



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Pastor Stephanie Steiner

September 2019

## Calling All Singers!



Our choir director, Rachel, will be back from summer break, and choir rehearsals will start on Sunday, September 8th, at 8:45 am. We need all members from last season to return, and we need new members too! If you ever thought about it, now is the time to give it a whirl. It's fun, it's a bit of a challenge, and it is rewarding! Choir practices three Sundays per month, and sings during worship two Sundays per month. If you have any questions, ask Rachel, or Greg Meeuwsen, or any choir member. Hope to see you there!

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE



Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for September 13th and 14th. Hopefully you are getting donations put together to help with this major fundraiser. We will need help with set-up starting Monday, September 9th through Thursday, September 12th. 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 September 9th. Thanks so much for all your help!

## Come for lunch and a treat at Hansen's IGA on September 14th!



Building and Grounds will be having a Brat and Bake Sale on September 14th from 9AM till around 2PM. 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!

## RALLY DAY WILL BE SEPTEMBER 15th

The entire congregation is invited to help Kick-off our year of education with Rally Day Festivities on Sunday, September 15th. The theme of the day will be, "It's A Jungle Out There" as we continue with the Roar VBS Safari idea. We will begin with a Safari Breakfast at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. After Breakfast we will have a "Bible Study" followed by some exciting stations you can visit. You won't want to miss out on the start of a new year of Christian Education!



## July 2019 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance July 1st	\$9,384.13
Receipts	13,468.88
Expenses	(22,168.17)

**Ending Balance—July 31st      \$684.84**



### 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 all church camp-out in the back yard in October
- Approved all church Packer Party/Potluck at Bohnsack's on November 3rd
- Christian Ed will be inviting congregation to order new t-shirts to wear for church events
- The Annual Report from the Deacons was given by Moderator, Jackie Siekert

### Hats off to:

- our August nursery helpers: Aly Cvikota, Brigitta Haugen, Willis Jones & Tanner Jones
- our August liturgists: Jenni Loging, Shayna Arndt, Nancy Olson & Becky Auna
- our August sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink, Ethan Crusan & Genevieve Haugen



### SEPTEMBER CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

- 4th—6:00** Orientation Meeting in Bangor  
**11th—5:00** Assist with Rummage Sale in West Salem  
**18th—5:00** Trash Clean-up in West Salem  
**25th—5:00** Community Dinner

### 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:***

*Happy are those...whose delight is in the law of the LORD...They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.* ~ Psalm 1

Well, those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are coming to a sudden halt! I hope you all had a refreshing summer and added some great memories to your journey. My summer started off with a bang at my surprise birthday party - thank you all again for making it a special day! I have enjoyed time on the deck, and working in my Garden and with my flowers. A two week Continuing Ed certainly invigorated me and of course time with my daughter is always great!

The turn of the calendar to September initiates a series of shifts in our life together as a congregation, most notably in our Christian Education programming and activities. Add to these the start of fall school terms, sports practices and games, music lessons, and the like, and it makes for schedules that can feel overwhelming at times. How do we find our way through the thicket of appointments and obligations? When do we breathe?

I invite you to see your involvement in our congregational life not as one more in a series of obligations but as an opportunity to connect more deeply with others who share the journey of faith together. At a time when our culture seems to be fragmenting, Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament gives us solid ground on which to stand. In the company of Jesus we experience an acceptance that touches the marrow of our souls. In the company of Jesus we learn to see each other through compassionate eyes. In the company of Jesus we can risk sharing the hopes and longings that animate our hearts.

There are many entities active in the world which seek to bend our minds toward their "truth"; toward how they would have us see the world and act in it. Being a person of faith means remaining awake and vigilant about which voices we listen to and whose steps we follow. Incorporating Christian Education—whether it be adult classes, Sunday School, Bible study, confirmation class—into the pattern of our lives, keeps us awake to ways of practicing our faith day in and day out.

