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#### THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LODI & WISCONSIN 53555

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#### November 2013



# PASTORAL TRANSITION

On behalf of the Session, thank you for you prayers and support as we worked through the process of searching for an Interim Pastor. We have a signed contract with our new Interim Pastor and will be able to share the details with the congregation at worship on November 3rd. Watch the church website and Facebook page for a complete bio, also coming soon! This Interim Pastor will help guide our congregation through the processes necessary to prepare us to extend a call to a "durable" pastor within the next 12-18 months, approximately.

> Gratefully, Your Session





#### Dear Friends,

I want to offer my deepest thanks for the wonderful farewell lunch you provided on Terry's and my last Sunday with you. Even more, we thank you for the many kind words you offered and your affirmation of our service to you in Christ's name. The morning was filled with the Holy Spirit and it just plain felt good. Thank you so much. Go with God and be blessed.

Gretchen

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AND HELP OUT OUR CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME BY SIMPLY ORDERING RIP GIFT CARDS!

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS

- Nov 3 **Greg Manning**
- Nov 10 Jim Brown
- Nov 17 Pam Odorizzi
- Nov 24 Marcia Brown

#### SONG LEADERS

- Nov 3 Open
- Nov 10 Open
- Nov 17 Open
- Nov 24 Open

#### **OFFERTORIES**

- Nov 3 Open
- Nov 10 Open
- Nov 17 Open
- Nov 24 Open

#### KIDDIE KEEP

- Cassie Leckwee, Allie Gorton; Back-up: Adrianne Tritt Nov 3
- Nov 10
- Kris Morgan, Rose Heins; Back-up: Cindy Leckwee Amy Klann, Mae Stocks; Back-up: Kris Morgan Nov 17
- Kris Morgan, Allie Gorton; Back-up: Linda Heins Nov 24

#### USHERS

- Nancy and Dennis Stocks Nov 3
- Nov 10 Ron and Gail Nelson
- Nov 17 Dave Heebner and Greg Manning
- Nov 24 Kris and Mike Morgan

#### GREETERS

- Nov 3 **Dennis and Nancy Stocks**
- Nov 10 Herb and Linda Damsteegt
- Nov 17 Jean Spataro
- Nov 24 Open

#### ACCOMPANISTS

- Nov 3 Rana Hughey
- Nov 10 Audrey Kohn
- Nov 17 Jean Mulcahy
- Nov 24 Rana Hughey

#### COUNTERS

- Nov 3 Dorothy Richards, Rick VanFossen
- Nov 10 Paul Ammann, Beanie Ludlum
- Nov 17 Greg Manning, Rick VanFossen
- Nov 24 Open

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** November!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday. If your birthday is in November 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.

- 11/2 TERI LAMAY
- 11/3 **DARLENE WENGER**
- 11/11 ABIGAIL VANFOSSEN
- 11/16 **RICH NELSON**
- 11/18 LEAH BRISKY
- 11/21 HALLIE NOLDEN
- 11/22 **WHITNEY BECK**
- 11/24 RAY LLOYD
- 11/25 **BARB COOK**
- ARLENE LILLEMON 11/26
  - SHANE KOZAKIEWICZ
- 11/27 **GRETCHEN LORD** 
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#### SERMONS AVAILABLE

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

#### NEWSLETTER **DEADLINE:**

Deadline for all newsletter articles for the November newsletter will be Thursday, November 21, 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.

#### Nov 2013 Youth Ministry Update

#### **Hello fellow Christ-Lovers!**

For this month's article I have to reflect on our kids and what they've accomplished this past month. Before starting the school year, the Christian education committee and I have to decide how we were going to go about teaching Sunday school this year. I wanted the kids to start stepping into leadership roles and to be role models for those in our church who are younger. So, for the past few weeks we have been having Sunday school as one big class. It has been going fantastic! As part of the new teaching style, I have been writing lessons to be part of our curriculum. We have started from the beginning of the bible and plan on working our way through. At the end of each lesson, which lasts a few weeks, we will be showing what we've learned with our congregation. With the help of DeAnn Richards, the kids have prepared a skit to present on Sunday during the word for the children. I have been able to watch these kids come up with their own skit idea and put it together with guidance.

The amazing part is watching our older youth groupers become leaders with the younger ones. During our lesson time I have split the kids into groups, each with a leader, and the leaders have to help the kids understand the scripture I have given them. I believe it's an awesome way to teach and to help those kids understand the scripture better.

