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OCTOBER 2013



FAREWELL LUNCHEON ON OCTOBER 13TH

In celebration of Pastor Gretchen's time with us, and to wish her well, please join us for a light luncheon and celebration at Noon on Sunday, October 13th in fellowship hall.

PASTORAL TRANSITION

The Session is continuing to work faithfully and prayerfully on our Pastoral transition. We are in the process of interviewing candidates and checking references for an interim pastor that will serve our congregation for approximately 12-18 months, helping us prepare for our next durable pastor. While we are happy to have several interested candidates, the Session continues to ask for your support and prayers as we work.

**Prayerfully,
Your Session**

READING OF THE SAINTS

If you have a Christian loved one who has died in the last 12 months and you would like his or her name included in the "Reading of the Saints" for All Saints remembrance the first Sunday in November, please email or write out the name (along with pronunciation) and give it to Pat in the office (office@lodifpc.org).

It is all right to call the church office with that information but, please, do not leave the message with voicemail

as it is often difficult to sort out name sounds and spellings. Office hours are Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



DEACONS CORNER

The Deacons wish to say "thank you" to all the people who were so kind to bring items to sell at our garage sale. We are proud to say we made \$1,020.32! Thank you so much.

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October 2013

Just this week I had a little problem with my car and pulled off to stop at a convenience store. I wasn't thinking that anyone there would help me, but it was a place where I thought I could consult my owners' manual and maybe even figure out the problem myself. I've done that before with some success.

It just happened that there was a man getting into an Alliant Energy Truck after pumping gas into it and he was ready to take off. For some reason, I thought I would just trot over and ask his opinion. So I did. Next thing I knew he was out of his truck and over to my car solving the problem for me.

As he worked on the car, I noticed his camouflage cap with a very subtle "Duck Commander" printed along the edge of the brim. Knowing a little bit about the TV sensation "Duck Dynasty," I couldn't help but smile and I commented as he worked, "I like your cap."

He smiled too and told me he had recently visited "down there" and was able to tour many of the areas we can see on TV. Then he said, *"I really like that family. I like their values. And they are the same values as mine: God, family, country."* We briefly wrapped up our conversation; I thanked him profusely; he told me to drive safely; and we parted after shaking hands. No names. No personal information. I did think as I drove down the road that I *should* have said, "Alliant Energy is fortunate to have you as part of their team."

At different times in my life I have ruminated about people who come into our lives for a few moments, a few hours, perhaps days, weeks, months, years. In one way or another they touch our lives and we touch theirs, most of the time unaware of what they have meant to us, but certainly and most of the time not knowing what has been going on in their own lives, what their own challenges might be, how they might have been helpful to us knowingly or unknowingly.

Many of you have come into my life and touched me – some from the time I arrived at the church on March 15, 2006 – others over the years since when you have started attending or have joined the church. Some of you are only in touch through this newsletter or the church website or Facebook page. All of you have touched me in one way or another. And I have come to believe that God has put all of us in each other's lives for a reason. With that in mind, whether we have agreed or disagreed, it is important to stop and consider why God has brought us together in the first place.

As we part company later this month, it is my hope and prayer that all of you will work to become the body of Christ, not caring who gets the credit for jobs well done, but applauding God for giving you the ability to do those jobs well and together as a family. Be the body of Christ so that others will look at you – for even a few moments – and know that you carry the joy of the Lord with you.

In the "low German" of my ancestors from the Frisian Islands off the coast of northern Germany: *Grusse Gott*; Go with God. Never doubt God's love for you and God's love for your enemies. And take heed of all of the angels unaware that drift into and out of your lives at every moment of every day.

Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gretchen

WORSHIP LEADERS

Oct 6 Diane Lukins
Oct 13 Cassy VanFossen
Oct 20 Open
Oct 27 Marcia Brown

SONG LEADERS

Oct 6 Open
Oct 13 Open
Oct 20 Open
Oct 27 Open

OFFERTORIES

Oct 6 Terry Anderson, Trumpet
Oct 13 Open
Oct 20 Open
Oct 27 Open

KIDDIE KEEP

Oct 6 Cindy Leckwee & Mae Stocks;
Back-up: Kristie Tobin
Oct 13 Kris Morgan & Allie Gorton;
Back-up: Amy Klann
Oct 20 Adrienne Tritt & Rose Heins;
Back-up: Kris Morgan
Oct 27 Kris Morgan & Mae Stocks;
Back-up: Linda Heins

USHERS

Oct 6 Open
Oct 13 Open
Oct 20 Open
Oct 27 Open

GREETERS

Oct 6 Kathy Markgraf
Oct 13 Rod & Bobbie Hanson
Oct 20 Jane Jones
Oct 27 Ron & Gale Nelson

ACCOMPANISTS

Oct 6 Jean Mulchay
Oct 13 Rana Hughey
Oct 20 Audrey Kohn
Oct 27 Jean Mulchay

COUNTERS

Oct 6 Paul Ammann & Beanie Ludlum
Oct 13 Greg Manning & Dorothy Richards
Oct 20 Open
Oct 27 Open

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday. If your birthday is in October and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

10/13 JIM MULCAHY

10/14 JUNE MOUL

10/18 JIM SALZMAN

10/21 BRIDGET HEINS

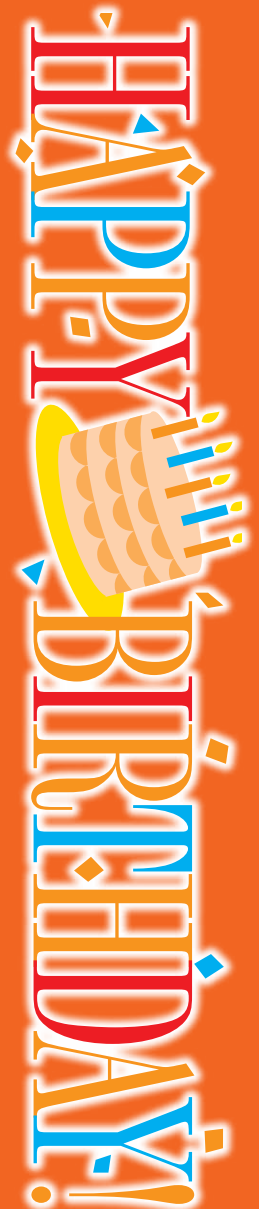
SUMMER STOCKS

10/23 SAMANTHA KLANN

10/27 STUART KEITH

10/29 DEREK SOPHA

HUNTER NOLDEN



SERMONS AVAILABLE

Written and audio versions of Pastor Gretchen's sermons are now available on the church website: www.lodipresbyterianchurch.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for all newsletter articles for the October newsletter will be Thursday, October 24, 9 a.m.

If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.

OCT 2013 YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE



Hello fellow Christ-Lovers!

Upon writing my letter for this month's newsletter I reflected on what has happened to our youth. We haven't done anything super exciting. Youth group is going amazing. I am still astounded by the great things our youth group has been able to accomplish within themselves.

A lot of change has come about for our youth. They are going through the process of losing an incredible pastor. I have heard them talk about the things that Pastor Gretchen has done for them. She has been some of their confirmation teacher, she has been their role model, and she has been the rock for some of them. She is an important part in their lives.

I know that change can be hard for them because I have seen it firsthand. When Blake decided to leave our church to be the pastor of his own church, we all went through being upset and being afraid of what was to come next. This is when I realized that I wanted to be that person for them. It took me a good few months to come to terms with the fact that God was calling me to lead these kids just as Blake had led them. When I accepted the position as Youth Director, I was aware of the responsibility that came with these youth. I couldn't wait to be that person in their lives that they trusted. Over the past, almost sixteen months, I have grown to depend on them just as much as they depend on me to be there for them. They are the motivation to stay strong in my faith.

