

Lake Country Congregational Church

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS

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Memorial Day

Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."

FROM DR. SHELLEY'S DESK . . .

It's Springtime and as a result many of us are doing yard work. There is even a "Spring Clean Up Day" scheduled here at the church for Saturday, May 2nd. I hope you are planning to come and help. The old phrase applies—"many hands make for light work."

I am reminded of a story about dandelions. It may have its focus on weeds found in many yards but its real meaning concerns the problems of life.

A man who took great pride in his lawn
found himself with a large crop of dandelions.
He tried every method he knew to get rid of them.
Still they plagued him.

Finally he wrote the Department of Agriculture.
He enumerated all the things he had tried
and closed his letter with the question:
"What shall I do now?"

In due course the reply came: "We suggest you learn to love them."

Learning to cope with or handle the problems of life is an art. Loving the problem may provide a key to keeping things in perspective. However, like a lawn full of dandelions, you may learn to accept them but when the wind blows and seeds are carried into a neighbor's yard it may prove to be consummately unfair to others that one has grown to accept a problem. It is not good to allow our problems to become some other person's problem.

The French philosopher Voltaire once observed: The best one can do is to tend their own garden. Indeed, to take care of ones garden is often the primary means of helping others.

Self-reliance, responsible living, and making a contribution to the community may mean nothing less than adequately caring for what is your own.

Love the dandelions or not, they are often still our responsibility if we do not wish to become a burden to others.

In His love, I am,

Your friend and Pastor,

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.

Password Cautions

The safest choices for computer passwords contain eight or more characters, combine parts of two unusual words, mix capital and lowercase characters with symbols or numbers, or combine foreign and English words. According to experts certain passwords are hacked more often because they are so commonly used. These do-not-use risky passwords included: password, 123456, abc123, letmein, monkey, password1, and your first name.



"Caring Friend"
For the month of May is
Fran Grittinger.

Condolences & Prayers

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

Condolences and prayers are extended to the entire Henningsen family. Ginny Henningsen's father passed away in April. And Ginny's mother is currently in hospice care.

All of our hearts here at LCCC go out to the Henningsen family, while we may not be able to take their pain "away", we trust and believe that our Lord will be their wonderful source of comfort and strength.

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Dr. Shelley's Sermons for May

May 10 — 10:00 AM

"Born of God"

O.T.— Psalm 22:25-31

N.T.— 1 John 4:7-21

May 17 — 10:00 AM

"To Conquer the World"

O.T.— Psalm 98

N.T.— 1 John 5:1-6

May 24 — 10:00 AM

"Does He Have Us, or, We Him?"

O.T.— Psalm 1

N.T.— 1 John 5:9-13

May 31 — 10:00 AM

"The Day of the Lord Has Come"

O.T.— Ezekiel 37:1-14

N.T.— Acts 2:1-21

Palm Sunday 2009





Church Cleanup Day

It's that time again, to push up your shirt sleeves and pitch in to spruce up the church inside and out. Please join us on Saturday, May 2 at 9 AM, it will only last until noon with a delicious lunch to follow. Participation is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Below is just some of the chores we need help with:

Washing windows, sorting and washing nursery toys, cleaning the refrigerator (inside and out), replacing the caution tape, cleaning pew racks, wiping down the counters and window sills, cutting back perennials, weeding, trimming bushes and replacing mulch.

The chore list is normally completed rather quickly and most chores are a team effort and provide time for some laughs and wonderful fellowship. This is also a great time to get the children involved and teach them about volunteering.

Volunteers Needed for



Grass Cutting

Attention gentlemen, please review the monthly sign-up sheets and consider lending a helping hand anytime during May through October. There is a sheet for each month. Feel free to sign up only once or once every month. The area that needs to be cut is the area immediately surrounding the church, our grassy island if you will. The cemetery surrounding our church is cared for by the Lutheran churches in this area who own the cemetery land. The church's lawn mower and trimmer are available for your use.

Easter Offering Update

The total raised for the American Legion's Family Support Fund was \$1,110.00. Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Easter offering project.

BOOK CLUB

The next book is "Younger Next Year - for Women" by Chris Crowley & Henry Lodge M.D. The meeting will be at Sue Engelberth's home on Tuesday, May 19th. The meeting begins with fellowship at 6:45 pm, discussion follows at 7 pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The Youth Birthday Celebrated This month is:

- Erin Walmer
May 7
- Grace Talbot
May 17

"Thank someone for something. Go out of your way today to acknowledge the generosity of a person you know."
—Alan Epstein



Dear Parents,

The Board of Christian Education and Board of Deacons, as well as Dr. Shelley and myself, invite all members to attend and welcome our confirmation class during worship on Sunday, May 17th.

Thank You,

Jamie Hess
Director of Children's Ministries

Women's Fellowship
Grocery receipt programs

The church's Pick 'n Save "We Care" number is: 446080. You can register this number on your saver card. A percentage is then mailed back to Women's Fellowship. For Sentry in Delafield, you need to get a sticker on the back of your receipts and place them in the receipt box at church. For Piggly Wiggly, you simply save your receipts and place them in the receipt box at church. All receipts must be turned in monthly.



Congratulations to new parents, Andy and Megan Black, and grandparents Rick and Jan Buckley and great-grandparents Carl and Karen Gosewehr. Addison Jane Black, came into this world safe and healthy on the morning of Wednesday, April 22nd at Elmbrook hospital.

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

