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DECEMBER 2013

WELCOME PASTOR JESSICA SCHOLTEN!

Pastor Jessica Scholten, our new interim pastor, will be starting her ministry here with us on Sunday, December 1. We are excited about our new future together.



Please plan to worship with us and then join us for a special fellowship time after worship to welcome her.

The Rev. Jessica Scholten and her husband Tom grew up in Holland, MI, enjoying the beautiful sunsets on the other side of the Lake. She is a graduate of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary in Holland, with roots in the Reformed Church in America (very similar theology and governance to the PCUSA-more like Dutch Presbyterians).

She officially became a Presbyterian this past spring, having served in the PC(USA) since 2001, most recently as the interim minister at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian and prior to that at First Pres in Oregon

(WI). She has also served as a hospital chaplain, the associate minister at First Presbyterian Church in High Point, NC, and for the past several years as an "as needed" chaplain at St. Mary's hospital. She and Tom love Madison, where they reside, and the surrounding areas, as well as traveling, biking, and reading.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, DEC 1ST

A Congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Lodi has been called for Sunday, December 1, 2013 at 10:00 AM for the purpose of electing elders and deacons.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Please invite family and friends to join us on Tuesday, December 24 at 5 p.m. for our beautiful Christmas Eve service. Everyone is welcome to join in this special celebration of the birth of Jesus.

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

**A SCRIP
ORDER FORM
IS INCLUDED
IN THIS
NEWSLETTER
ON PAGE 7!**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dec 1 Diane Lukins
Dec 8 DeAnn Richards
Dec 15 Chase Richards
Dec 22 Chance Richards
Dec 24 Open
Dec 29 Diane Lukins

KIDDIE KEEP

Dec 1 Martha Ammann, Jared or Jordon Bauer;
Back-up: Adrienne Tritt
Dec 8 Kris Morgan, Sara Morgan; Back-up: Kristie Tobin
Dec 15 Adrienne Tritt, Mae Stocks; Back-up: Kris Morgan
Dec 22 Martha Ammann, Jared or Jordon Bauer;
Back-up: Cindy Leckwee
Dec 29 Kris Morgan, Sara Morgan; Back-up: Kristie Tobin

USHERS

Dec 1 Kris and Mike Morgan
Dec 8 Jordon and Jared Bauer
Dec 15 Pam Odorizzi and Sandy DeSelle
Dec 22 Rick and Tina VanFossen
Dec 24 The Deacons
Dec 29 Marcia and Jim Brown

GREETERS

Dec 1 Rick and Tina VanFossen
Dec 8 Dave Heebner
Dec 15 Mike and Kris Morgan
Dec 22 Mike and Autumn O'Rell
Dec 24 Jim and Dawn Salzman
Dec 29 Becky McIntyre

ACCOMPANISTS

Dec 1 Audrey Kohn
Dec 8 Jean Mulcahy
Dec 15 Rana Hughey
Dec 22 Audrey Kohn
Dec 24 Rana Hughey and Audrey Kohn
Dec 29 Jean Mulcahy

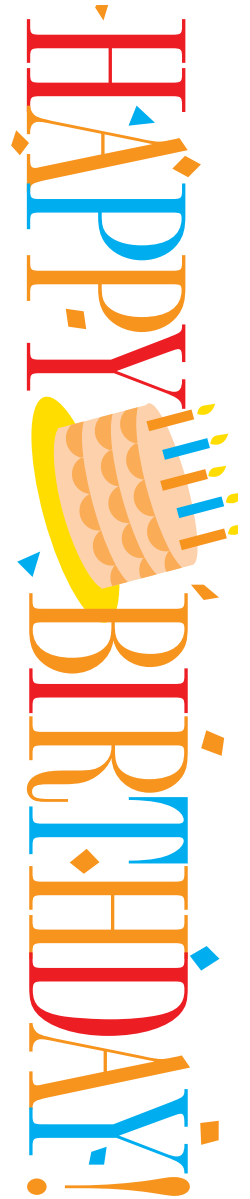
COUNTERS

Dec 1 Beanie Ludlum and Rick VanFossen
Dec 8 Greg Manning and Dorothy Richards
Dec 15 Marcia Brown and Paul Ammann
Dec 22 Open
Dec 24 Open
Dec 29 Open

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER!

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

12/4 BENJAMIN BRUE
MARK NELLEN
OLIVIA KING
12/13 GARY SCHWARTZ
12/14 NANCY STOCKS
12/17 KIRA LUDLUM
KEITH LUDLUM
12/18 DOROTHA
LEATHERBERRY
12/19 BECCA MEADE
12/23 SAMANTHA
VANFOSSEN
12/25 JULIA EDWARDS
12/26 REID HUSTON
12/28 CRAIG PRUCHA
12/29 AMY SOPHA



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 January newsletter will be Thursday, December 26, 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.

