

# Lake Country Congregational Church

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS

MARCH 2009

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

### The Contented Life

Which would you rather have: a fortune or a capacity for enjoyment? I know that in hard economic times this might be a dangerous question to ask. Yet in good times and bad it is essential to have the ability to enjoy life.

Therefore, I share with you the following story:

*The rich industrialist from the North was horrified to find the Southern fisherman lying lazily beside his boat, smoking a pipe.*

*"Why aren't you out fishing?" said the industrialist.*

*"Because I have caught enough fish for the day." said the fisherman.*

*"Why don't you catch some more?"*

*"What would I do with it?"*

*"You could earn more money" was the reply. "With that you could have a motor fixed to your boat and go into deeper waters and catch more fish. Then you would make enough to buy nylon nets. These would bring you more fish and more money. Soon you would have enough money to own two boats . . . maybe even a fleet of boats. Then you would be a rich man like me."*

*"What would I do then?"*

*"Then you could really enjoy life."*

*"What do you think I am doing right now?"*

It is always good to work hard and pursue prosperity. It is best to have money and the capacity to enjoy life as well. In all of life we are called to do excellently and to be fulfilled in our living. It is a blessing to so live.

No matter what the reality may prove to be, may your life be one that you enjoy to the utmost. I know the love of Jesus Christ makes a vital difference in that quest.

In His love, I am,

Your friend and Pastor,

Patrick

## Feeding the hungry

To allow the hungry to remain hungry would be blasphemy against God and one's neighbor, for what is nearest to God is precisely the need of one's neighbor. It is for the love of Christ, which belongs as much to the hungry as to myself, that I share my bread with them and that I share my dwelling with the homeless. If the hungry do not attain to faith, then the guilt falls on those who refused them bread. To provide the hungry with bread is to prepare the way for the coming of grace.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## 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.

## Alex and Alyssa's Friend, Jack

On Sunday, February 22 Alex and Alyssa asked the congregation to contribute to help their friend, Jack with his over three year fight with Neuroblastoma cancer. The Sunday school kids took the baskets around for a special collection. At this time we would like to thank everyone who participated in this impromptu offering.

Jack is a 7 year old first grader in Alex's class at Swallow School. Jack was first diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer when he was three. He has been NED (No Evidence of Disease) twice but is now fighting cancer again for the third time. He relapsed in December of 2008. Jack is an enthusiastic kid with a fantastic attitude and love for life. He and his family are fighting this disease with everything they have and are an amazement to everyone who knows them.

If you didn't have the opportunity to contribute on Sunday or would like to contribute again the address for donations is:  
I BACK JACK FUND  
c/o First Business Bank  
PO BOX 1970  
Brookfield, WI 53008-9822

**I Back Jack** was created shortly after Jack was first diagnosed, it is a 501(c)3, not-for-profit inc., in other words any donation made to this fund is tax deductible. The fund is set up so the family can access it for Jack's medical expenses and also for future medical research donations. The family's long term goal is that Jack will be cured and the fund will go towards Neuroblastoma research.

To learn more about Jack you can link to Jack's Caringbridge site:  
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jackbartosz>

## Lenten Movie Festival Schedule

Below is Dr. Shelley's Lenten film and discussion series lineup. Babysitting is available upon request, please call the office.

### March 1 at 5:00 PM

**Sarah and Jason Lewis'**  
**"Fireproof"** - Never leave your partner behind. Focus is on marriage and forgiveness. Starring Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea (2008)

### March 8 at 5:00 PM

**Karen and Fred Thimmel's**  
**"The Bucket List"** - When corporate mogul Edward Cole (Jack Nicholson) and mechanic Carter Chambers (Morgan Freeman) wind up in the same hospital room, the two terminally ill men bust out of the cancer ward with a plan to experience life to the fullest before they kick the bucket.

