELP FOR CLEANUP!!*

FOOD! Yes, we need food for our workers. We need everything for lunches and snacks. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you know you want to bring something for a special day, please let Diana know.

THANKS for all you do for this major fundraiser!

## Upcoming Mission Opportunity

It is time for another trash pickup day. The date will be May 5<sup>th</sup> and we have been assigned a part of Cty Rd B from town going to Cty Rd M.

Adults and youth will be needed. Trash bags will be provided and we now have new safety vests with our church name on them. Please wear old clothes and bring work gloves or rubber gloves.

Lunch will be served by the Pastors to fulfill their promise during our Lenten game nights. Then we will break up into work groups, with adults and youth who can share rides to starting points on our route.

This is an all church activity and everyone is welcome. There will be a sign up sheet in the central entryway for those interested to sign up since it will be helpful to know numbers for planning lunch. Anyone wanting to come who decides that day are welcome too.

## High School Graduation Recognition



May 19th we will be honoring our high school graduates! This year we have eight young people taking this big step forward in their life. Please mark your calendars to learn more about:

Laura Burdick, Noah Garcia, Carissa Hass, Martha Haugen,  
Brendan Holt, Trevor Jones, Grady Lajeunesse, and Mariah Terry

This will give their church family an opportunity to learn more about each of these young adults and wish them well. *Congratulations to the Class of 2019!!*

## March 2019 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance March 1st	\$5,447.45
Receipts	31,066.38
Expenses	(23,204.80)

**Ending Balance—March 31st     \$13,309.03**



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Voted on Columbarium placement
- Approved doing a Church cookbook
- Approved Summer Office hours: June 3-July 12, M & F 7:30-11:30, Thurs., 7:30-2:30; July 15-Aug 30th, T, W, Th., 7:30-12:30
- Approved Outdoor Worship for July 28th



### 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!***

### Hats off to:

- our April nursery helpers: Julie Byrnes, Ethan Crusan, Aly Cvikota and Brigitta Haugen
- our April acolytes: Xander Wuensch, Evelyn Raymer, Dax Pfaff, Jolie Meyers, Bradley Baker, Evan Crusan and Liam & Cameron Lambertson
- our April liturgists: Helen Harold, Jane Foner, Nancy Olson and Jenni Logging
- our April sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Genevieve Haugen & 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

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Well, NOW WHAT? Christ is Risen, but how do I keep that joy and excitement alive within me, after all, I still have to go back to work and school, and pay the bills, and the surgery is still scheduled - life has not magically gotten any easier, So, NOW WHAT? Well, take this for what it's worth - but here are some suggestions to keep the resurrection faith growing within you.

**Make church a priority** - we miss you when you aren't here!

**Find a group in church that is interesting to you**- either because of what they are doing or because you really enjoy the company of the people who are involved...or ideally both. It could be the Women's Bible Study or being one of the men who work so lovingly and diligently on the Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet. You might want to volunteer to be a Deacon and visit those who aren't always able to come to church, or an Elder to help do the business of the church. Perhaps working in the Garden or mowing appeals to you? And there's being a Sunday School teacher or working at the monthly Community dinner, or singing in the choir or doing special music. Of course there's always the rummage sale crew which works hard but shares a lot of laughs. Whatever it is, find something to do with people from church outside of Sunday morning where you will develop friendships centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and use your God-given gifts to make the good news of Jesus known to people who may have never heard it before.

**Last, but not least, invite people to come to church!** It might be awkward sitting someone down and having a "come-to-Jesus" talk with them. But it is less awkward to say: "I'd like for you to come to church with me." Let us do the talking. We'll even throw in snacks and coffee.

I hope that your lives were blessed by the events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday and that the Holy Spirit was working in your lives as you contemplated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for you. May the joy and excitement of the Easter Season live within you so that you can "Tell the Peeps" the great good news that Christ is Risen; He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia, Amen!

*Pastor Stephanie*

### PENTECOST OFFERING



The Pentecost Special Offering is being collected April 22nd through June 9th. This offering is focused on youth and young adults, supporting their growth through education and faith building programs. Best of all, 40% of funds stay in our community.



## May Friendship Day

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is Church Women United's celebration called May Friendship Day. Women from the La Crosse area will meet at our church for a \$5.00 brunch at 9:30 AM. Following the brunch the program in the sanctuary is entitled, "The Time Is Now! "Agree to Differ". All are invited. Please give your reservations to Helen, 786-0856 by April 29<sup>th</sup>.



### Dear Presbyterian Women,

You are cordially invited to the 2019 Spring Gathering of John Knox Presbyterian Women on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at Community Presbyterian Church, 106 S. Reynolds St., Postville, Iowa. Coffee and registration will be from 9:30-10:00 AM, 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!

