

March  
2016

# DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Email: [darienfamilyconnections@gmail.com](mailto:darienfamilyconnections@gmail.com)

Phone: 262-882-5055



Look Inside for  
Information about  
the Annual Easter  
Egg Hunt!



## DRIVER'S SAFETY CLASS

Friday, March 11 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Darien Senior Center

Fee: \$15 AARP Member / \$20 Non AARP Member

This course enables drivers to refresh their driving skills and understand how to adjust to age related challenges. The intent of the class is to provide participants with an update to new highway laws and new roadway changes

Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext. 2

Or Register Online: [www.delavanparkrec.com](http://www.delavanparkrec.com)



## Dance Away the Winter Blues!

Ballroom Dance Lessons  
Darien Elementary Gym

Wednesdays, April 20 – May 25  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$30 per Resident / \$42 per Non-Resident

Learn ballroom dances including Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Cha-cha, Tango, Rumba, etc. The goal of teachers Virginia Stewart and Richard Travis is to teach basic through advanced levels in all patterns and techniques. Great opportunity to learn with friends in a stress free environment!

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## ELKHORN BALLROOM DANCE

Saturday, March 5, 2016

7:00 – 10:00 pm

Elkhorn Recreation Center  
200 Devendorf St., Elkhorn

Join us for a night of Ballroom and Latin Dancing  
Featuring the Foxtrot, Waltz, Cha Cha and more!

Music by: DJ Richard

No refreshments served. Welcome to bring your own non-alcoholic.  
Couples & singles invited. \$6 per person at the door, cash only.

For More Information: (262) 741-5114 or  
[elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org](mailto:elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org)



Remember: On Sunday  
morning, March 13 Turn Your  
Clocks Ahead One Hour

## Sign Up Early! Limited Space is Available!

Cactus League  
Quad League  
Baseball/Softball Programs

Darien's baseball program has merged with the City  
of Delavan Recreation Programs.

- Register by March 25<sup>th</sup> to receive Early Bird discount!
- Final day to register is April 1<sup>st</sup>
- April 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – Evaluation and parents meeting at the DDHS Gym

Check out the Delavan-Darien Recreation Program  
Guide for more information on all baseball and  
softball ages 7-14 years old.



Great Opportunity!  
Ages 15 & Up  
Lifeguard Class  
DDHS Pool

Fee: \$210 Resident/ \$240 Non-Resident

This American Red Cross certification course trains swimmers to become lifeguards. Participants must be able to pass a swimming test given on the first day of class. Fee includes books and equipment. Also covered: CPR and First Aid certification.

Fri., April 1 6:00 – 8:00 pm    Tues., April 5 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Sat., April 2 9:00 – 5:00 pm    Thurs., April 7 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Sun., April 3 9:00 – 5:00 pm    Sat., April 9 9:00 – 2:00 pm

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WALKING CLUB  
At Darien Elementary School  
Mondays & Wednesdays

February 1 to March 30 6:00 – 7:15 pm

(Participants must arrive by 6:15 pm)

All walkers must be registered walking club members  
and be at least 21 years of age

Questions? Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext. 2

### American Legion & Auxiliary Mtg.

March 10 @ 6:30 pm  
Darien Legion Hall

### Community Club Mtg.

March 17 @ 6:00 pm  
Town Hall

### Darien Women's Club Mtg.

March 15 @ 7:00 pm  
Darien Methodist Church

### Corn Fest Meeting

March 9 @ 7:00 pm  
Darien Legion Hall



Darien Methodist Church  
Open Monday 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
Participants may pick up items every  
Other Monday. You must have a  
53114 zip code to participate.

### Darien Methodist Church

Donut Day  
\$4.00 / DOZEN  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17  
8:00 – 10:30 AM  
882-3701

# TOWN OF DARIEN

N2826 Foundry Road \* Darien, WI 53114

Phone: (262) 882-3393 \* Fax (262) 882-1174 \* [darientclerk@sharontelephone.com](mailto:darientclerk@sharontelephone.com)

## Important Dates for the Month of March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Town Board Meeting 7 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> EMS Ham/Beef Dinner 11:30 – 7pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Park/Recreation Commission 7 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday,**  
**Town Hall & Garage Closed**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission Meeting 7 pm

## Spring Election Tuesday, April 5, 2016

In person early voting is available in the Clerk's Office:

**March 21 – March 31 8 am – 4 pm**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup> 8 am – 5 pm**

If you would like a ballot sent to you by mail please email, fax, or send a letter to the Town Clerk. All requests must be in writing and a copy of an acceptable photo I.D. included before receiving a ballot.

If you have any questions about the registration forms or residency requirements please go to our website and look under section marked "Elections."

