

Lake Country Congregational Church

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS

APRIL 2009

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Special Music

On Easter morning, April 12, the Milwaukee String Quartet will be enhancing our 10 AM Easter Worship Service.



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!

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.

FROM DR. SHELLEY'S DESK . . .

Our Capacity to Give, the True Test of Spirituality

There are lessons to be learned in life. Those who reflect upon their experiences or the experiences of others often gain spiritual insights, if we can learn from the experiences of others after all, we will develop our spiritually and morally.

Today there are many opportunities to grow as we live. The most effective way to grow often comes as we help others in need. Sometimes we help when we know of a specific need. On other occasions it is just a general disposition that helps us to "give of self for others."

I share with you a story from the life of Mohandas Gandhi:

Shoes

As Gandhi stepped aboard a train one day, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it as the train was moving. To the amazement of his companions, Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw it back along the track to land close to the first. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled. "The poor man who finds the shoe lying on the track," he replied, "will now have a pair he can use."

As our church grows spiritually we will be more giving in helping others in need. Indeed, the sign of true wisdom and spirituality is our capacity to help others in need.

In His love, I am,
Your friend and Pastor,
Patrick



Synopsis of the March 11 Council Meeting

The attendees were; Dr. Shelley, Harold Steen, Fred Thimmel, Rachel Stubner, Jill Walworth and Brian Graves.

It was discussed and recommended that all boards meet on the first Tuesday of the month to facilitate awareness and communication between boards in preparation for council meetings.

In the minister's report, Dr. Shelley expressed concern over the low attendance and interest in Tuesday evening Bible class and the Ash Wednesday service combined with Fox River. Dr. Shelley also noted he will be scheduling a new member class in the weeks ahead.

The trustees announced that Del Garcia will chair, Jeri Mesching will be vice-chair and Bob Klein will be their secretary. There was a discussion regarding the Florida condo and the status on the sale. It is currently listed for sale and open houses will be planned in the near future. The selling price will be adjusted to sell this asset quickly.

Under new business; a motion was made (Brian) and seconded (Jill) that Harold Steen be elected interim treasurer. Harold has graciously and temporarily filled this position.

New business continued with a discussion on merging LCCC with another Hartland church. It was brought up that our current facilities lack adequate youth areas, as well as handicapped accessibility. Discussion on the mutual benefit of this union followed. Motion was made and carried to bring before the congregation of LCCC the idea of starting a discussion to explore the merging of our church with that of First Congregational Church in Hartland. This will be discussed during the March 22nd church chat.

Various Items That Might Interest You

Label Reading

Have you noticed the newly required labels designed to inform consumers about the origins of selected food groups?

As of September 2008, this "Country of Origin Labeling" was implemented to now include meat. Fish and most produce already required an origin label. For meat, it will indicate where the meat was raised, which sometimes includes multiple countries or an indication that the meat was brought to the United States for slaughter.

Made in the USA

<http://www.stillmadeinusa.com/>

This site is a voluntary effort by one woman to help shoppers find products made in USA.

Maybe the Worst Drink

A 32-ounce Baskin Robbins "candy-bar" type Heath Shake is the caloric equivalent of eating 12 Krispy Kreme doughnuts, the saturated fat equivalent of 60 slices of bacon, and will give you the same sugar rush as working your way through 13 Häagen-Dazs Vanilla and Almond ice cream bars.

A New Parent's To Do List

1. Get a Social Security card for the baby. Your child needs this to be claimed as a dependent on your taxes. Check the box when you fill out the birth certificate.
2. Write a Will. Listing baby's guardian and who will be the child's financial manger.
3. Consider buying or increasing your Life Insurance policy(s).
4. Save for College. Set up a 529 plan, learn more at Savingforcollege.com

Dr. Shelley's Sermons for April

April 5— 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday

"The Reason the Crowd Came Out"

O.T.— Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

N.T.— John 12:12-19

April 12 — 10:00 AM

Easter

"Peace Be With You"

O.T.— Isaiah 25: 6-9

N.T.— John 20:1-18

April 19 — 10:00 AM

"Working in the Light"

O.T.— Psalm 133

N.T.— 1 John 1:1-2:2

March 22— 10:00 AM

"Children of God"

O.T.— Psalm 4

N.T.— 1 John 3:1-7

Need A Notary?

