

Lake Country Congregational Church

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS

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FROM DR. SHELLEY'S DESK . . .

Thoughts for a New Year

We have heard much bad news over recent months. Talk of "bailouts" an economic catastrophe has put a wet blanket upon our hopes for the new year. Yet ours is not the first generation to experience bleak thoughts about the future. Let me share a few thoughts from Peter the Hermit, a monk who made these observations in 1274:

The world is passing through troubled times. The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age; they are impatient of all restraint; they talk as if they alone knew everything, and what passes for wisdom with us is foolishness with them. As for the girls, they are foolish and immodest and unwomanly in speech, behavior and dress.

Peter's words have as alarmingly contemporary sound. It has always been the habit of some to observe the shortcomings of one generation with regard to the practices of a previous age. It is, therefore, refreshing to hear words of hope and expression of promise for the future especially when predictions about tomorrow are dark at best.

The best theological affirmation remains the attitude that in good times and in bad times, in times of hopefulness and fear; all is made better when God is with us everything can be better.

One man has expressed this attitude beautifully with these words:

A day is like a journey,
We pass from morn to night.

School is like a journey,
From class one to the top.

A year is like a journey,
Through seasons, months and weeks.

Life is like a journey,
And we are stepping out.

Father God, in all our journeys,
Be with us.

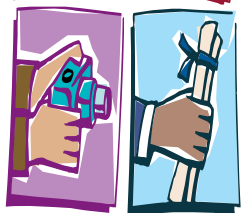
— Donald Hilton

Indeed, the best attitude for the coming year, and every New Year, is that which declares: "Dear God, in all our journeys, Be with us!"

Best wishes to you all for a New Year where God is with you and those who you love.

I am, your friend and minister,

Patrick



A NEW
YEAR

&

NEW
OPPORTUNITIES

Replica of Noah's Ark Opens in Schagen, Netherlands

The massive central door in the side of Noah's Ark was recently thrown open for the first crowd of curious Pilgrims and townsfolk to behold a replica of the biblical Ark, built by Dutch Creationist Johan Huibers as a testament to his faith in the literal truth of the Bible.

The ark is 150 cubits long, 30 cubits high and 20 cubits wide (*cubits were the earliest known unit of length, which originated between 2800 and 2300 BC. A cubit is approximately 43 to 56 cm (17 to 22 in) long, which is about the length of the human forearm measured from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow.*) To make it easier to imagine the Ark is about two-thirds the length of a football field and as high as a three-story house. Life-size models of giraffes, elephants, lions, crocodiles, zebras, bison and other animals greet visitors as they arrive in the main hold.



A contractor by trade, Huibers built the ark of cedar and pine. Biblical Scholars debate exactly what the wood used by Noah would have been. Huibers did the work mostly with his own hands, using modern tools and with occasional help from his son Roy. Construction began in May 2005.

Huibers said he hopes the project will renew interest in Christianity in the Netherlands, where church going has fallen dramatically in the past 50 years. *"If You Need Help, Ask God. If You Don't, Thank God."*

Women's Fellowship receipt program: Our Pick 'N Save "we care" number is 446080. Receipts need to be turned in monthly to LCCC for the 1% pay back program for Piggly Wiggly and Sentry (with sticker).

How to keep warm in church

1. Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back of the church.
2. Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.
3. Seat yourself near the pulpit. Much hot air is emitted from that area.
4. Wear thermal underwear (in the appropriate liturgical colors, of course).
5. Wait for an unfamiliar hymn — and then watch the sparks fly!

Reach out and lend a helping hand

Volunteers are needed at Shorehaven-Lutheran Homes of Oconomowoc. The assistance you provide can be once a week or once a month. Many jobs are only about 2 hours in length and there are various jobs and tasks. If you wish to learn more please ask Carol Ann Aiken.

Maybe there is something for you!

Congregational Meeting



Official Notice

The Lake Country Congregational Church

Will hold it's Annual Meeting on

Sunday, January 25, 2009
Following the worship service

All church members are encouraged to attend

Congratulations!

Peter Clarkson, the son of Andi and Paul graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Commencement exercises were held on Saturday, December 20th.

Congratulations Peter! We all believe in you and know you are ready to face the challenges that this next exciting phase of your life will pose. You should be proud of your accomplishments, and we are looking forward to all of the wonderful things that your future holds. May the next phase of your life bring you closer to God and closer to your dreams.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:6 (KJV)



Mark your calendar!

The first Sunday of every month is when the LCCC Benevolence committee invites you to participate in donating food for the Hartland Food Pantry. Consider placing a monthly reminder on your 2009 calendar. Basic pantry staples, cleaning supplies, baby items are always needed. Sunday, January 4th is the first Pantry Sunday of the new year.

Sunday School News

Dear Parents,
Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Children's program a success. Special appreciation goes to Donna Saenz for taking photos. Please enjoy the small sampling below.

The 5 PM Confirmation classes will continue to meet on Monday evenings in January. The one exception is January 26 there will be no class.

If any parents have questions regarding LCCC's Christian education program please feel free to contact me by calling my cell, 1 (262) 353-5645.

Jamie Hess
Director of Children's Ministries



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The Youth Birthdays Celebrated this Month are twins:

**Alyssa & Alex Graves
January 24**



Women's Fellowship
Soup and Salad Supper
Wednesday, January 7th
Hosted by: Jeri Mesching
Please RSVP today!
Call or email the office.
262-367-5631
lcc.church@sbcglobal.net

Special Envelopes!

Envelopes for flower donations and the music fund can now be found in the back of the sanctuary.



"Caring Friend"
For the month of January is
Joyce Phenicie.





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SUNDAY SERVICES

Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM Summer worship 9:00 AM

LAKE COUNTRY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

ASSISTED BY OUR PASTOR:
DR. PATRICK D. SHELLEY

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MR. JON RINKA

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ADMINISTRATORS ASSISTANT
MS. SANDRA NEUENS

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY
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MS. DARLENE BECKER

MODERATOR : MR. DAVID LEICHTFUSS
COUNCIL CLERK: MS. SARAH LEWIS
FINANCIAL SECRETARY MR. DAN LANCOUR

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — SUNDAY, JANUARY 25				1	2	3
4 Food Pantry Communion No AM Bible class	5 5 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Bible Study	6 Trustee Meeting At 6:30 PM	7 Women's Fellowship Soup & Supper	8	9	10
11	12 5 PM Confirmation	13 6:30 PM Bible Study	14	15	16	17
18	19 5 PM Confirmation	20 6:30 PM Bible Study	21	22	23	24
25 Annual Meeting	26 No classes	27 6:30 PM Bible Study	28	29	30	31