



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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July 2019

## Trash Clean-up Day

Summertime Trash Cleanup Day is July 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join in this church mission to keep West Salem looking good as we once again hit the road. We are looking to organize after the ice cream social to form groups and get ready with our safety vests and gloves. Everyone is welcome and the job should go quickly. Any questions check with Stewardship and Mission Committee members Carolyn, Val or Terri as well as the Pastors.

## Outdoor Worship & Ice Cream Social



Worshiping in the beautiful outdoors, just like Jesus did, gives us the opportunity to appreciate this amazing world that the Lord has created for us. Join us for an outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, or just plan to sit on the grass. Awnings will be available for those who want to sit in the shade.

After the service, stay and enjoy some ice cream at the Ice Cream Social. A great way to cool off and enjoy some fellowship with friends and family with a very tasty treat. Hope to see everyone there!

## 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!



## Financial Update

The Finance Committee would like to take this opportunity to inform the congregation that the church income has been dropping these past few months. The months of June, July and August are usually the lowest income months for the church and we are just starting this period. The spring rummage sale brought in \$8,227, but church donations during May were low enough so that this money did not increase our checkbook balance. If donations to the church do not improve shortly, our operating checkbook balance will be in the red. Hopefully, this does not happen.  
~ The Finance Committee



### Secretary Office Hours for July 15th-August 30th:

Tuesday - 7:30-12:30  
Wednesday - 7:30-12:30  
Thursday - 7:30-12:30



## May 2019 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance May 1st	\$4,479.15
Receipts	21,845.85
Expenses	(21,370.76)
<b>Ending Balance—May 31st</b>	<b>\$5,054.24</b>



### 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

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Approved Canoe Trip for Sunday, July 14th at 1:00 PM on the Black River
- Approved 40% of Pentecost Offering go to Summer Lunch Program, “Feed Our Children”



### 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 June nursery helpers: Gavin Loging, Evan Noel, Luke Noel, Lucy Raymer & Gideon Wolbrink
- our June liturgists: Alanna Wuensch, Becky Auna, Howard Garves, Jackie Siekert & Jane Foner
- our June sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Genevieve Haugen, Kelly Crusan & Tiffani LaJeunesse



### 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 Meeuwesen

### 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:

It is with humble gratitude in my heart that I want to thank all of you for making my 60th Birthday Party a memorable one! How two congregations kept this kind of secret from me is unbelievable - or perhaps I'm not as intuitive as I once thought!

A Special thank you to Tammy for flying my daughter home (this was surprise enough and I had no idea she was the special music that Sunday) and heading up the party with Kiernan and the help of my whole family (who couldn't have done it without the Engel's loving guidance). I was indeed shocked and still amazed at the attendance and the surprise visits from friends and distant relatives.

Thank you to the church staff who aided in the success of the day. Thank you for the cards, gifts, money, food you brought and your presence with me that day. To those of you who wrote words for the book Kiernan put together- know that I laughed and cried at the incredible things you wrote!

And what party would be complete without an appearance from Ernestina and her schnitzeled flowers!

The picture behind these words was a gift created for me by my 5 year old great nephew, Mason. He knows me perfectly - I love cake, butterflies and the color pink- and he even made sure to wear a pink shirt to the party just for me!

Indeed, I am blessed!

With the peace of Christ in my heart and contentment in my soul, I close with these words from the song Kiernan sang:

*"There's a Peace I've come to know; though my heart and flesh may fail; There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, it is well....."*

Love, Hugs and many Thanks,

*Pastor Stephanie*

FROM MASON

### Presbyterian Church Congregation:

Thank you to all who have expressed concern for me since Bob's passing. Thanks to those who have sent cards, memorial money, food, worked in the kitchen for the lunch and countless other things to express their sympathy. I feel very blessed to have such a caring church family.

*Helen Harold*

### June 6th PW meeting

Nine women attended the potluck lunch at Diana Swim's country home. Eating and socializing around a campfire at mid-day was a very pleasurable time. A short business meeting followed. Jean Pearson was dressed in character for her "Re-Enactment" presentation which she has been involved in for many years. She represented a lower class working woman in the 1650's French & Indian War. Jean explained her layers of clothing, cooking and living conditions of that time. Ted and Diana gave us a interesting tour of their tiny home which they are in the process of building. It was a beautiful day and a very enjoyable gathering.





## Save the date

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

Photography dates  
October 1 - October 2

**Lifetouch**

As you have probably already noted, we are doing an updated church photo directory this Fall! Since the last one was done in 2014, there have been many changes in our membership. This will also allow us to update the member picture boards in our west lobby area. Everyone will be encouraged to schedule a photo session, and by doing so you will receive a free 8x10 shot as well as a membership directory. Additional photos can be ordered, which would be received in time for Christmas cards etc. From what I understand, price lists will be provided ahead of time so you can make some preliminary decisions. There will also be a canned food drive going on for which you will receive a \$5-off-coupon toward photos for your participation.

Since our new directory will also include photos from the life of our church, please try to take a few photos for our potential use in the next few months. Email the original JPEG if possible (so we get the best quality) to [kathyschedin@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyschedin@yahoo.com) Thank you in advance! ~The Membership & Evangelism Committee



### 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.

Sincerely,

Becca Bohnsack

Christian Education Committee

## JULY VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Fred Miller

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Membership & Evangelism Committee

**LITURGIST & GREETER**

- 7—Kevin Arndt
- 14—Laura Burdick
- 21—Charlie Evans
- 28—Jenni Logging

**NURSERY CARE**

- 7—Dane Bohnsack
- 14—Jaycob Brown
- 21—Julia Byrnes
- 28—Ethan Crusan

**GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)**

- 7—Shayna Arndt
- 14—Martha Burdick
- 21—Rose Cooper
- 28—Terry Logging


**SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS**

- 7—Grant Bohnsack
- 14—Genevieve Haugen
- 21—Genevieve Haugen
- 28—Tiffani LaJeunesse

**Cookbook Cancelled!**

It has been decided that we will NOT be pursuing a new church recipe book at this time. Our apologies to people that have already submitted recipes.

**Special Music—Summer Music Needed!**



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 Meeuwssen or Barb Hopkins. Thanks for your consideration.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1—Susan Strauss
- 3—Ben Baker, Tilman Fladhammer, Eugene Denson
- 4—Debra Killian, Conner Dunn
- 5—Autumn Schuster, Aliana Jones
- 6—Claire Sweet
- 8—James Mayer
- 10—Chris Winther
- 11—Eric Burdick
- 12—Kristine Seeger
- 13—Jordan Beirne, Noah Garcia, Dylan Noel, Ayden Schuster, Drew Kreibich, Andrew Benzing
- 15—Martha Haugen

- 16—Chase Jones
- 18—Danielle Miller
- 20—Robert Bahr
- 21—Michael Servais
- 22—Sherry Bonsall
- 24—Elsa Wolbrink
- 25—Kelly Crusan
- 27—Conrad Miller
- 28—James Olson
- 30—Shelby Knaack
- 31—Paul Raymer, Anna Bohnsack, Alan Schedin



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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- **CWU Human Rights Celebration—July 9th**
- **Black River Canoe Day—July 14th, 1:00 PM**
- **Outdoor Worship & Ice Cream Social—July 28th**
- **Trash Clean-up—July 28th**
- **Vacation Bible School—August 4th—7th**

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