DECEMBER 2013 YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Hello fellow Christ-Lovers!

This month was full of excitement and fun. The kids finally talked me into another lock in. This time we decided to join with the First Presbyterian Church in Baraboo. Some of you may have heard this name before. They are the church that sponsors the Summer Games camp that we have been attending every summer for a few years now. It was quite the night. With the lack of sleep aside, the kids had a blast the whole night. We played many in the dark games and got in touch with our faith. We talked about how sometimes in life we just have to give ourselves up to God and his plan for us.

This became most apparent to me over these past couple of weeks. I really had been struggling with my recent choice to leave the church. Now, don't get me wrong, I can't wait to be going through my nursing classes, but I have one other passion in my life. THESE KIDS! I wouldn't be where I am now without their constant inspiration and spirit. This is what brought me to the conclusion that this church is where I belong. I am so excited to see what this news brings to our youth program.

I have been given so many new ideas for the future of our group. I have so many ideas. The best thing about it all is the look on the kids' faces when I told them I was sticking around for a while. They have so many things that they still want to do in the future. I hope that this means more kids will be coming and great things in the faith of our youth.

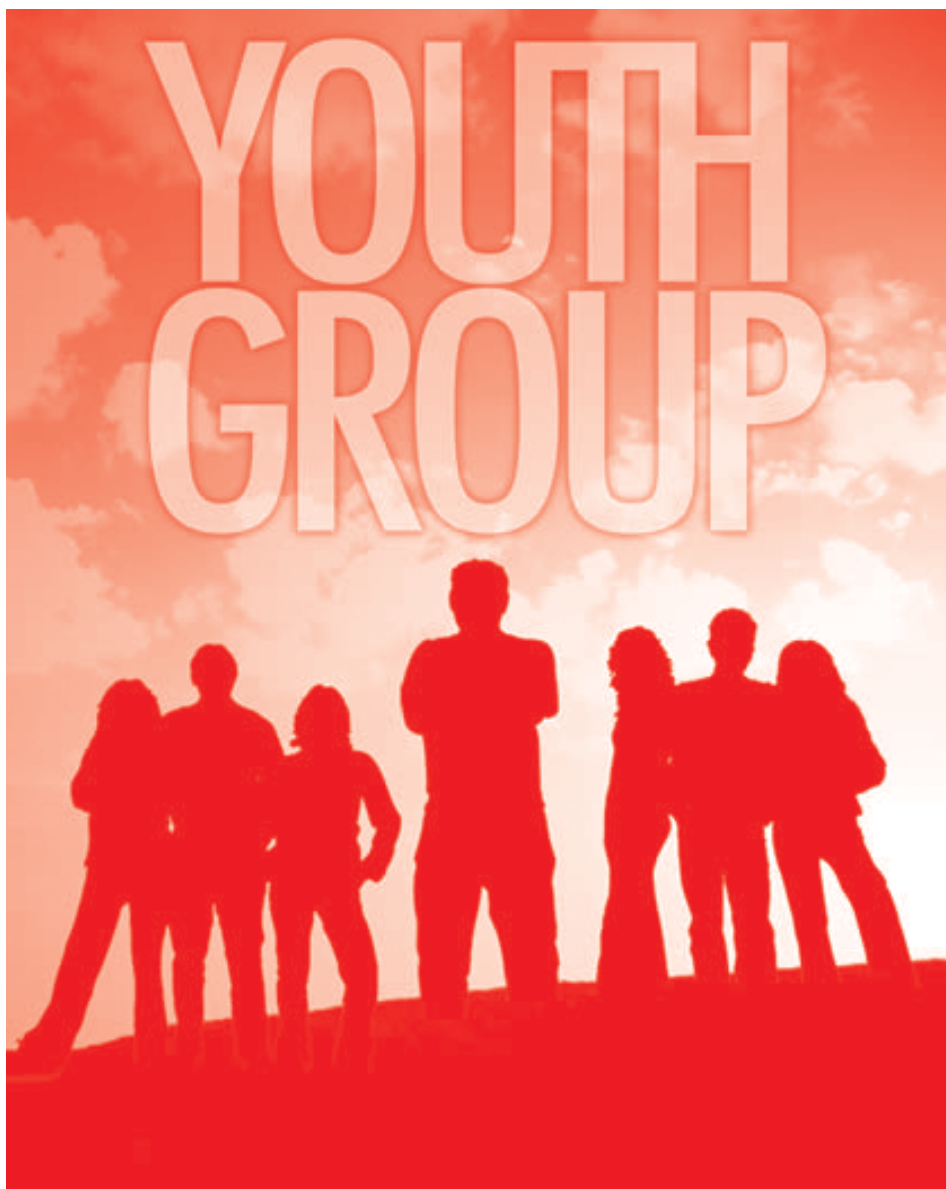
I am hoping that we will get more involvement from the adults of our congregation. I know that the youth program can only get stronger when they have a whole church behind them cheering them on. Thank you to all of you who have shown the support. The kids and I appreciate it greatly!