So when we gather for worship and become reconnected after summer travels and vacations away, we are reminded that our roots in Christ have been planted and nourished by living water, and that Christ is cultivating fruit in us—fruit that we will sustain our community, our neighbors, those in need, and the world. While the leaves on the trees that surround our neighborhoods will turn in color, darken, and eventually fall, the leaves on the trees of faith do not wither. Let us see together what harvest God has in store for us!

Walking the journey with you,

*Pastor Stephanie*

### **SPECIAL OFFERING**



The Peace and Global Witness Offering will begin September 1<sup>st</sup> and run through October 6<sup>th</sup> which is World Wide Communion Sunday. The theme for this Special Offering is "Come to the table". Our collection will help as Presbyterians join together as active peacemakers. This money will help the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.



### **Presbyterian Women Meeting**

Presbyterian Women will meet on Thursday, September 5th beginning with dessert at 7 PM. Hostesses are Sharon Cullmann and Vickie Bain. We are focusing on our church's mission, Hunger Task Force which Diana Engel will talk about. This mission has been the focus of the community dinners which have been held for many years. The Thank offering will be received. Please join us.

### **Thank Offering**

The Thank Offering was started in 1888 when each woman was urged to give one dollar over their usual gift to mission as a "thank offering to her Lord". So began the Thank offering. Most of the people served are in the United States and a few others are international. Envelopes are in the chair pockets. Please give as you are able and thank you for your gift.

### **Fall Workshop**

The fall workshop will be held in Portage, WI on Saturday, September 28th. Our speaker will be Stephanie Hovland who is a writer and teacher. She will speak on Tending the Fires of a Faith-Filled Life. A hands-on project will be done and the skit, "Flood Times" will be performed. Please contact Helen, 786-0856 if you would like to attend. Cost for lunch is \$7.00

Fabric Kits will be put together at the PW Fall Workshop. We need the following:

2 1/4 yd. 60"; 3 yds; 44", 4 yds 36", and Spools of Thread that should be 250—300 yds. The fabric should have no prints such as flags or religious symbols. Other patterns such as flowers or stripes are fine. Please bring to the workshop or place in a box at the back of the church.

### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Scholarship Fund**

Monday, September 9th from 4:30-6:00 at English Lutheran Church, the Church Women United sponsors a fund raiser for women who wish to further their education at Western Technical College. The program begins with hors d'oeuvres and a non-alcoholic drink followed by a talk by Sandra Littlejohn, an administrative director of the cancer center at Gundersen Health System. She has a master's degree in trans-cultural nursing. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be received from Helen Harold or Rita Loging or purchased at the door.

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### **Save the Dates!**



**All Church Campfire and Campout October 5<sup>th</sup>.** Everyone is invited to a campfire and campout in the church's back yard on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Come for just the campfire or come for both the fire and the camping! Breakfast will be served on Sunday morning. Watch for more details.

**Packer Party November 3<sup>rd</sup>**—A Packer potluck party is planned for Sunday, November 3rd at the Bohnsack's house. It is a 3:00 game. Watch for more details!



## LIFETOUCH PICTURES

Scheduling is in full swing for our updated church photo directory this Fall, the last one being done in 2014. This will also allow us to update the member picture boards in our west lobby area. Everyone is encouraged to schedule a session, and by doing so you will receive a FREE 8x10 print, as well as a FREE membership directory. You can either schedule in person on Sunday mornings, or you can go online to the following link: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b0mnhpp4/> No username or password is required to access. Families may create a unique username and password as part of the scheduling process.

Additional photos can be ordered from Lifetouch, which would be received in time for Christmas cards. We have price lists for making some preliminary decisions. Don't let pricing keep you from coming though, and don't feel obligated to purchase additional prints! If you choose to though, these Special Discount & Offers are available: a \$10 Coupon to use toward your purchase that day; 20% off for Military, First Responders (police, fire fighters, etc), or Seniors 60+; and you would receive a \$30 gift certificate to use on a custom photo product at Shutterfly.com.

