



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem
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June 2019

Special Music—Summer Music Needed!



Our choir is taking a well earned break for the summer and we will miss 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.

Attention all kids ages 4K thru 5th Grade...

We hope you can join us August 4th-7th as we take you on an exciting African Safari adventure right here at the Presbyterian Church of West Salem! VBS 2019 will kick off on Sunday, August 4th with an evening picnic followed by awesome Bible lessons, experiments, and fun music each night August 5th-7th from 5:30 PM until about 8:00 PM. Our theme will be ROAR: Life is Wild, God is Good! Stay tuned for more details as our summer adventure nears. You won't want to miss it!

Church Spring Clean Up Day—Saturday, June 15th 9AM – 3PM



Come assist in cleaning our church building and yard inside and out. A light lunch will be provided! Any amount of time you can spend will help. Event sponsored by the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Presbyterian Women's Picnic



Please join us on Thursday, June 6th for a potluck picnic at 11:30 AM at Diana Swim's home, N4967 Moos Road. Diana Engel will host along with Diana Swim. The program will be given by Jean Pearson. It is her story about "Re-Inactment" as she models outfits that she wears during these events. The Least Coin offering will be received. We will meet at the church at 11:15 AM so we can drive together to Swim's. Please let Helen know if you plan to meet at the church.

Sunday, June 9th is

Day of Pentecost

Please wear red on this day!

Secretary Office Hours for June 3rd-July 12th:

Monday - 7:30-11:30

Tuesday - 7:30-2:30

Friday - 7:30-11:30

April 2019 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance April 1st	\$13,309.03
Receipts	18,478.88
Expenses	(27,208.76)
Ending Balance—April 30th	\$4,579.15



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Approved Trash Clean-up dates of July 28th and September 18th
- Approved Columbarium Policy
- Approved lettering on Columbarium niches and engraving of “Donation by Cox’s”



Hats off to:

- our May nursery helpers: Willis Jones, Tanner Jones, Keahna Littlejohn & Logan Oldenburg
- our May acolytes: Lily Oldenburg, Josiah Wolbrink, Kendall Stephenson, Xander Wuensch, Bradley Baker & Evan Crusan
- our May liturgists: Tracey Rogers, Kathy Schedin, Charlie Evans & Nick Miller
- our May sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Genevieve Haugen & Kelly Crusan



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!



Save the date

to be photographed for the new
Presbyterian Church of West Salem
directory

Photography begins September 27.
Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more
information!

Lifetouch.

Changing Landscape

The longer I am alive the more I see change. Buildings that once were the cornerstone of a community are no longer there. The tallest buildings have been superseded by many other buildings. In our minds we might think to ourselves: it is difficult to remember when that building was the tallest. Groups that once were vital are only a memory for some.

Change happens, sometimes even if we wish it wouldn't. When we first came to West Salem there was talk of making Highway 16 a four lane highway between West Salem and Onalaska. As you know, Nathan Hill has been lowered and many of us can hardly remember the 2-lane road into Onalaska. Still there are some who remember when there was only one light between here and La Crosse. Change has certainly happened in this area.

My continuing education event in May was titled "The Changing Landscape of Religious Leadership" and it was dealing with the changes we clergy are facing in this generation. I will not tell you all I heard in four days in a little article but it echoed the changes in the landscape between West Salem and La Crosse.

Just as the church needs to change, the clergy need to change. But it is not just the clergy that need to change, all of us need to adapt to the changes in our own lives.

The leader's name was Ken McFayden and he shared that people do not resist change, per se. People resist loss, whether those losses are actual or anticipated. Loss causes the present and the future to be unclear for us.

Somehow, we must face our losses before we can move on to the future whatever that might be. Facing the losses is much like road construction: dirt needs to be moved, movement of the terrain needs to happen, and uncertainty abounds – that is uncertainty about where everything is and is going. But like every change, when all is finished, we look back and say it was worth it.

Whether we like it or not the church will continue to change, the clergy will continue to change, the membership of this church will continue to change, and life itself will continue to change. Some will pass on to the next life, new lives will be born. We can't stop change but we can face those losses we have felt and we can move ahead, whatever that might mean for our future.

