

Lake Country Congregational Church

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS

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X = KISS

During the Middle Ages, when few people were able to write, many documents were signed with an X. Signers kissed the letter to affirm their sincerity in the same way they kissed the Bible when taking an oath.

The letter X wasn't selected at random. It was the sign of St. Andrew, who was crucified on an X-shaped cross. The X implied a sacred promise to fulfill one's obligation in the saint's name.

FROM DR. SHELLEY'S DESK . . .

Living the Fullness of Faith and Life

Songwriter Bruce Cockburn once penned lines which speak of the Christian hope of eternity:

Some of us live and some of us die
Someday God's going to tell us why
Open your heart and grow with what life sends
We'll meet again at the festival of friends.

When we spend our living in the hope of eternity as Jesus taught, we find our lives have greater purpose and enjoyment. Faith builds better living. Studies show that people who attend church on a regular basis live five years longer on average than those who do not attend. I believe its all part of a general outlook and attitude which faith instills. Faith allows us to "grow with what life sends" as Cockburn puts it.

When we spend time in frustration, anger or stress little good comes into our living and our days. Conversely, time spent with an attitude of gratitude, joy and peace brings forth much good and pleasure in each and every hour we live. To know God in Jesus is to find good, joy and peace.

The choice is ours to a great extent. To live in faith and to embrace hope in living with Jesus is to contribute to a future which is bright with God's promise and love.

Good Christians! Life is a gift. Let us use our minds to lift our souls and thus proclaim the truth that in life and death we trust in a God of love who calls us to healthy wholeness in living every hour of every day. To so live is to embrace the promise of God's love.

I am, in His love,

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.

**Keep
Capt. Paul Clarkson, Jr.
in your prayers.**

Marine Capt. Paul Clarkson, Jr., fondly called Tigger or Tig by family and friends, is currently serving in Djibouti, Africa — between Yemen and Somalia. Proud parents Andi and Paul said, *“An awful lot goes on there, but nothing Tig can actually share with us.”*

Capt. Paul flies a CH53-E helicopter referred to in the Marine Corps as the “Super Stallion”. It is very large, has one rotor, seven blades and can carry troops or lift objects as large as hummers and tanks. (It looks a lot like Marine One, but Tigger thinks Marine One has a more plush interior.) His deployment should be seven months, however, that can always be increased depending upon conditions.

Paul graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, about 15% of the midshipmen choose Marines as their service selection...the Marine Corps is a division of the Navy.

 **“Caring Friend”**
For the month of January is
Carole Lange-Lancour

**Grab the Popcorn!
Lenten Movie Festival**

Dr. Shelley will be starting up his Lenten film and discussion series in the weeks ahead. Volunteer hosts and homes are needed. Please call him if you are willing to host a movie, normally held on Sunday’s beginning at 5 PM during Lent.

The movies he has selected are:

“Fireproof” - Never leave your partner behind. Focus is on marriage and forgiveness. Starring Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea (2008)

“Amazing Grace” - Visits the world of 18th Century backroom politics to end the slave trade in the British Empire. Starring Ioan Gruffudd and Albert Finney. (2006).

A pair of award-winning French dramas — **“Jean de Florette & Manon of the Spring”** two men scheme to acquire a neighboring farm by preventing a natural spring from flowing. Starring Yves Montand, and Gérard Depardieu. (1986) [ENGLISH SUBTITLES]

“Pollyanna” - the ultimate feel good movie. Pollyanna's transformed the community with her indomitable will to see the good side of even the worst situations. Starring Hayley Mills and Jane Wyman (1960)

**Dr. Shelley’s
Sermons for
February 8 — March 1**

February 8— 10:00 AM
“That Is Why He Came”
O.T.— Isaiah 40: 21-28
N.T.— Mark 1:29-39

February 15— 10:00 AM
“To Be Clean”
O.T.— II Kings 5:1-14
N.T.— Mark 1:40-45

February 22— 10:00 AM
“Listen to Him”
O.T.— II Kings 2:1-12
N.T.— Mark 9:2-9

March 1 — 10:00 AM
“A Sign of the Covenant”
O.T.— Genesis 9:8-17
N.T.— Mark 1:9-15



**Do you have
a website
you like to
visit?**

Email your favorite link(s) to the church so the site address can be posted on our *NEW* website. We would like to gather a nice selection of sites (links) to offer not only our members and friends, but outside visitors as well.

