



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

We are again preparing to send the Annual Report via email to as many of you as possible. However, if you have not given us your email for the Lamplighter and we can send to you the Annual Report by email, please contact the church to provide that email. If you do not have email access, you can pick-up a hard copy available at church the week before the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, January 19th. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 786-0910 or email us at preschurchws@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEETING

Each year we gather together to review where we have been as a congregation and chart our course for the new year and the future. You are encouraged to attend our annual meeting on **Sunday, January 19, 2020** immediately following the 10:15 AM worship service. We hope to see you there!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

November 24th we welcomed new members to the congregation. When you are gathered here for fellowship or other events, please make sure to welcome these new church members:

Hope Beisinger, Syndey Fitzpatrick, Sara Oldenberg, Jerry & Karen Quackenbush,
Andrea Tweed, Pat & Kate Walsh, MJ Watkins

Movie Night—Friday, January 17th

All are welcome to join us for pizza at 5:30 PM and the movie "Mary Poppins Returns" at 6:00 PM.

Movie synopsis: Now an adult with three children, bank teller Michael Banks learns that his house will be repossessed in five days unless he can pay back a loan. His only hope is to find a missing certificate that shows proof of valuable shares that his father left him years earlier. Just as all seems lost, Michael and his sister receive the surprise of a lifetime when Mary Poppins – the beloved nanny from their childhood – arrives to save the day and take the Banks family on a magical, fun-filled adventure.



November 2019 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance November 1st	(\$1,075.82)
Receipts	19,046.03
Expenses	(21,963.89)



Ending Balance—November 30th (\$3,993.68)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Exit interview with COM was held
- Approved 8th grade Confirmation students to be confirmed on Sunday, January 12th
- Approved Bowling for February 23, 2020
- Approved Annual Meeting to be moved to January 19, 2020

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
Rose Cooper	608-369-3848

Hats off to:



- our December nursery helpers: Jolie Meyers, Keahna Littlejohn, Logan Oldenburg, Gavin Loging & Evan Noel
- our December liturgists: Charlie Evans, Nancy Olson, Jane Foner, Barbara Hopkins, Laura Burdick & Nick Miller
- our December sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Ethan Crusan, Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink, Anna Bohnsack & Genevieve Haugen
- our December acolytes: Dax Pfaff, Brynn Loging, Elsa & Josiah Wolbrink, Xander Wuensch, Bradley Baker and Evan Crusan

JANUARUY CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

8th grade only—class from 9:00-11:00 on Saturday, January 4th

8th, 15th, 29th—5:00 Class

22nd—5:00 Community Dinner

No class on January 1st—Happy New Year!

Elders

Class of 2020

Valerie Olson
Carolyn Lindeman
Charles Engel
Kathy Schedin

Class of 2021

Barbara Hopkins
Sherry Bonsall
Becca Bohnsack
Greg Meeuwesen

Class of 2022

Mike Siekert
Kristjan Sells
Nancy Olson
Shayna Arndt

Deacons

Class of 2020 Claudia Olson, Nancy Olson, Jackie Siekert, Rita Thompson and Lill Twining

Class of 2021 Norm Sanwick, Lois Sanwick, Helen Harold, Diana Swim, Rose Wolbrink

MY LAST NOTE:

Winnie the Pooh told his friends, "How Lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

I agree with Winnie the Pooh! Saying goodbye is never easy when you have developed such a love and concern for the people to whom you are saying good bye.

I have asked myself several times, how am I going to say an appropriate goodbye after seventeen years as one of your Pastors. I finally came to the conclusion that I don't have the words, so I say goodbye to you with words written by Paul to the Philippians so long ago and yet so relevant today. In Philippians 4 Paul wrote, "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord....Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Thank you for your faithful ministry within and outside of this church building. I will carry you all with me - you will indeed be handprints on my heart!

With deep love, gratitude and thanks,

Pastor Stephanie

PW December 5, 2019

A 6 p.m. potluck finger food buffet was hosted by Vickie, Kandi, and Faith Holt. 13 women were present to enjoy fellowship in the very festively decorated Fellowship Hall.

Prayer was led by Helen Harold and the Hunger Offering was collected.

Thank you's were given to PW for funeral lunch preparation by Vickie Holt and Lois Elliott.