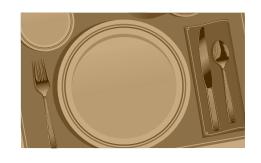
I am impressed by the maturity and responsible attitude that these youth groupers have expressed. They continue to surprise me each time I spend with them. I am excited to continue to watch them grow in every way possible.

My hope is that we can encourage them to keep up with their faith and to be there for them when we need them. Also, that they feel more comfortable talking about the bible and how they interpret the scriptures. We should all be there to listen and to give advice and support as they grow up and mature.

God Bless! Cassy VanFossen, Youth Director

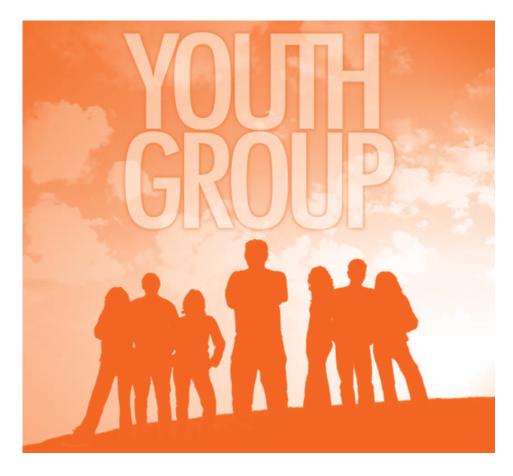
#### **LOCK IN FUN**

On November 8th, we are joining in with Baraboo church to have a lock in! We will be meeting at our church at 8 p.m. and pick up will be between 730 and 8 a.m. Feel free to bring all the snacks you want! There will be fun games, an awesome lesson and the usual lock in traditions! If you want to bring a friend, everyone is welcome. If there are any questions, don't be afraid to call or email me.



# 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.



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# VALOR QUILTS — COMFORT QUILTERS

The quilters have been very busy working on Valor Quilts. Every year in November we take eleven Valor Quilts to the Veterans Hospital in Madison in honor of Veteran's Day. It is a great feeling to deliver the quilts as people notice the beautiful Red, White and Blue being unloaded from the car. The comments are so sincere and heartwarming. As we are making the quilts, many prayers and thoughts are expressed as we think of our many Veterans and service people all over the world.

If anyone would like to help in making quilts during the year, contact Vonda Lee Schmidt. We do need helpers and you do not need experience. There are many little jobs that can be done at home. The only cost is your time- please join us!

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

All Church Bake Sale Fundraiser, Saturday, November 9, to be held in the lobby of the Associated Bank in Lodi from 9 a.m. to noon. Items can be dropped off at the church on Friday, November 8 from 2:30

> p.m. to 5 p.m., or brought to the bank lobby on Saturday morning.

When we sponsored this in April we found it to be a good way to be visible in our community as well as generate some much needed funds for our operating budget. We are asking that you put this event on your calendars and plan to "bake up a storm".

#### LODI VALLEY PERSONAL ESSENTIALS

Personal Essentials located in the Lodi United Methodist Church are in need of the following items: razors/shaving cream; deodorant; floor cleaner; bleach; toilet cleaner; dental supplies; body lotion; body wash; bar soap; antacids; baby supplies such as-powder, oil, wash, Qtips, wipes and shampoo. The items can be dropped off at the Methodist Church or placed on the bookcase stand at the top of the stairs at our church and they will be delivered to Personal Essentials.



#### First Presbyterian Church

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

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Check #	Order Date

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Claire's \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Old Country Buffet \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Target \$100.00	2.00%		s
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#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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YOUTH DIRECTOR: CASSY VANFOSSEN

E-Mail address: cassy@lodifpc.org

Choir Director: Position Open Custodian: Lori Harrenstein Stephen Ministry Leader: Diane Lukins Church Secretary: Pat Craig Church Secretary's Office Hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

#### WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

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Class of 2013 Class of 2014 Marcia Brown Sandy DeSelle

Rick VanFossen Paul Ammann

Class of 2015 Beanie Ludlum Dawn Salzman Dorothy Richards

Dawn Salzman, Clerk of Session

#### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Class of 2013 Diane Lukins Rebecca McIntyre

Laurie Fryman

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Greg Manning

Class of 2014 Audrey Kohn Jeff Leckwee Mike Morgan

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