



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## PW Spring Salad Luncheon—Wednesday, April 6

Planning is getting started for the Presbyterian Women's Salad Luncheon to be held in the church fellowship hall on Wednesday, April 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



In order to make this large undertaking a success we need volunteers to supply homemade salads and desserts; to set up and decorate tables; to work shifts in the kitchen and dining room; to sell tickets; and to clean up at the end. Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall by March 1 or will be on a table in the entryway. We appreciate whatever time you can spare.

Monetary donations are welcome and will be used to purchase paper products, fruit, butter, beverages, decorations, etc. Profits from the luncheon are used to support local and worldwide mission work and to supply the church kitchen.

Please call Avis Evenson, 786-2393 or Joyce Garves, 269-7787 with any questions or suggestions.



**LENTEN SEA-**

**NEAR!**

**SON IS DRAWING**

**Ash Wednesday Service** March 9th at 6:30 PM (Worship only no meal)

### Lenten Soup Suppers and Services

Soup suppers will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 PM with worship services at 6:30 PM. Please plan to join in this special time to spend with your church family. Pastor Stephanie & Pastor Larry are planning some special surprises for us during Lent.



#### Schedule for Soup Suppers:

March 16—Worship & Music Committee

March 23—Community Dinner

March 30—Christian Education/Membership & Evangelism Committees

April 6—Finance/Stewardship & Mission Committees

## January 2011 Financial Summary

### Operating Budget

Balance January 1st	(\$1,207.72)
Receipts	23,858.53
Expenses	(17,073.21)
<b>Balance January 31st</b>	<b>\$5,577.60</b>



**To reach  
someone in  
the kitchen  
via telephone,  
please dial  
786-0675.**

*Thank you!*

### Highlights from Session:

- Session approved the entire confirmation class this past month.
- Session heard report of the Transformation team and approved their first steps of Bible Study during Lent. Pathways: A Journey of Faith. See pastors page for more information.
- Session approved Nancy Olson as second session member on Nominating Committee.
- Session approved use of fellowship hall on these dates:  
Senior Exercise Program Monday mornings  
Home Community & Ed. West District, Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 3 PM  
Diane Rogala – June 12<sup>th</sup> 1 PM – 4 PM

### Hats off to:

- Bob & Sharon Shaw, Lyle Miles & Beth Hinck, Tomi Carlson and Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the February issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our February nursery volunteers: Kathryn Ebert, Grace Griffin, Colin Hass and Alex Galbraith
- our February acolyte volunteers: Connor Dunn, Will Griffin, Janna Seeger, Alexis Shaw, Erick Sells, Patrick Zalewski, Logan Aleckson and Grady LaJeunesse
- our February liturgists: Bob Harold, Marie Haugen, Tracey Rogers and Kathy Schedin
- Meals on Wheels were delivered the week of February 14-18 by: Greg Ashland, Bob Shaw, Paul & Nelda Manter, Bob & Marilyn Bahr and Susan & Charlie Evans. Thanks to all!



### **Elders**

#### Class of 2011

Jane Foner  
Sherry Bonsall  
Brian Lusk  
Nancy Olson  
Michael Ebert (Youth Elder)  
Rachel Auna (Youth Elder)

#### Class of 2012

Mike Siekert  
Ann Terry  
Marcia Kazmark  
Lisa Betsinger

#### Class of 2013

Charles Engel  
Todd Kleiner  
Greg Meeuwssen  
Tracey Rogers

### **Deacons**

Class of 2011 Helen Harold, Joyce Garves, Howard Garves, Beth Hinck, Alice Sprain

Class of 2012 Kathy Anderson, Loris Griffin, Camille Lusk, Diana Swim, Ted Yankee

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

A couple months ago the session approved having the congregation participate in a Presbytery-wide Transformational Journey. In the weeks and months ahead, the entire congregation will be getting on board as we take a journey together to discover what it is God has in mind for us for the future. We already have a coordinating team made up of Kristjan Sells (chairperson) Carolyn Lindeman, Dave Bohnsack and Jessica Noel. Pastor Larry and I are also part of this team and our Coach is Pastor David King from Mauston.

Part of this journey will include a church-wide Bible study entitled, "Behold: There is a New Creation." We will do this Bible Study on Wednesday nights during Lent, beginning on March 16<sup>th</sup> and every Wednesday until April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Bible Study will take place from 6:30-7:15 p.m. (right after the soup suppers which will be served from 5:30-6:15 p.m.) and will be our worship experience for our Lenten Wednesdays.

