

Lake Country Congregational Church

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS

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Everyone can serve

Look for opportunities to serve; don't wait to be asked! Remember: You can serve without being a part of an "official" ministry.

We all can:

- * Extend the word of welcome, whether or not we are official greeters;
- * Be listening, caring friends, whether or not we are official lay counselors;
- * Be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us, whether or not we are on the evangelism team;
- * Be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand, whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees.

FROM DR. SHELLEY'S DESK . . .

Every once in a while I encounter people in pre-marriage counseling who really intend to change their prospective spouse. They don't come out and say, "I'm going to change this hopeless weakling." No sometimes they say just the opposite—but the truth is, they intend to change the person.

But sometimes that which is required to change is acceptance. The following story illustrates how acceptance can provide for change.

I was a neurotic for years. I was anxious and depressed and selfish. Everyone kept telling me to change.

I resented them, and I agreed with them, and I wanted to change, but simply couldn't, no matter how hard I tried.

What hurt the most was that, like the others, my best friend kept insisting that I change. So I felt powerless and trapped.

Then one day, he said to me, "Don't change. I love you just as you are."

These words were music to my ears: "Don't change. Don't change. Don't change . . . I love you as you are."

I relaxed. I came alive. And suddenly I changed!

Now I know that I couldn't really change until I found someone who would love me whether I changed or not.

Is this how you love me, God?

"Don't Change"
The Song of the Bird by Anthony de Mello P. 67-68

Acceptance is the key to self-fulfillment. Those who resist are fighting within themselves and with others.

I am, your friend and minister,

Patrick

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Lake Country Congregational Church follows Jesus Christ as Lord, in The Way of the Pilgrims, giving and serving for His purpose with inspired conviction to build and to nurture His church by sharing with the community the joy and inspiration of our Christian faith, freedom and fellowship.



Neighborhood Coffee

Several opportunities for you to express your concerns and opinions as members and friends of a "Congregational" church are being organized.

This is an invitation for you to offer input in determining if we are ready to support a church wide effort to establish a new church development. At the same time we will review our current goals and make necessary adjustments per the needs and direction given by the congregation.

It is time to sit down and have an honest talk, please join us at one of the places listed below in the weeks ahead:

Wednesday, October 8 at 7 PM

Located in Hartland:
Del Garcia's
267 Hazel Lane, 367-7531

Sunday, October 12 at 7 PM

Located in Delafield
Sarah and Jason Lewis'
474 Cedar Valley Court
303-4190

Thursday, October 16 at 7 PM

Located north of Hartland
Fred & Karen Thimmel's
W308 N7114 Club Court
966-7450

BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH. Please call ahead and let us know your needs.

The church must be one because a fragmented church is not much help to a fragmented world. —Justo L. Gonzales

LCCC Book Club

Their next selection is *Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. The discussion will be held at Carole Lancour's home on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:45 p.m. The book may be purchased at a discount at Books 'n Company in Oconomowoc by mentioning our Book Club.



Adult Crossings— God's Journey With Us

Dr. Shelley's evening Bible Study begins on Tuesday, October 14th. The study is titled: Adult Crossings - God's journey with us: *Because every Christian should know the eight core stories of the Bible.*

The classes will be meeting every Tuesday at 6:30 PM (with the exception of Dec. 23rd). The location will be in the conference room located at 155 East Capitol Drive. There is parking in the back of the building. Babysitting will be provided in the church's nursery.



Jogging Suits Needed

Gently used or new jogging suits, that can easily fit a variety of sizes are needed by Waukesha's Social Services for rape victims to wear home. The street clothes they arrive in are kept for evidence.

Please mark your donation so that we know that it is for this project.



On Saturday, September 20th Don Shelley passed on to eternal life. We extended our condolences to his only son, our pastor and teacher, Patrick.

Donald and his beloved wife, Ruth, joined our congregation shortly after Dr. Shelley became our minister. Even though they lived in Merrill, Wisconsin, they supported various church projects and upon their visits south, Sundays were always spent here at LCCC.

