

# Lake Country Congregational Church

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS

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## FROM DR. SHELLEY'S DESK . . .

November is a month when we recall the sacrifice and contribution of the Pilgrims to the history and charter of American culture. This coming November will be significant as a Presidential election month as well. Therefore, my thoughts have turned toward various statements about our nation from respected leaders of the past. I share these observations with you for your consideration.

*With malice towards none; with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in*

—Abraham Lincoln

*Men (and women, ed. note) must either be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants.*

—William Penn

*If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses of this country and people do not become religious, I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian.*

*If truth be not diffused, error will be.*

*If God and his Word are not know and received, the devil and his works will gain ascendancy.*

*If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of corrupt and licentious literature will.*

*If power of the gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end.*

—Daniel Webster

*In the final analysis a soldiers pack is never so heavy a burden as a prisoners chains.*

—Dwight David Eisenhower

J. Edgar Hoover said in 1957:

*In America only one out of twelve in our country attends church.*

*Seven out of eight children quit church and Sunday school attendance before they reach fifteen years of age.*

*People spend eight times more hours at movies than at Sunday school.*

*As a nation we spend up to \$750.00 on pleasure, sins and amusements to every dollar given to church work.*

*Our nation harbors three times as many criminals as college students.*

*Three major crimes are committed every minute.*

*A murder is committed every forty minutes.*

*There are sixty suicides in our nation daily.*

Can you imagine what the statistics would show today?

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*

—Thomas Jefferson

I hope you find these quotes helpful. They are fine reminders of our heritage as a people.

I am, your friend and minister,

Patrick

## Synopsis of the October 15 Council Meeting

Attendees were: Dr. Shelley, Carol Ann Aiken, Jeri Mesching, Mary Lou Gillstrom, Fred Thimmel, Brian Pehl, and Jason Lewis.

The treasurer's report presented in the binder stated:

Income is at:

\$ 119,543.23

Expenses have been:

\$ 130,778.90

Noting that 2008 pledge dollars totaled \$ 139,698.00 and we have currently received pledges to the total of \$ 100,136.00

Dr. Shelley noted that attendance for the Tuesday night Bible study has been poor. This study is offered off-site in downtown Hartland, with babysitting provided at LCCC.

Deacons: Reviewed the procedure for licensing Fred Thimmel as Minister. The Hanging of Greens will be taking place on or before Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. We are planning for an Advent potluck that afternoon, possibly with activities for the children.

Trustees: WF has contributed \$1500.00 toward fixing the Women's Restroom. Jason handed out the 2009 budget forms and asked that they returned no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Benevolence: will be making decisions regarding the recipients of the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. They have suggested we donate the money locally to a needy family or person.

Christian Ed: The children's Christmas Pageant will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. Carol Ann has offered to help with costumes. We are very pleased with the additional teachers.

Stewardship: Great pledge response to the 2009 campaign to-date we have 34 pledges in and expecting 47 total.

Nominating: Fred will chair a meeting of the past moderators and meet to suggest nominees for the boards. No date has been set.

Council Members at Large: Jeri Mesching suggested that we add an RSVP to the call to council emails. This will be considered for future use.

Women's Fellowship: Fund raising activities will begin in November for the No-bake Cookie Walk.

Site Committee: Jeri Mesching presented a listing for a church on 12 acres that she will submit to the site committee.

New Business:

The Annual Meeting has been set for January 25<sup>th</sup> of 2009. Annual reports for 2008 are to be in no later than December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There will be a church Chat on November 9<sup>th</sup> following the service. Fred will conduct it.

An ad-hoc committee has been assembled to streamline the governance of this church. Members are Dr. Shelley, Fred Thimmel, Brian Pehl, Carol Ann, Jason Lewis and Jeri Mesching. No date for the first meeting has been set.

## CHURCH CHAT Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

### Following Worship

*Coming together is a  
beginning.*

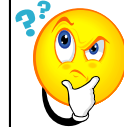
*Keeping together is  
progress.*

*Working together is  
success.*

—Henry Ford

## LCCC Book Club

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



**Before you repeat a  
story, ask yourself:**

*Is it true?*

*Is it harmless?*

*Is it necessary?*

*If it isn't, don't repeat it.*

## Dr. Shelley's Sermons for November

### **November 2 — 10:00 AM**

*"Crossing the Jordan"*

O.T.— Joshua 3:7-17

N.T.— Matthew 23:1-12

### **November 9 — 10:00 AM**

*"When You Serve God, Things  
Change! - Even Ourselves!"*

O.T.— Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

N.T.— Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 16 — 10:00 AM**

*"Show Your Faithfulness By How  
You Produce"*

O.T.— Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 or

Psalm 123

N.T.— Matthew 25:14-30

### **November 23 — 10:00 AM**

**Thanksgiving Service**

*"The Last Word in Thanksgiving, Is  
Giving"*

O.T.— Psalm 100

N.T.— Matthew 25:31-46

### **November 30 — 10:00 AM**

**First Sunday of Advent**

*"Is It Be Prepared, or, Keep  
Awake?"*

O.T.— Isaiah 64:1-9

N.T.— Mark 13:24-37

## Sunday School News

Dear Parents,  
November is already here! Our Children's Choir will be singing Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for the 10 AM service. Rehearsals will take place every Sunday in November leading up to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 9:00 AM, upstairs with Jon Rinka. At 9:15 the children will proceed (downstairs) to participate in Sunday School.

Below you will find the dates and times listed. You might find it convenient to clip the schedule out and save it. Thank you for your cooperation!

Jamie Hess  
Director of Children's Ministries

### Rehearsals will be:

Sunday, November 2nd  
9:00—9:15 AM  
Sunday, November 9th  
9:00—9:15 AM  
Sunday, November 16th  
9:00—9:15 AM  
Sunday, November 23rd  
9:00—9:15 AM



OUR NEW  
ANNUAL

ANGEL  
TREE

The "Mitten Tree" has been renamed "Angel Tree". Because there is such a strong need in our community for basic items. With Wisconsin's cold winters there is a need for mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and most importantly warm SOCKS! There is also a need for children's underwear sizes 10 and up.

Please bring the items to church and we will make sure they are delivered to those in need.

Annual Meeting Date Set:  
Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Following 10 AM worship



The Youth Birthdays  
Celebrated this Month are:

Olivia Pfeil  
November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Stevie Lynn Lane  
November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Aaden Lane  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>



Fall Back

Daylight  
saving  
time ends

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Confirmation Classes

Our 2008-09 class meets on Monday evenings from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Regular attendance is extremely important so that they can remain on track with the lessons. If you need a schedule of classes please contact, Jamie Hess.

Confirmation Day has been scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2009.

December 2008  
Newsletter Deadline  
is Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>



Women's  
Fellowship  
"No-Bake  
Cookie Sale"

This year's "No Bake" fund raiser again replaces the annual "Cookie Walk" sale, normally held the first Saturday in December.

Donations to the "No-Bake" sale can be made by cash or check, please make checks payable to: **Women's Fellowship** and please write in the memo area "**No-Bake**". You can either mail, place a donation in the Sunday offering plate or bring your donation to the church. Just remember to clearly state the intention of the donation as "**No-Bake**". This no bake cookie walk starts now and goes until the first week in December, 2008.

Also, this will be our last sale (fund raiser) of this kind. We are trying to come up with other ideas to raise money. If anyone has an idea or two please let us know. **We would sincerely like to incorporate opportunities for our local communities to participate in the fund raiser and learn about our church.**



"CARING FRIEND"

For the month of November is  
Karen Perry.

## 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.