My faith was shaken when I had to decide between nursing school and my job as youth director. I knew that part of my heart was devoted to go to school, but also part of it was to be involved in these kids' lives. As everyone knows, I have announced that I will be stepping down as youth director in January of next year. It was a difficult decision to make, but a necessary one. The night that I let the kids know of the changes that were going to happen, I can remember Keith and Kira's first question "are we still going to have a lock in before you leave?" It still makes me giggle a little. I know that they know I will be out of their lives but they are still looking forward to all of the things we can do before I leave.

With that said, I plan on doing a bunch of fun stuff before I depart from our beautiful church. If I have just one hope, it would be that the congregation of our church doesn't forget about the importance of those teens and young adults. They are incredible kids that deserve to have that place where they can feel safe and they can turn to in their time of need. What better place for them to turn to than a place filled with the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ, our Savior. I pray that our youth program stays strong because those kids deserve the best.

God Bless!

Cassy VanFossen, Youth Director



CORN MAZE TIME AGAIN

Mark your calendars! October 20 we will be conquering the Kraken at the Treinen farm experience. Meet at the church at 3 p.m. and will we hit the road. The price is \$9 for kids 12 and up; \$7 for ages 6-11. I hope that we can bring a bunch of people. So, with that said, we will need chaperones. This is one NOT to miss.

DINNER HOSTS

Because of recent events, we will be doing the dinner hosting a little different. I have had some trouble coming up with people to sign up and lack of participation for Sundays Youth Group. I will be putting together a schedule for parents. If there is any weekend that I have signed you up for that you can't do, you can always ask another family to switch with you. Thank you so much for your understanding.

OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Newsletter Mailing, 10:30 a.m. AA/Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	2 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.	3 Our House Devotions, 10:00 a.m.	4	5
6 Worship, 9 a.m. (with Communion) (SCRIP Orders Taken) Fellowship, 10 a.m. Sunday School For All Ages, 10:30 a.m. Youth Group, 5-7 p.m.	7	8 Lodi Art Club, 6:30 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	9 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Finance, 6 p.m. Deacons, 6:30 p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Worship, 9 a.m. (Pastor Gretchen's Last Service) (SCRIP Orders Delivered) Fellowship, 10 a.m. Farewell Party/Luncheon For Rev. Gretchen Lord Anderson, Noon	14	15 Session-Rev. Nancy Enderle, Session Moder, 6:30 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20 Worship, 9 a.m. (SCRIP Orders Taken) Fellowship, 10 a.m. Sunday School For All Ages, 10:30 a.m. Youth Group, 3 p.m.	21	22 AA/Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	23	24 Newsletter Deadline, 9:00 a.m.	25	26
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PIG ROAST 2013 RE-CAP

Once again our annual Community Pig Roast was a win-win situation on all counts. It was a very, very warm September night, but with lots of help we served a delicious meal to about 230 folks from our community. We got lots of compliments on how good the food was as well as the plentiful portions. Many stayed around and enjoyed the wonderful music of Karen Wickham. Thank you so much, Karen. Your talents really add to this event.

The silent auction also provided lots of great items on which to bid. The story this year was the hand-carved duck (maybe Susie herself) and the bidding war that ensued between members of our congregation. The "winner" finally took it home, but not until she wrote a check for \$140! Thank you to all of you who donated items and to those who purchased them.

Our youth and Cassy had a fun time with the Cake Walk and Becky McIntyre and Shane served up some nice fresh popcorn.

The wonderful part about our Pig Roast is the way we make ourselves visible in the community and offer a super meal for free or whatever donation folks want to give. It's about sharing hospitality with those we know and with total strangers of whom there were quite a few.

Some huge thank yous go out to the Tritts for providing the big tent and putting it up. To the Richards for the straw bales. To Ron Nelson for arranging for the tables and two other large tents. To Jean Mulcahy for making her great potato salad. To Dar Wenger for the baked beans. To all our youth who ran up and down the stairs a million times with food and supplies. To the anonymous donors who paid for the pig and all the grocery items and paper products. And to all those who worked to set up, serve, and clean up. Many hands made the job so much easier.

