



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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October 2019

All Church Campfire and Campout October 5th



Everyone is invited to a campfire and campout in the church's back yard on Saturday, October 5th at 6:00 PM. Come for just the campfire or come for both the fire and the camping!

Don't have a tent? Not a problem. When you sign up let us know if you need a tent or if you are planning on bringing one. A sign-up sheet is posted in the entrance by the

Fellowship Hall.



Supper will be hot dogs and s'mores around the campfire. Breakfast will be pancakes and sausage in the Fellowship Hall. If it happens to rain we will move the campout indoors.

If you would have questions or would like to sign-up please contact Rose Wolbrink at 608-799-2721 or rosewolbrink@yahoo.com.

LIFETOUCH PHOTOS

Thanks to everyone that has signed up for family photos for our new directory! The available dates have expanded to September 30th, October 1st, 2nd, and 7th. So if you haven't scheduled yet because you didn't find an opening, check again. Either call Kathy Schedin at 608-633-0606, stop at our table Sunday mornings, and the online link of <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b0mnhpp4/> And remember we are hosting a "Feed the Need" food drive for our local pantry. Watch for our baskets at church!

Save the date! October 13, 2019—Stewardship Sunday

We are privileged to have Professor Tom Thibodeau from Viterbo University join us for our Stewardship Sunday Festivities. Thibodeau is a husband, father, grandfather, teacher, and an active community member from Wisconsin Rapids who has done nothing since coming to Viterbo in 1984 but inspire students and change the world. Through the years his infectious enthusiasm, compassion, and commitment to leadership and service have also inspired countless colleagues and community members. He is the founder of the Master of Arts in Servant Leadership, the first master's degree of its kind in the nation, and also a founding member of hospitality and fellowship resource Place of Grace, in La Crosse. Thibodeau will be speaking during Worship on October 13th. You won't want to miss out!

After Worship we will gather for a provided picnic lunch of Sloppy Joes, chips, fruit and dessert, in the Fellowship Hall, with our very own Greg Meuwesen performing!

Stewardship letters were mailed in September as a reminder that it is the time of year that we need to focus on our giving. Our Finance committee will begin budget work in October, so returning pledge cards as soon as possible would be a great help. *"And all God's people said AMEN."*

August 2019 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance August 1st	\$684.84
Receipts	17,276.24
Expenses	(18,913.65)

Ending Balance—August 31st (\$952.57)



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 church usage—Insurance Safety training day, April 1, 2020, for our church and other churches in the area
- Approved building use for Bohnsack's to host Cross Country team meal on October 11th , 5:30-6:30 PM
- Approved Fall Stewardship drive with meal on October 13th
- Approved Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, November 27th at 6:30 PM
- Approved Holiday Dinner, December 7th, 5:00-6:30 PM
- Approved Christmas Eve Worship, December 24th at 5:00 PM
- Approved new office computer



Hats off to:

- our September nursery helpers: Keahna Littlejohn, Ethan Crusan, Gavin Loging, Gideon Wolbrink & Lucy Raymer
- our September liturgists: Nick Miller, Diana Engel, Helen Harold, Jane Foner & Barb Hopkins
- our September sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink, Ethan Crusan, Anna Bohnsack & Genevieve Haugen
- Our September acolytes: Liam & Cameron Lambertson, Brynn Loging, Lily Oldenburg, Dax Pfaff, Evelyn Raymer, Elsa & Josiah Wolbrink, Xander Wuensch and Bradley Baker



FALL RUMMAGE SALE 2019 WRAP-UP



Well, another rummage sale is behind us. Hopefully all the hard working, dedicated workers are getting a chance to get some well deserved rest. Many thanks go out to everyone that helped in any way. Your help donating, setting up, unpacking, cleaning, pricing, organizing, preparing food, packing the unsold items for donation and getting the church ready for Sunday is greatly appreciated by all. Our church coffers were enriched by \$7,200.00. It is never too early to start saving items for the spring sale! Thanks to everyone! Job well done!

Save the Date!



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

True Colors

There is a story of 11-year old Texan, who was wearing a New York Giants football jersey at a recent New York / Dallas football game. As with so many of our younger youth, this one was seeking an autograph from one of the Dallas players who refused because he was wearing a New York jersey. I began to think about our true allegiance, is it to our state team, to the “uniform” we just so happen to be wearing at that moment or some other entity?

Years ago, my sister-in-law gave me an Aspen T-shirt. While wearing it on a vacation it caught the eye of a complete stranger who immediately sought to engage me about Aspen. Did I live there? It is such a great place; can I tell him about it? I had to confess I had never been to Aspen; I was merely wearing a shirt from that place.

I wonder how many times we put on a false front before the world, is if we are wearing an I’m for Jesus shirt when our actions are nothing of the sort. How many times we wear a smile when in fact we have very little to smile about.

Recently the church has had a new T-shirt made with John 3:16 as a motto on the front. What a wonderful verse for us to hold up as our guiding light. For in this verse we see God working in powerful ways to purchase our salvation. True colors come out for us; we worship God who has done the work. We are saved by grace alone not our own works. Out of gratitude for what God has done, we perform our acts of goodness to the world. Out of reverence to our God we gather together and worship.

I digress back to that 11-year old Texan, the New York Giant, whose number the boy was wearing, heard about what had happened, reached out to this preteen by giving him a flight and tickets to a New York game this coming November. The difference between these two football players could have a lasting change in the heart of that youngster, not only about football players in general but in Dallas players in particular. It could increase his desire to wear the New York jersey all the more.