We ask that everyone encourage each other to have a new photo taken. Reach out to members who might not see these notices, or who haven't been able to attend often. Or offer to drive someone to their session. We understand that some people may not be able to attend our photo event October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (shut-ins, home-bound, college students, etc). We can take submitted photos, but we are only allowed 10 free. Anything over that will cost us \$10 each to submit. Keep in mind that if you need to submit a photo, and it was a professional photo, you will need to include a copyright release from the photographer. Any photos of military personnel in uniform can be submitted for free. **For those families unable to participate due to timing (kids going off to college, traveling, etc), we do have the Visitor Option available. Families would need to contact the Lifetouch scheduling office at 866.756.0281 to check availability at another local event and schedule an appointment. You would need to reference our event #337726.**

At the suggestion of Lifetouch, our committee will also be hosting a "Feed the Need" food drive, which will benefit our local food pantry. Watch for collection baskets a few weeks leading up to, as well as at, the photo sessions.

We will also need your photos from the life of our church - the more we have to choose from the better! Email the original JPEG if possible to [kathyschedin@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyschedin@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance!

The Membership & Evangelism Committee

Sherry Bonsall

Pamela Twining

Janice Seeger

Ann Vallier

Kathy Schedin

## SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Charles Engel    **FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Stewardship & Mission Committee

### LITURGIST & GREETER

1—Nick Miller  
8—Tracey Rogers  
15—Helen Harold  
22—Jane Foner  
29—Howard Garves

### NURSERY CARE

1—Keahna Littlejohn  
8—Logan Oldenburg  
15—Gavin Loging  
22—Evan Noel  
29—Lucy Raymer

### GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

1—Rose Cooper  
8—Sara Oldenburg  
15—Penny Wherry  
22—Ann & Mariah Terry  
29—Joyce Garves

### ACOLYTES

1—Liam & Cameron Lambertson  
8—Brynn Loging & Lily Oldenburg  
15—Dax Pfaff & Evelyn Raymer  
22—Elsa & Josiah Wolbrink  
29—Xander Wuensch & Bradley Baker

### SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

1—Grant Bohnsack  
8—Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink  
15—Genevieve Haugen  
22—Anna Bohnsack  
29—Ethan Crusan



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

...the family of Rev. Paul Bodine, on his death, August 4th.

...Leeann Krall on the death of her father, Gerald Johnson, on August 17th.

### *PW Fall Festival*

The Fall Festival is fast approaching. Do any of our “crafty” members or friends have any items which would be suitable for use as raffle prizes? If you can donate anything, please call Sue Strauss at 786-0758 or let Holly in the Church office know. Thanks for your help!



## BIRTHDAYS

1—Benjamin Sprain  
2—Julie Baker  
5—Richard Calvetti  
6—Carol Griffin, Jennifer Loging, Maraveen Mayer, Vivica Wolf  
8—Ethan Crusan  
9—Evan Crusan  
11—Landon Pliner  
12—Nena Reynolds  
13—Beverly Onsrud, Casey Pfaff, Kayla Pliner

15—Cecelia Steinborn  
18—Brendon Haverly/Ghelfi, Kyle Koeneke  
19—Braxton Ghelfi, Jacob Servais, Laurie Chambers, Charli Pfaff, Deb Allen  
20—Tate Pfaff  
28—Greg Bergh  
29—Dorothy Hicks  
30—Darren Dunn



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### **Quick Look Ahead:**



- Wednesday, September 4th—Confirmation Orientation for 6th-8th Grade in Bangor
- Thursday, September 5th—PW Fall Meeting at 7:00 PM
- Fall Rummage Sale—Friday, September 13th and Saturday, September 14th
- Saturday, September 14th—Hansen's IGA Brat/Pork Sandwich Sale

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