Of course we are looking for wholesome, family save sites. However, they do not need to be theology based either. The more we get the better and when the need arises categories will be added. Such as: Children’s, Christian, Genealogy, Hobbies, Shopping, Special interest, Local, etc.

This could be a wonderful exchange to participate in— so send the office your favorite link today!



<http://Lccchurchhartland.org>

The Deacons, with the help of JD Hartley, have the website up and running. This is a work in progress. Written items and photos will be added over the next few months. Watch it grow! Visit often!

Benevolence News
Thank you Letters Received
 '08 Thanksgiving Offering

The Lake Country Foundation
 Inc., (Lake Country Rotary)
 writes:

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your generous
 donation of \$900.90 for the Haiti
 Vision and Dental mission fund.
 Your support is truly appreciated
 and will be put to good use.

Lake Country Caring writes:

Dear Congregation,

With sincere appreciation we thank
 you for the donation of \$356.00. In
 this time of great need, it is the
 ongoing support of the community
 that inspires us and enables us to
 continue our mission. We are truly
 humbled and thankful for all our
 blessings and most thankful for your
 help.



The Youth Birthdays
 Celebrated
 This month are:

Griffin Lewis
 February 12

Juleon McGinnis
 February 14

What is Lent?

It is forty days of stripping down to
 the living essentials;

It is forty days of facing truth
 about one's self-indulgent
 evasions;

It is forty days of fellowshipping
 with Christ in the desert;

It is forty days of rejoicing in
 God's mercy and forgiveness.

Silence is Trust at Work

*"The purest faith has to be tested
 by silence in which we listen for
 the unexpected, in which we are
 open to what we do not yet know,
 and in which we slowly and
 gradually prepare for the day when
 we will reach out to a new level of
 being with God."*

—Thomas Merton

LCCC Book Club

Their next selection is "World
 Without End" by Ken Follett. The
 discussion will be held on
 Tuesday, March 17th at Sue
 Engelberth's home at 6:45 p.m.

The book may be purchased at a
 discount at Books 'n Company in
 Oconomowoc by mentioning our
 Book Club.

New members are always
 welcome.

More Benevolence news regarding the Lake Country Rotary's "Haiti Vision and Dental Mission." This mission fund was part of the 2008 Thanksgiving Offering. Below is an email dated January 21, 2009.

Greetings from Haiti, Things are happening this week. I got a wonderful unsolicited endorsement of the dental project from a man who runs a local cybercafé and Western Union office. Maybe we can get him on tape. Dr. Olinskie wishes he had more time to work on the patients. There is a lot more that could be done for them. We are treating the people in pain first and there are more of them than we can handle.

Two members of the dental team became sick last night and stayed at the hotel until noon today. They are now back to normal and were able to work this afternoon. Our air compressor blew a fuse but it is back in operation. All that slowed us down so we treated only 21 patients today.

Many people in town listened to the inauguration on the radio or TV. The school dug out an old TV and was able to get a picture but no sound. The Haitian people in general are interested in our government and supporting our new president.

Our weather has been hot until today. We had some rain over night which caused slippery roads. It was not as hot as usual with clouds most of the day.

Last week our team saw a young lady with a large mass on the right side of her neck. It has been there and slowly growing for five years. She wanted some dental work done but the dentists thought it was not safe to work on her. Today I took her to the local doctor who had treated her before. She was supposed to have gone to a specialist for a second biopsy but was afraid to go. Now that the mass is bigger she wants something done. He referred her to Paul Farmers hospital and wrote a letter. She may go. If we have free time next week we may take her as some of the team members would like to see the hospital.

Dr. Ken

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: February 25 at 7:00 PM AT Fox River Congregational Church,
 N34 W23575 Capitol Drive, Pewaukee. Dr. Patrick Shelley and Dr. Lonnie Richardson to preach.



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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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Pantry Communion	2 5 PM Confirmation	3 Deacons Meeting At 6:00 PM 6:30 PM Bible Study	4	5	6	7
8	9 5 PM Confirmation	10 6:30 PM Bible Study	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>President's Day</i> 5 PM Confirmation	17 6:30 PM Bible Study	18	19	20	21
22	23 No classes	24 6:30 PM Bible Study	25 <i>Ash Wednesday 7 PM Service Fox River Cong'l Church</i>	26	27	28