### A Big Thank You



The Salad Luncheon Committee would like to thank everyone that helped to make this years luncheon a success. It would not have been possible without the help of many people, too numerous to individually mention. The tasks involved in this process include the preparation of the food, tables, setting up and taking down, those who brought in wonderful salads and desserts, donated money, assisted the patrons who came to enjoy, and always the clean-up afterwards. A little over 200 were served this delicious meal and around \$2160 was made.

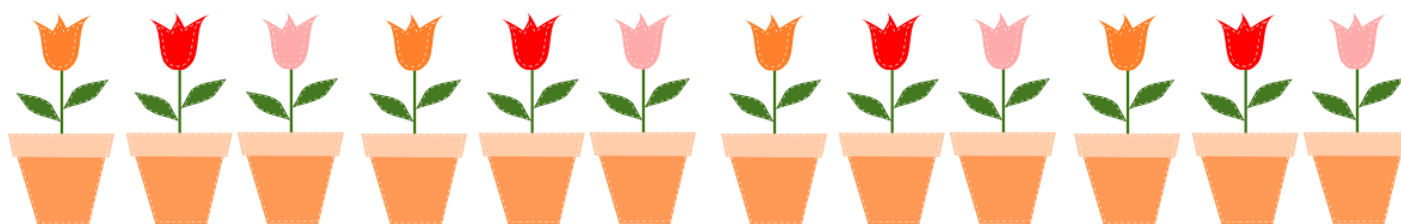
Thank you again from the Presbyterian Women who continue to support world and local missions and our own church budget.

### Special Music—Summer Music Needed!



Since our choir is taking a well earned break, we will miss out on their beautiful music. That is where you can help. Do you have a talent to share with your church family? Maybe you can sing or play an instrument or have a talent for poetry or whatever that you would be willing to share. You may not feel that you can commit to a season of choir, but have a song in your heart waiting to be heard. Do you have a child or grandchild that is taking instrumental lessons? There is no better audience to listen to them than their loving and appreciative church family. Greg will post a sign up sheet on the kiosk in fellowship hall with the available dates, please sign up as soon as possible. If you have questions or concerns please talk to Greg Meeuwsen or Barb Hopkins. Thanks for your consideration.

*We are still looking for Special Music for the month of May!*



# 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# **RUMMAGE SALE!**

**Presbyterian Church**  
**625 W. Franklin Street**  
**(behind Hansen's IGA)**

**Friday, May 17th**  
**7:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

**and**

**Saturday, May 18th**  
**7:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



## **MAY VOLUNTEERS**

**HEAD USHER:** Kelly Crusan

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Christian Education Committee

### **LITURGIST & GREETER**

5—Tracey Rogers  
12—Kathy Schedin  
19—Charlie Evans  
26—Nick Miller

### **NURSERY CARE**

5—Willis Jones  
12—Tanner Jones  
19—Keahna Littlejohn  
26—Logan Oldenburg

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

5—Val Olson  
12—Alan Schedin  
19—Susan Evans  
26—Lynda Bahr

### **ACOYLTES**

5—Lily Oldenburg & Josiah Wolbrink  
12—Ayden & Ava Schuster  
19—Kendall Stephenson & Xander Wuensch  
26—Bradley Baker & Evan Crusan

### **SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS**

5—Grant Bohnsack  
12—Genevieve Haugen  
19—Genevieve Haugen  
26—Kelly Crusan

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

...Al Weborg & Avis Evenson and the death of Al's son-in-law, Dennis Gohlke, on April 1st.

...Helen Harold and family on the death of Bob on April 21st.

...Mark Wuensch and family on the death of his father, Lloyd, on April 21st.



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



Wilbert & Jessica Steinborn on the baptism of Charlotte Elizabeth on April 7th!

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



Dustin & Danielle Wehrs on the birth of Charles Bruce on April 7th.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

2—Jane Wines, Trevor Jones

3—TJ Holven

4—Dax Pfaff

6—Elinor Johnston

8—Melissa Norman, Michael Ebert

9—Neil Bain, Kathryn Ebert, Jerry Seeger, Grady LaJeunesse, Ann Vallier

10—Brendan Holt, Camille Lusk, Rita Thompson

11—Linda Lusk, Kenny Hauser

12—Gregory Shaw

17—Tanner Dunn, Lois Sanwick

18—Kendall Stephenson, Brayden McAlister

19—Mary Tschida

21—Claude Lindeman, Carter Holven

22—Jolie Meyers

23—Lindy Meyers, Kathleen Anderson, Jackie Schimke

25—Carol Hass

26—Jacob Burdick, Michael Lusk, Abigail Knaack

28—Brynn Loring, Alanna Wuensch, Emmitt Lambertson

29—Nicholas Miller, Stephanie Steiner

30—Kyle Schuster

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### **Quick Look Ahead:**

- **CWU—Friendship Day—Friday, May 3rd**
- **PW Spring Gathering, Postville, IA—Saturday, May 4th**
- **Trash Clean-up and Lunch—Sunday, May 5th**
- **Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet—Saturday, May 11th**
- **Graduate Recognition—Sunday, May 19th**

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