Vickie Holt installed the slate of officers for 2020. Helen Harold – Moderator, Diana Engel – Vice-Moderator, Joyce Garves – Secretary, Nelda Manter – Treasurer, and Sharon Shaw – Nominating.

The group adjourned to the Sanctuary for a program titled "I Knew You Would Come" presented by Rose Wolbrink and sons, Josiah and Isaac. Joy to the World was sung as a group accompanied by Caroline Sells.



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Congregational Bowling afternoon!

We will be bowling at Features Sports Bar Sunday, February 23rd from 11:30-2:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per person and includes pizza, pop and bowling. Come and join in the fun!

Winter Local Mission

In this new year our church would like to begin to do periodic food collection for our local food pantry. Starting in January if you can help, our donation will focus on fruits.

Canned peaches, pears, oranges, mixed fruit and applesauce in standard size cans would be appreciated since they fit best on the shelves for storage and work for all size families. Collection boxes will be handy and we can weigh our results in February and then make our first pantry delivery.

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS**HEAD USHER:** Charlie Evans **FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up):** Membership & Evangelism Committee**LITURGIST & GREETER**

5—Helen Harold
 12—Tracey Rogers
 19—Kathy Schedin
 26—Howard Garves

NURSERY CARE

5—Lucy Raymer
 12—Gideon Wolbrink
 19—Dane Bohnsack
 26—Jaycob Brown

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

5—Richard & Gwyn Calvetti
 12—Jim & Sharon Cullmann
 19—Alan Schedin
 26—Joyce Garves

ACOLYTES

5—Lily Oldenburg & Dax Pfaff
 12—Evelyn Raymer & Elsa Wolbrink
 19—Josiah Wolbrink & Xander Wuensch
 26—Bradley Baker & Evan Crusan

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

5—Grant Bohnsack
 12—Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink
 19—Ethan Crusan
 26—Genevieve Haugen

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Jerry Meyer family on his death December 9th.
 ...Walt Willis family on his death December 4th.
 ...the Sweet family on the loss of Daniel, December 12th

***Congratulations to :***

*Shawn & Bethany McAlister on the baptism of Brayden Norman & Christian Nolan on December 8th!
 *Sean & Adina Heller on the baptism of Evelyn Autumn on December 22nd!



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, January 27th from 12:30-5:30 PM
 Call Connie Blunck for an appointment at 786-0684.

**BIRTHDAYS**

1—Fred Dodd, Larry Olson
 2—Martha Burdick
 3—Howard Garves, Sandra Schmidt
 4—Becky Auna, Patricia Ruetten, Lucille Raymer
 5—Leeann Krall, Kenneth Hauser, Shanna Roe
 7—Cindy Ashland
 8—Dave Bohnsack
 9—Terry Miller, Ernest Tourville, Debbie Tourville
 10—Glenda Koeneke, Rita Logging, Braxton Sprain, Garrett Byrnes,
 Remlee Miller
 11—Kordelle Wrencher
 14—Sharon Holven, Alexandra Galbraith
 15—Cecilia Lambertson
 16—Rose Wolbrink, Kent Buehler

18—Becky Byrnes
 19—Katelyn Tessman, Matthew Schwier, Maureen Longcor,
 Michael Siekert, Kaitlin Thornton
 20—Brian Lusk, Dorothy Schmaltz, Patrick Zalewski
 21—Brian Baker, Elgin Brown, Brooklyn Haverly-Ghelfi
 22—Michelle Lusk, Luke Noel
 23—Bradley Baker
 25—Dixie Fladhammer, Jean Pearson, Dustin Wehrs
 26—Ethan Sells
 27—Kevin Arndt, Nancy Olson
 28—Doris Carlson, Ed Lusk, Alexis Shaw
 29—Delores Torgerson
 30—Diane Rogala
 31—James Beebe, Diana Meeuwssen

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Quick Look Ahead:



- January 4 – 8th grade Confirmation Retreat
- January 12 – Confirmation Sunday
- January 12 – Installation/Orientation of Elders/Deacons
- January 17 – Movie Night – 5:30 PM, Pizza & 6:00 PM, Mary Poppins Returns
- January 19 – Annual Meeting
- January 27 – Red Cross Blood Drive – 12:30-5:30 PM

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