This Bible Study is for ALL AGES, and the young people will have a special role to fill each Wednesday night. Each study will begin with a Prayer and there will be Special Music from various members of the congregation. We will have a large group presentation and then break into "work crews" to discuss questions pertinent to the large group discussion.

We know this will be a little different from past Lenten Wednesdays, but we hope you are eager to hop on board and see where God is leading us!

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Stephanie*



### Just for Kids answer:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."



**PER CAPITA 2011:** Per Capita is a financial responsibility for every adult member of a Presbyterian congregation. For 2011 the per capita will be \$27.40. When submitting, please write in "per capita" on the memo part of your check or on the outside of your envelope. *Thank you!*

## MARCH VOLUNTEERS

**HEAD USHER:** Mike Siekert

### LITURGISTS

6—Helen Harold  
13—Georgia Motes  
20—Nick Miller  
27—Jane Foner

### NURSERY CARE

6—Brianna Holt  
13—Laura Kelley  
20—Sean Horton  
27—Kevin Kelley

\* with a Parent/Guardian/Adult,  
over 25, accompanying them

### ACOLYTES

6—Faith Holt & Alayna Aleckson  
13—Laura Burdick & Lauren Garves  
20—Carissa Hass & Martha Haugen  
27—Autumn Schuster & Anne Zalewski

**FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up):** Christian Education

**COMMUNION BREAD BAKER:** Helen Harold



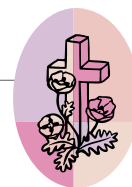
### Congratulations go out to:

Mike & Jackie Siekert as they welcome a new granddaughter, Scout Elizabeth Elwood, from Chippewa Falls, born February 11 !

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

...the family of Erma Hauser on her death, January 28th.

...the Ron Seeger family on the death of his father, Elmer Seeger, on February 11.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2—Laura Indahl  
3—Tom Beirne, Nelda Manter, Alice Sprain  
4—Shirley Beaty  
6—Sean Horton, Aila Meeuwsen, Angela Molling,  
    Josie LaJeunesse  
7—Earl Carlson, Matthew Griffin, Jim Rogala, Phyllis Olson  
    David Silbaugh, Becca Bohnsack, Jenny Kelley  
9—Connor Brown, Kevin Thompson  
11—Paula Harvatine, Kyle Moorhead  
12—Rae Davis  
13—Barb Finn, Carol Rank  
15—Carolyn Lindeman, Nikki Auna

16—Harry Griswold, Willis Jones  
17—Tracey Rogers, Virgil Thompson  
18—Bob Elliott, Rachel Tabor, Marilee Zalewski  
20—Jim Leicht, Greg Meeuwsen, Chase Aleckson  
21—Katerina Houser, Paige Hesselberg  
22—Heidi Ebert, Erik Rank  
24—Marie Haugen, Julie Schmidt  
25—Mike Huston, Jack Twining, Catherine Siekert  
26—Sandy Carlson, Marty Olson  
27—Nancy Koeneke, David Wolf  
29—Jane Foner  
30—Kyle Rogers  
31—Alyssa Moorhead, Bud Raymer, Jr, Benjamin Faas





## PW February Meeting

Eleven women attended the February 10th potluck breakfast meeting. Hostesses were Diana Engel and Jane Foner.

A short business meeting was held and the birthday offering was collected. Helen read an article describing three mission projects dedicated to education that was made possible by birthday offerings.

For our mission project, 53 diapers were cut and sewn from tee shirts. It's a great recycling project, easy to do, and much appreciated by mothers in Africa.

## PW MARCH BIBLE STUDY

PW bible study will continue on March 2, 9 and 23 at 1 p.m. in the room between the offices. Notice the change. We skip March 16. The study in March is about Eagles and their spiritual message for us.

**Looking ahead: SPRING GATHERING** on Saturday, April 9 at North Presbyterian Church in La Crosse. We are very excited to have Rev. Danelle Crawford-McKinney as our speaker from Wentworth, S.D. and her sister who will present: "Celebrating Spirituality with Storytelling and Song". Helen and Beth have heard both of them at the synod gathering and can vouch for their inspirational presentation. Please give your lunch reservations to Helen Harold, 786-0856 by April 4.