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**Please plan ahead – Election Day falls during Delavan Darien School district spring break**

## Spotlighting a Town Business:

### Delavan Animal Clinic

Dr. Wayne Benstead established the Delavan Small Animal Clinic in 1976. The new veterinary clinic was built on Hwy11 about one mile west of DDHS. At that time, the veterinary practice included the medical and surgical care of dogs, cats, and some exotic pets. Grooming and boarding services were also offered.

Dr. Benstead sold the practice to Dr. Steven Benzon in 1994 and the business was renamed the Delavan Animal Clinic. Since then new services have been added to improve the care and safety of the patients. These new Services include gas anesthesia, cardiopulmonary monitoring of the surgical patients, ultrasonography, digital x-rays, complete in-clinic diagnostic blood testing and parasite detection, and complete dental care with dental x-rays. Boarding and grooming are also offered. House call services are also available.

The staff at Delavan Animal Clinic include two full time veterinarians and two part time veterinarians, along with eight technicians and receptionists to provide quality medical, surgical, and dental care of pets at an affordable price.

## Crop Notice

The Darien Town Board Supervisors wishes to remind Town Residents that all town right-of-ways are 66 feet wide. Any crops planted within this 66 foot span may be mowed as part of normal roadway maintenance.



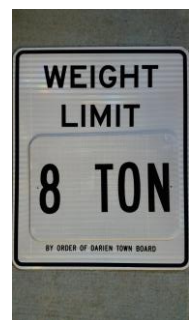
Any property owners who are in doubt the exact roadway boundaries may contact Public Works Superintendent Bob Williams, at the Town Garage, 882-3658, for assistance.

## Walworth County Sheriff's Department

In the month of January, the Walworth County Sheriff's Department responded to 266 calls in the Town of Darien. This would break down to 8.6 calls a day. Some of the calls include: EMS & fire calls, 50 traffic stops, 5 welfare checks, 4 dead deer on the road, 2 attempt to locate, 3 OVWI, 1 impersonate of a police officer, 2 provide security, 4 reckless drivers, 1 fraud, 1 littering, 4 debris in roadways, 1 animal neglect, 5 cars in the ditch, 1 child custody problem, 3 civil processes, 9 controlled burns, 13 assist motorists, 62 business checks, 1 alarm residential, 1 alarm business, 3 abandoned vehicles, 3 911 open lines, 2 911 misdial, 1 911 hang-up, 20 house checks, 1 dog at large, 15 extra patrol, 1 MABAS, 4 suspicious, and 2 disorderly conduct.

## Temporary Weight Limits on the Town Roads

The Town Of Darien will be again posting all of the Township Roads at **"8 ton"** this spring. The timing of this weight restriction depends on the weather and the frost conditions under the roads. Once the road beds have dried out, all roads will return to the regular "Class B" weight limit. This weight limit applies to all vehicles that use the roads **including Farm Equipment**. All weight enforcements will be done by the Walworth County Sheriff Department.



## Creek Road Project Lawson School Road to Old 89

On Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Town Board of Supervisors will be voting on the contract bid for the Creek Road Project. Since the Engineering Company had not received all the proper permits, there was only discussion on the bids and the awarding of the bid was tabled for the March Town Board Meeting. Contact either Public Works or the Town Hall if you are interested in the results from the bid opening.

# VILLAGE OF DARIEN

[www.darienwi.com](http://www.darienwi.com)

Village Hall (262) 882-5055

Police (262) 882-3432

Public Works (262) 882-5258



## Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary to be held on April 5, 2016

The Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary will be held on April 5, 2016 in the Village of Darien. In addition to the local contests on the ballot: Village Board, School Board, County Board, and Walworth County Circuit Court Judge; and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Judge; electors may also vote in the state-wide primary for the Presidential election that will take place this fall.

Village residents will vote at Village Hall in the Board Room. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Remember to bring your photo identification card to vote! New Village residents or those who have changed their name or moved since the last election may register to vote on Election Day and will need to bring a valid form of proof of residence to do so. If you have questions about photo identification or proof of residence, please contact staff at Village Hall or check out the Village's website: [www.darienwi.com](http://www.darienwi.com).

Voters who cannot make it to Village Hall on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot during the two weeks prior to the Election at Village Hall or may request that a ballot be mailed to them. In-person absentee voting will take place on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> during regular office hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm).

BRING IT  
TO THE  
BALLOT

### Photo IDs Will be Required to Vote

Learn about Wisconsin's Voter Photo ID Law at [www.bringit.wisconsin.gov](http://www.bringit.wisconsin.gov)



March 14 – 20

Because minor leaks account for more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in US homes, the EPA's WaterSense program

promotes Fix a Leak Week as an annual reminder to check household plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. WaterSense also seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products and services. Since the program's inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save hundreds of billions of gallons of water and billions of dollars in water and energy bills. For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).