Our prayers and thoughts remain with the entire Shelley family.

**November 2008
Newsletter Deadline
Is October 24**

Dr. Shelley's Sermons for October

October 5 — 10:00 AM

COMMITMENT SUNDAY WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

"A Kingdom Open to All"

O.T.— Exodus 20:1-21

N.T.— Matthew 21:33-46

October 12 — 10:00 AM

"And God Changed His Mind . . ."

O.T.— Exodus 32:1-14

N.T.— Matthew 22:1-14

October 19 — 10:00 AM

"There are Certain Things You Just Know How to Do"

O.T.— Isaiah 45:1-7

N.T.— Matthew 22:15-22

October 26 — 10:00 AM

"What Do You Want on Your Tombstone?"

O.T.— Deuteronomy 34:1-12

N.T.— Matthew 22:34-46

Sunday School News

Dear Parents,

First, I would like to thank everyone who helped make Rally Sunday such a success.

Secondly, I feel a need to recognized all our volunteer teachers who will be working to lead and guide our church youth on a strong Christian path in the coming year. They are listed in no particular order:

Dave Brabson
 Ginny Henningsen
 Melissa Lewis
 Tamara Thimmel
 Rachel Stubner
 Jill Walworth
 Sarah Lewis
 Susan Lane
 Donna Saenz

Someone once said, "If Jesus had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it." That's where we keep all the most important people's photos, right? Jesus constantly demonstrated unconditional love for his followers, especially the children. I feel that this group of teachers will do the same. Please support their efforts by having your children attend Sunday school.

Jamie Hess
 Director of Children's Ministries



Coming Soon!
Our
Annual
All Church
Project —
Our Mitten
Tree!

Our hopes are to break the tree boughs this year by November 23rd with the weight of dozens of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and most importantly SOCKS! There is also a strong need for children's underwear sizes 10 and up.



**The Youth Birthdays
 Celebrated this Month are:**

Luke Reinhardt
October 4

Kelsie Lane
October 17

Kayla Pehl
October 28

Benevolence Update

As soon as the Hartland Family has finished digging their ditch for the electrical line to the outside shed, we will be paying Nold Electric to finish their part which will be about \$400.00, dollars collected from the Easter Offering.

Other disbursements have been:

- * \$1,000 to Healthy Families of Waukesha County. Part of Easter Offering.
- * \$400 to the Hartland Food Pantry.
- * \$500 to the NACCC One Great Hour of Sharing - Flood Relief.
- * \$500 to the Lake Country Foundation for Emmanuel Bazil from Haiti for his battle with an eye tumor.
- * \$500 to Zachary Bella Wisconsin Edvest 529 Program. Zach's mother and two sisters were killed in Oconomowoc.

Special Offerings — Ideas Needed

With the leaves falling and a chill in the air we all know what is approaching and so do the members of the Benevolence Committee. It is time to select the recipients of our two remaining special offerings; Thanksgiving and Christmas. Patti Leichtfuss, Mary Lou Gillstrom, Connie Hornburg and Stacey Clay— Hammel will be meeting soon to finish this year's business. Please help their committee by making suggestions as to missions, local foundations or charities.

Perhaps you know of a local person or family who is having a hard time making ends meet. In this case, the committee would be willing to purchase food or gas cards, or both as they prefer that method rather than a cash gift.

To make a suggestion please contact one of the committee members, Dr. Shelley, or Sandy in the church office.



"CARING FRIEND"

For the month of October is
 Jennifer Walmer.

Men's Clothing Drive

Jeannie and Tom Harbeck and Joyce Phenicie are having a Men's Clothing Drive for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. **The deadline for the clothing will be Sunday, October 26th.**

Clothing can be delivered to the church (from 9:30 AM—Noon during the week) and on Sundays. Items are to be placed in the coat room. There is a strong need for sweaters, slacks and sport shirts. This is a good time to remember items for the cold weather like jackets, gloves, socks, as well.