The proceeds for all parts of the event (and the sale of leftovers) amounted to approximately \$2,550. \$150 was earned by the youth in their Cake Walk. \$1,400 will go into

the operating fund, and \$500 each will be given to two deserving mission causes: Hope House in Baraboo which helps victims of domestic violence and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which helps victims of natural disasters such as the recent flooding in Colorado.

SCRIP UPDATE

As of September 15, 2013 the SCRIP program has earned \$1,515 for our church operating budget. Thank you to all of you who are participating in the program especially those of you who are new to the program. It is easy and painless once you get into the habit, and it really benefits the church.

An order form is always a part of this newsletter. Look it over. Remember SCRIP orders are taken the first and third Sundays each month, and they are delivered the second and fourth Sundays. Martha Ammann is the person to see with your orders. If you have questions or do not see a retailer on the list, please ask her to help you out.

THE DISCIPLINES: A STUDY GUIDE FOR DAILY DEVOTIONS

A number of folks here at First Pres have been using The Disciplines published by The Upper Room as a year-long daily devotional guide. It is time to send in our order for 2014.

This daily devotional book, The Disciplines, features scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary which are the Bible passages often used in Sunday's worship for that week. Spiritual leaders or writers reflect on these scriptures and give suggestions for prayer. As so many of you know, this daily practice of Bible reading, reflection, and prayer is a powerful means of grace and spiritual growth. And this is the guide used for the "Bible and Brown Bag" study which meets each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

The cost for the book is \$13. It also

comes in large print for \$15 and Kindle version for \$8. Please contact Marcia Brown, 592-7296 or mbrown2119@charter.net by October 30 if you are interested. Payment can be made directly to Marcia Brown.

MISSION NEWS



The PEACE offering will conclude on World Communion Sunday - October 6.

Thank you if you have already contributed and if not and you don't have the offering envelope - just mark your check in the memo space - PEACE.

October is Domestic Awareness month - Our church supports the Hope house facility located in Baraboo which serves Columbia and Sauk county residents. This facility has numerous programs to help victims and their families to deal with the effects of violence besides a safe place to stay. Watch for a bulletin insert later this month.

Crop Walk will take place on October 20. If you would like to walk and gather pledges see Jean Spataro or Dorothy Richards to get a sign-up sheet. Or if you want to just walk - the time is 12:45 at the Lodi Elementary School. It is a fun fall walk and you will be supporting Church World Service and the Lodi Food Pantry with your pledges. Jean and Dorothy will have pledge forms.

Session moved to forward the free will offering from the Pig Roast to Hope House (\$500) and to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (\$500). Thanks to all in our community who gave so generously.

Family Order Form

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More cards available--see www.glscrip.com for a list of all vendors. Please ask if there is something you don't see. Thanks!

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4.00%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	7.00%		\$	GNC \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4.00%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Home Depot \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3.00%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Home Depot \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3.00%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8.00%		\$	iTunes® \$15.00	5.00%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$10.00	9.00%		\$	jcpenny \$100.00	5.00%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$25.00	9.00%		\$	jcpenny \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Red Lobster® \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9.00%		\$	KFC \$5.00	8.00%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	**12.00%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13.00%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.50%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.50%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	3.00%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Sears \$100.00	4.00%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	9.00%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Boston Store \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Sentry \$10.00	3.00%		\$
BP \$100.00	1.50%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16.00%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3.00%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.50%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	16.00%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3.00%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Shopko \$50.00	3.00%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4.00%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5.00%		\$
Burlington Coat Factory \$25.00	**9.00%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7.00%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Menards \$100.00	3.00%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	3.00%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3.00%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	3.00%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5.00%		\$
Chuck E. Cheese \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1.00%		\$	Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Office Depot \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Target \$100.00	2.00%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6.00%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.00%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4.00%		\$	Old Country Buffet \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14.00%		\$	TGI Friday's \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Toys"R"Us \$20.00	3.00%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	**8.00%		\$
Disney \$100.00	2.00%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.50%		\$
Disney \$25.00	2.00%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.50%		\$
Dressbarn \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Payless Shoes \$20.00	13.00%		\$				
Family Christian Stores \$25.00	9.00%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$				
				Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4.00%		\$				

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(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

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