### March 15 & March 22 at 5 PM

**Jill and Mike Walworth's**  
A pair of award-winning French dramas — **"Jean de Florette"** (will be shown March 15) and **Manon of the Spring"** (to be shown March 22) Where two men scheme to acquire a neighboring farm by preventing a natural spring from flowing. Starring Yves Montand, and Gérard Depardieu. (1986) [ENGLISH SUBTITLES]

### March 29 at 5 PM

**Andi and Paul Clarkson**  
**"Amazing Grace"** - Visit the world of 18th Century backroom politics to end the slave trade in the British Empire. Starring Ioan Gruffudd and Albert Finney.



"Caring Friend"  
For the month of March is  
Sue Engelberth.

## Dr. Shelley's Sermons for March

### March 1 — 10:00 AM

*"A Sign of the Covenant"*  
O.T.— Genesis 9:8-17  
N.T.— Mark 1:9-15

### March 8 — 10:00 AM

*"It Comes Through Faith"*  
O.T.— Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
N.T.— Romans 4:13-25

### March 15— 10:00 AM

*"Law or Grace"*  
O.T.— Genesis 20:1-17  
N.T.— John 2:13-22

### March 22— 10:00 AM

*"Behold the Serpent"*  
O.T.— Numbers 21:4-9  
N.T.— John 3:14-21

### March 29 — 10:00 AM

*"Jesus' Soul Was Troubled"*  
O.T.— Jeremiah 31:31-34  
N.T.— John 12:20-33



On Holy Thursday, April 9, the Deacons along with Dr. Shelley are planning a special Holy Week meal and service. The evening will begin with a 6:00 PM soup dinner and conclude with a 6:45 PM worship service.

The Board of Deacons is encouraging everyone to gather, eat and share Holy Communion on this Maundy Thursday. Together as fellow Christians we should make a special effort to exhibit our love and respect for one another. Please join us!

*With Sympathy*

Six months to the day of her dearly beloved husband, Don Shelley, Ruth passed away on Friday, February 20. Please keep Dr. Shelley along with the entire Shelley family in your prayers. A memorial service is being planned at LCCC sometime after Easter.

### **LCCC Book Club**

Their next selection is "World Without End" by Ken Follett. The discussion will be held on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**The Youth Birthdays Celebrated This month are:**

**Emily Stubner**  
March 10

**Grant Lewis**  
March 11

**Maegan Grittinger**  
March 13

**Grace Lewis**  
March 20



Dear Parents,

Hello! Winter is almost over and spring is just around the corner! Daylight Savings is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March so don't forget to change your clocks to the correct time. I want to see everyone's smiles in church on Sunday morning!

We recently received the Wesley's Bible Curriculum; Early Elementary Bible Beginnings. The activities in this level are a little more challenging and engaging than the Preschool Curriculum. We will continue using the Preschool curriculum on the preschool children and some of the younger elementary children. Our goal is to offer the best for the children, as well as, to keep them focused and stimulated, while learning

All of the parents and volunteers who taught this year and in the past helped tremendously in making our Sunday School Program develop successfully. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank You all for giving of yourselves!

*Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.*

—Proverbs 22:6

Thank You,

Jamie Hess  
Director of Children's Ministries

**Church Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 11**  
**At 6:30 PM**

A representative from each church board needs to attend.



Recently, Kent Rice presented church member, Del Garcia with 2008 Volunteer of the Year award by the Hartland Chamber of Commerce. *Congratulations Del!*

*"Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes."*

—Bahn

***Our church is proud to be a supporting member of the NACCC { National Association of Congregational Christian Churches } and WCA { Wisconsin Congregational Association . }***



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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:**  
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 FINANCIAL SECRETARY MR. DAN LANCOUR

# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Food Pantry Communion Lenten Movie Night	<b>2</b> 5 PM Confirmation	<b>3</b> Deacons Mtg. At 6:00 PM 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Lenten Movie Night	<b>9</b> 5 PM Confirmation	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM COUNCIL	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Lenten Movie Night	<b>16</b> 5 PM Confirmation	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Lenten Movie Night	<b>23</b> 5 PM Confirmation	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Lenten Movie Night	<b>30</b> No classes	<b>31</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study				