The question behind all of this is what colors are we presenting to the world? Are we putting others down or building them up? Are we displaying our allegiance to Jesus Christ, even more than our rooting for a particular team? I would hope that we, as a congregation, present favorable colors in the community and to the ends of the earth. Colors that say to the world we believe in this God of John 3:16.

Pastor Larry



SPECIAL OFFERING

The Peace and Global Witness Offering runs through October 6th 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.

Our Pastor’s Emergency Fund is in need of donations

Our church is seen as a place for people in need to seek assistance. It is not unusual to receive requests for help purchasing gas, food, clothing or many others items and so our pastors listen and then offer gift cards to those individuals. Please consider making a donation as the seasons change and the holidays approach knowing that we can help support those in need. Please note that this fund is at a separate bank so any donations *need to be made separately from other giving*. Also please note if you write a check, add on memo line, “Pastors Emergency Fund”.



PW September 5th Meeting

A dessert meeting was held September 5th at 7:00 with 10 women present. Vickie Bain and Sharon Cullman were hostesses.

The Thank offering was collected, followed by a business meeting.

Diana Engel gave an interesting and informative talk about the Hunger Task Force which is a mission of our church. She told how it was formed, guidelines for using it, and the opportunities for volunteering. Our church is just one of about 30 churches to receive food from Hunger Task force for Community Dinners. Diana also described how she and the committee prepare for the Community Dinners which involves much planning and many hours of preparation. Thank you, Diana and Committee.

PW Bible Study

Bible study begins Wednesday, October 2nd at 1:00 PM in the room between the offices. The study is: "Love Carved In Stone", a fresh look at the ten commandments. It is also a time of fellowship and prayer. The study continues on October 9th and 16th. Please join us.

2019 Annual Coulee Region Hunger Walk

The Coulee Region Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 13th. On behalf of the church Helen Harold is collecting monetary donations to support this walk. Due to the fact the postal drive was down this year, food pantries are suffering for lack of food. The West Salem Community Care and Share Food Pantry found themselves needing to buy more food than before so funds are down. If you would like to donate to the Hunger Walk, checks should be made out to: Coulee Region Hunger Walk. Donations will be divided as such: 35% to Hunger Task Force, 35% to WAFER and the remaining will be designated to go to our local food pantry. Please consider this mission.

Fall Festival November 9th



Our Fall Festival will begin with breakfast served from 8:30 to 9:30 AM.

We are asking each family to donate at least 6 dz. cookies to sell. We also need craft items. Raffle tickets will be available from Sue Strauss.

Donations should be at church on Friday, November 8th before 7:00 PM or by 7:30 AM on November 9th. Profits go to local and worldwide missions. Eat breakfast at 8:30 AM, shop for cookies, crafts and check out the raffle and be on your way by 11:00 AM. It's a great time to come and visit with church and community members over cookies and crafts!



The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Thursday, October 3rd from 12:30-5:30 PM. Call Connie Blunck for an appointment at 786-0684.

OCTOBER CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th—5:00 Class
23rd—5:00 Community Dinner

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Shawn McAlister

FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up): Finance Committee

LITURGIST & GREETER

6—Kathy Schedin
13—Jackie Siekert
20—Tiffani LaJeunesse
27—Kevin Arndt

NURSERY CARE

6—Gideon Wolbrink
13—Dane Bohnsack
20—Jaycob Brown
27—Julia Byrnes

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

6—Alan Schedin
13—Mike Siekert
20—Kevin Aleckson
27—Shayna Arndt

ACOLYTES

6—Evan Crusan & Liam Lambertson
13—Cameron Lambertson & Brynn Loging
20—Lily Oldenburg & Dax Pfaff
27—Evelyn Raymer & Elsa Wolbrink

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

6—Grant Bohnsack
13—Genevieve Haugen
20—Anna Bohnsack
27—Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Jessica Steinborn on the death of her uncle, Stewart Higdon, on August 24th.

...Tom Servais and family on the death of his mother, Loretta, on September 11th.

...Joan Brown family on her death, September 13th.



Congratulations to our 3rd Grade Students who received a Bible on Sunday, September 15th:

Byrnn Loging, Lily Oldenburg, Elsa Wolbrink

What a privilege for the church to be able to put the scriptures in these young students hands!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Cameron Lambertson

3—Larry Haverly

3—Liam Lambertson

4—Natalie Haverly, Mark Wolf

5—Diana Engel, Margie Denson

6—David Noel

7—Patrick Brummond, Payton Wolf, Trisha Jones

8—Helen Harold, Kristjan Sells

10—Clark Burdick, Gwyn Calvetti, Randall Griffin

11—Vickie Bain, Pete Hass, Jerry Meyer

15—Genevieve Haugen

17—Susan Evans, Terry Loging, Sharon Shaw, Sheryl Lee

19—Lynda Bahr, Easton Gerdes

20—Heidi Horton, Evelyn Benzing

21—Rachel Winther

22—Kimberly Seeger, Ava Schuster

25—Scott Griffin, Brittany Bjorkman

26—Christopher Matthews

28—Colin Hass, Gideon Wolbrink

30—Jaycob Brown

31—Joyce Garves, Sue Winterfield



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Quick Look Ahead:



- **Lifetouch Pictures—September 30th-October 2nd, October 7th**
- **Bingo at Mulder's—Tuesday, October 1st**
- **Red Cross Blood Drive—Thursday, October 3rd**
- **Campfire/Campout—Saturday, October 5th**
- **Stewardship Day—Sunday, October 13th**
- **PW Bible Study—October 2nd, 9th & 16th**

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