## To Our Congregation:

*The family of Edgar L. "Ed" Zellmer wishes to express sincere appreciation for those many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, memorials and to those who shared in the memorial celebration on January 26, 2011. We especially wish to thank the men and women who prepared and served the meal and root beer floats after the service.*

*The family of Ed Zellmer*

## Confirmation Schedule for March:

### 6th-7th Grade -

March 9, 6:30 PM—Ash Wednesday Worship

March 16, 6:30 PM—Lenten Worship

March 23, 5:00 PM—Community Dinner—  
7th grade assist(6th in craft room)

March 23, 6:30 PM—Lenten Worship

March 30, 6:30 PM—Lenten Worship

### 8th-9th Grade -

March 6—Confirmation Sunday

March 9, 6:30 PM—Ash Wednesday

March 16-April 13, 6:30 PM—Lenten Worship

# Youth Group

## March Schedule:

Youth Group will meet at Church at 6:25 PM on  
**March 2, 16 & 30**

then the group will go to Hope Community Church to continue the discussion on the movie, "To Save a Life"



## One Great Hour of Sharing

### Sharing resources, changing lives



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Many people around the world lack necessities of life such as food, shelter and clothing. The OGHS offering makes those necessities a reality by sharing the goodness of life with those who hurt. When a catastrophe occurs, such as the recent earthquake in Haiti, your OGHS offerings assist programs to provide humanitarian aid.

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission is working in more than 80 countries, the offering provides hope to people in more than eighty countries.

Where does the money go? The [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the [Self-Development of People](#) and [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) each receive 32 percent.

Give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. If we all join together and give what we can, we can do big things together.

Thank you for your support to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Your gift makes a difference in lives of people around the world 365 days of the year.

## FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE



Sunday March 20th, immediately following worship, the church's Relay for Life team, "PRES'ing for a Cure", is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meatball & Lefse Luncheon. The meal will consist of meatballs in gravy over mashed potatoes, veggies, lefse, beverage and dessert. We will have carryouts available. The suggested donation is \$9.00 with all proceeds going toward the American Cancer Society's efforts in the battle against cancer.



**Thanks to all for your generous support!**

*Congratulations on the baptisms of:*

Brittany Ann Bjorkman &  
son, Ayden Thomas Bjorkman  
on February 6



Ryleigh Jaye Cade,  
daughter of Aaron & Heidi Cade,  
on February 13



## Campers & parents!!!



In spite of the recent snowfall, summer really will be upon us before we know it, so it is once again time to check out summer Bible camps. As in the past, the Christian Education committee has limited scholarship money available for campers, so please let us know by the end of April the specifics of your particular camp, (ie where, when, how much, etc). At our committee meeting in May, (some camps have early registration deadlines), we will review the requests for funds and determine how much can be allotted to each camper based on the number of children applying. As in years past, we may ask your camper to give a very brief overview of their camping experience to the congregation in the fall. If you are unfamiliar with camps in the region, listed below are several that have served our youth over the years. Their websites show activities, dates, prices, directions, etc.



If you need further information, please contact Pastor Larry or anyone on the Christian Education committee. Thanks!

<a href="http://www.lxbc.org">www.lxbc.org</a>	Living Waters Bible Camp	Westby, WI – 35 miles, 40 minutes
<a href="http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamo.org">www.sugarcreekbiblecamo.org</a>	Sugar Creek Bible Camp	Ferryville, WI – 51 miles 1hr
<a href="http://www.villagecreek.net">www.villagecreek.net</a>	Village Creek Bible Camp	Lansing, IA – 50 miles 1 hr
<a href="http://www.campwyoming.net">www.campwyoming.net</a>	Camp Wyoming	Wyoming, IA – 175 miles 3.5 hours
<a href="http://www.abcamp.org">www.abcamp.org</a>	Arrowhead Bible Camp	New Auburn, WI – 125 miles, 2 hours
<a href="http://www.fortwilderness.com">www.fortwilderness.com</a>	Fort Wilderness	McNaughton, WI – 233 miles, 3.5hrs



## ATTENTION 1<sup>ST</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

On Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to a St Patrick's Day Party at the church from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pastor Stephanie, Kate Ebert, Janna Seeger and Alexis Shaw are planning a bible study, crafts, and games. Here's what we need from you:



- Make sure to wear **GREEN!**
- We would like every family to bring a **GREEN** food to share with everyone—see how creative you can be.
- We would also like you to bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

Feel free to bring a friend or two with you – just make sure they follow the things above! PLEASE email Pastor Stephanie ([cre8or59@yahoo.com](mailto:cre8or59@yahoo.com)) by March 7<sup>th</sup> and let her know how many of you will be attending. Hope to see you there!



*Holy Week*

**April 17—Palm Sunday, Sunday School Children will sing**

**April 21—Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM Service**

**No Worship Service on Good Friday**

*Easter Sunday—April 24*

**8:00 AM—Early Worship, Handbells playing**

**10:00 AM—Festival Worship, Adult Choir singing**