God Bless!
Cassy VanFossen, Youth Director



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.



DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship, 9 a.m. Welcome Pastor Jessica Scholten Congregational Meeting following Worship (SCRIP Orders Taken) Fellowship, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Youth Group, 5 p.m.	2	3 AA/Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	4 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.	5	6	7
8 Worship, 9 a.m. (SCRIP Orders Delivered) Fellowship, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Youth Group, 5 p.m.	9	10 Lodi Art Club, 6:30 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	11 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Finance, 6 p.m. Deacons, 6:30 p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Worship, 9 a.m. (SCRIP Orders Taken) Fellowship, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Youth Group, 5 p.m.	16	17 Session, 6:30 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	18 Devotions at Good Sam's, 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.	19 Devotions at Our House, 10 a.m. Annual Report Deadline, 10 a.m.	20	21
22 Worship, 9 a.m. (SCRIP Orders Delivered) Fellowship, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Youth Group, 5 p.m.	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship Service, 5 p.m.	25 Christmas Day	26 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m.	27	28
29 Worship, 9 a.m. (SCRIP Orders Taken) Fellowship, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Youth Group, 5 p.m.	30	31 Newsletter Mailing, 10:30 a.m. AA/Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve				

November 2013							January 2014								
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Pastor's Thoughts - December 2013

Happy New Year!

Seems like I'm a month off in that, but December 1, the first Sunday of Advent (rather than January 1) marks the new year for Christians. It also marks a new chapter in the life of FPC as we begin an interim journey together. I look forward to meeting you and serving with you in the coming months.

Goodbye!

Now I've gotten two greetings wrong, right? Nope. As an interim minister, as much as I look forward to serving with you, I also walk in the door already saying goodbye as a reminder that our goal as a congregation is to transition you to calling an installed pastor down the road. There are many steps before that step, though, and I truly am grateful to be your interim minister and be a part of your lives. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you. Please feel free to contact me through the church office or by email at pastor@lodifpc.org.

Grace and peace,
Jessica Scholten

THANK YOU....

Bake Sale Success! A big "thank you" to all of you who contributed to the all-church bake sale held at the Associated Bank on November 9. We had a great variety of wonderful baked good thanks to your talents and generosity. What we did not sell at the bank was soon purchased after church on Sunday morning. The final

tally was \$300 which went in to the operating fund, but the real bonus was the fun and the fellowship and putting our best foot forward in our community. Thank you, one and all.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Put on Your Name Tag, Please! Many of you remember to grab your name tag each Sunday morning and wear it proudly. Thank you for doing that. We could argue that we all know each other anyway, but name tags are a thoughtful addition for our newer members. Now for Pastor Jessica's sake, let's all stop by the board and put on your name tag so she can quickly learn our names and who's who. Notify a member of the evangelism committee if yours has been misplaced and you need a new one.

MISSION NEWS



The Christmas Joy Offering will be promoted with bulletin inserts during December.

These four inserts tell the stories of students, retired pastors, mission and church workers and their families about the emergency special assistance they received from this offering. The funds are administered through the national church's Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. It also helps Presbyterian related racial ethnic schools and colleges offer edu-

cational opportunities unavailable to racially diverse young people. An envelope will be included in the bulletin on December 8.

For many years this church has supported the Presbyterian related Buckhorn Children and Family Services organization in Kentucky with gifts of clothes, toys, games and personal items. In recent years they have welcomed gift cards from Target and Wal-Mart which allow the pre-teen and teenage young people to choose gifts for their siblings, parents or for items they didn't find under the tree for themselves. You can purchase these cards through the SCRIP program from Martha Ammann and aid our own church at the same time. Last year we were able to send cards to Buckhorn totaling \$495. We will start collecting cards December 1, ending December 15, with a mailing on December 18. Place the cards in the offering plate or give to Dorothy Richards.

The Peace Offering in October totaled \$280. The amount of \$210 from the offering and a \$500 pledge from the Mission budget will be sent to John Knox Presbytery to be forwarded to the national church. The Peace Offering allows the local church to keep 1/4 for peace efforts in the local community. Thank you for your generosity.

The Yucatan Peninsula Mission team will be selling their specialty soups on December 8 after worship in fellowship hall. Plan on purchasing yummy homemade soups to warm your tummy. Buy extra to put in the freezer for those cold December days. We thank you for helping the team earn money to help finish the school in Mexico.

"This is how we've come to understand and experience love; Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear." I John 3:16-17 - from The Message

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

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Stephen Ministry Leader: Diane Lukins
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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

THE SESSION

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Marcia Brown
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Greg Manning

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Paul Ammann

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Beanie Ludlum
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Dorothy Richards

Dawn Salzman, Clerk of Session

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