Are there times when all of a sudden you have documents that need to be notarized? Well LCCC has two individuals willing to assist you. You may contact either Joyce Phenicie or Del Garcia, and ask for their help.



"Caring Friend"

For the month of April is
Mary Lou Gillstrom.

Save-the-Date . . .

Wednesday, May 6

This is the upcoming date

for the

Mother, Daughter,

Friend Banquet

As My Friends

Dear friends, you can understand why I am writing this. My name is Matt Lewis and two years ago Leukemia (Blood Cancer) almost took my life and at 30 years old I would have left my best treasures ever; My everything, my six month old son and my beautiful wife. But I was blessed with a matching donor and here I am today. I myself was asked to donate weeks prior to finding out I had the disease, I chose not to because I was intimidated not knowing anything about it. I regret it to this day. Nobody told me the process was painless. I wish I had the words for what I have seen these last two years, because if I did, everyone would donate. I would give my life just to save one of the children I have witnessed going through this. It crushes me...

Until 15 years ago this was a pre-teen and over 55 disease...Not anymore...More and more are being diagnosed in their 30's and 40's...**61 % of all patients who go to the bone marrow bank don't get a match.** The primary reason is a lack of donors, and it is getting worse. In a nutshell, the disease is caused by a chromosome malfunction that will regenerate if not replaced and that is done by replacing the bone marrow. **We know Leukemia is not genetic — the current thinking is environmental.**

To get involved...get registered. Please call **1-800-marrow-2** or go to www.marrow.org and you receive a kit where you swap your mouth with a Q-tip place it in their bag and mail it back. If you are matched and agree to become a donor, you will receive six injections to boost your marrow and the harvest is done with an IV in one arm sending your blood into a machine that returns your blood minus the stem cells to an IV in the other arm. It takes 3-6 hours and all costs are borne by the receiving patient...**You probably just saved a life.**

As a side note, save umbilical cord blood. There is so much that can be done with it now and in the future.



The Youth Birthday
Celebrated
This month is:

Tess Talbot
April 4



National
Volunteer
Week
April 19-25:
"Celebrating
People in
Action"

Congregationalists know that not a great deal can get accomplished without the help of a volunteer or two. After all, the work of the church is mainly handled by church boards, officers, teachers and other lay people; which are composed of 100% volunteers. That is why we should celebrate the great work being accomplished at LCCC. *Is there room for improvement? Of course the answer is, "Yes!" Is there something you can do? Again, the answer would be, "Yes."*

But first, we should thank the ones that do help by serving and doing the work of the church. Take a few minutes and thank someone here at LCCC for a job well done. You will not have to look far. Then second, sign-up and volunteer, raise your hand and say "yes" I'll help!

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



Dear Parents,

Please know that your child or children are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday egg hunt taking place on April 5, following worship. Please make sure they are dressed accordingly as we are planning the event for outside {weather permitting}.

Beginning earlier that day {April 5}, the children will have the opportunity to give to our mission project, which is the sponsorship of young Daniel. This will be through a loose change offering that will take place in the classroom every Sunday.

The larger fund raiser for Daniel's sponsorship will be the Easter morning breakfast, taking place from 8:30 AM until just before the 10 AM worship. A sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary, please note if you plan to bring a dish to share and how many are attending.

Thank You,

Jamie Hess
Director of Children's Ministries

Spring Clean-Up day

Saturday, May 2 at 9 AM, it will last until noon with lunch to follow. Participation is needed and appreciated, inside and out.

PERSONAL NEEDS

The Women's Fellowship is still collecting items for personal needs. The travel size items have been a big hit at the area shelters we supply. Please keep donating.



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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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ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

ASSISTED BY OUR PASTOR:
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April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Food Pantry Communion PALM SUNDAY	6 5 PM Confirmation	7 Deacons Mtg. At 5:30 PM	8	9 Maundy Thursday Soup at 6 PM Service at 6:45 PM	10	11
12 EASTER	13 5 PM Confirmation	14	15 Trustee's Mtg. At 5:30 PM 7 PM COUNCIL	16	17	18 WEDDING
19	20 5 PM Confirmation	21 6:30 PM Bible Study	22	23	24	25 Memorial Service For Don & Ruth Shelley at 11 AM
26	27 No classes	28	29	30		