As the landscape of life changes may we be aware that our God is with us in all of the changes. The God who was and is and is to come will be the one we can rely upon no matter what changes we experience. May God be our stronghold in the middle of a changing world.

Pastor Larry

PENTECOST OFFERING



The Pentecost Special Offering is being collected 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.



Confirmation

**Congratulations to the following who were
Confirmed April 28th!**

Alyssa Evikota Olivia Hopkins

Janner Jones Luke Noel

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

We Need Your Help!

We Want to Publish Your Favorite Recipes!

We are collecting favorite recipes from our friends and neighbors to be published into a beautiful and amazing cookbook. Each recipe in the cookbook will show the name of the contributor.

Please Send Us 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes as soon as possible.

Just print or type your favorite recipe on the back of this recipe form. Be sure to put a title on your recipe. Use only one recipe per form. If recipe is too long, staple two forms together.

Please return your recipes to the Church office or Sunday collection basket within 5 days so the book can be turned over to the publisher on time.

These personalized cookbooks make great gifts!

...since they will have your own recipes published in it. Your friends and family will especially enjoy it. Truly a treasured keepsake for years to come.

Just fill in the following blanks to reserve copies for yourself.

Please reserve ____ cookbooks for my own use.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (_____) _____

RECIPE COLLECTION FORM

(Please Type or Print only one recipe per page)

RECIPE TITLE: _____

INGREDIENTS

Recommended Abbreviations: c, tsp, Tbsp, pkg, qt, pt

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DIRECTIONS

Submitted by: _____

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Barbara Hopkins

FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up): Building & Grounds Committee

LITURGIST & GREETER

2—Alanna Wuensch
9—Becky Auna
16—Howard Garves
23—Jackie Siekert
30—Jane Foner

NURSERY CARE

2—Gavin Loging
9—Evan Noel
16—Luke Noel
23—Lucy Raymer
30—Gideon Wolbrink

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

2—Rose Cooper
9—Greg & Diana Meeuwsen
16—Joyce Garves
23—Mike Siekert
30—Ann Vallier

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

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

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

Building and Grounds will be having a Brat and Bake Sale on June 8th from 9 AM—2 PM. Please stop by for a quick bite to eat as you go about your busy Saturday. Let's hope for good weather and good sales! Proceeds go to the church general operating fund.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Sharon Shaw on the death of her brother, Jay "Skip" Justin, on April 22nd.
...Charlie Evans and family on the death of Millie on April 27th.



Congratulations to :



Dustin & Danielle Wehrs on the baptism of Charles Bruce on May 19th!

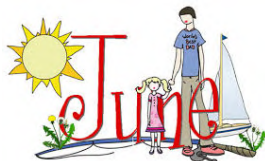


The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Thursday, August 16th from 12:30-5:30 PM
Call Connie Blunck for an appointment at 786-0684.

Congratulations to :



Katie Carlson & Travis Tessman on their wedding on May 25th!



BIRTHDAYS

2—Crystal Wuensch, Lisa Jones, Brigitta Haugen
5—Caroline Sells, Chloe Wehrs
8—Paxton Roe, Burt Bangsberg
9—Karen Willinger
10—Emily Willinger
11—Gavin Loging, David Onsrud, Jane Bangsberg
13—Jane Hunt-Gotisha, Ann Terry, Stephanie Sweet, Bianca Wolf

15—Lois Elliott, Charles Evans, Mark Harris
19—Mary Kate Brummond, Fred Miller, Amity Hill
24—Julie Harris, Abigail McAlister, Norman Sanwick
25—Terry Zalewski
27—Lill Twining, Grant Bohnsack
30—Cole Seeger

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Quick Look Ahead:



- June 3rd—Red Cross Blood Drive
- June 4th—Bingo at Mulder's
- June 6th—PW Picnic Meeting
- June 8th—Hansen's IGA Brat Sale
- June 15th—Church Clean-up Day
- June 28th—Congregational Campfire Night

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.