## Sump pumps may be working harder, so make sure they are working smarter!

A sump pump is a pump commonly used to remove water from a residential basement or other low-laying area. Water may enter a basement through a waterproofing system or from heavy rains or natural ground water if the basement is below the water table level.

Last summer, the ground water in the Village was about eight feet below the surface, which was below most basements in the Village. However, significant rains in the fall contributed to a three-foot rise in the ground water level. The higher ground water level has caused residential sump pumps to start pumping more often or even continuously. For homes without a sump pump, the rise in ground water may have caused water to leak into basements from cracks in the foundation.

Rain water and ground water are clear waters that should not be entering the sanitary sewer system. If a sump pump is draining into a basement laundry sink or a floor drain, it is likely entering the sanitary sewer system. The Village pays the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District (WalCoMet) for each gallon of water that enters its system for treatment. Treating clear water wastes treatment resources, increases utility rates, and decreases utility funds that can be used for infrastructure improvements.

Sump pumps should drain outside into the Village's storm sewer system, either directly into storm drains or into storm water easements and drainage ditches. If there are no storm sewers, ditches, or easements close to your property, make sure the water is draining away from your house's foundation and away from your neighbor's property.

With spring comes additional rain and the possibility of the ground water table rising further. Residents with sump pumps should take this opportunity to ensure the pumps are draining into the Village's storm sewer system, not into the sanitary sewer system. For questions or more information, please contact the Village's Public Works Superintendent at 882-5055.



Just a Reminder:  
2016 Dog Licenses  
Include a \$5.00 Late  
Fee after April 1.



# **DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

47 Park Street ... Next Door to Darien Elementary School

## “COLORING FOR ADULTS” GROUP

Our first “Coloring for Adults” get together was held on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. We had a really good time and decided that we will be getting together again. Our group will next meet on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The library will provide the coloring pages, colored pencils, and coffee. We invite you to join us to revisit a favorite childhood past time. It’s easy, it’s relaxing, and it’s fun!

## RAFFLE FOR CHILDREN’S EASTER BASKETS

The Darien Library will be holding a children’s raffle for Easter baskets. The raffle will run from Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kids will be able to enter one raffle ticket for each book they check out. Kids, the more books you check out, the more chances you’ll have!

## STUDENT ART SHOW AT THE DARIEN LIBRARY

March is Student Art Month. To celebrate this, the Darien Library is proud to be able to display the artwork of local students during the month of March. Please stop in to see some of the wonderful things the talented kids from our community have done. You’ll be amazed!

## IT’S ALMOST SPRING - TIME TO GET ORGANIZED!

A program for adults that will address this topic is “in the works.” Watch next month’s Family Connections newsletter for further information.

## SOME CURRENT READING SELECTIONS

Any of you who watched the Academy Awards may be happy to know that the Darien library has just received copies of two books that have been made into award winning movies. Those books are *The Danish Girl* by David Evershoff and *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

And for anyone who follows politics, we also recently purchased a biography of Hillary Rodham Clinton entitled *Do All the Good You Can* and a biography of Donald Trump entitled *Never Enough, Donald Trump and the Pursuit of Success* by Michael D’Antonio.

## READ MAGAZINES ONLINE OR ON YOUR PHONE FOR FREE!

Did you know that using your library card you can download magazines for free? Ask library staff for instructions on using “Zinio”, our latest digital application for accessing magazines at home or at the library. It’s very easy to use, and offers a wide variety of magazines that you can instantly access (including back issues).

There is no limit to how many magazines you can check out, or for the length of time you can keep them. This really is a great new digital tool! Please stop by and get some instructions!

## FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS

The Darien Library has some federal and state tax forms available. You can either get your forms here (if they are available) or we will help you to obtain them online. Printing the forms will cost only ten cents per page.

## A NEW “CLEAN READ” ADULT MYSTERY SERIES

The Darien Library has a new fiction series, *Patchwork Mysteries*. In it you will meet Sarah Hart. Sewing up loose threads is her specialty. She’s an expert in vintage quilt restoration who has a knack for piecing together mysteries. Whether she’s creating a log cabin quilt or delving into a real log cabin to find a clue, her keen eye and gentle faith always lead her in the right direction. Sarah understands that the key to making an intricate quilt – or solving an intricate mystery – is in knowing how to put it all together.

## MAYBE YOU’D LIKE TO JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB!

The Darien Library has a book club for adults. It meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:45 pm. Our club reads a wide variety of books, which are chosen by the club members. The books are provided to members at no cost. If you would like to join our group, please stop at our circulation desk so that you can pick up a book for the next meeting. Our club’s next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at 5:45 pm. We’d love it if you could join us!

## 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, the Darien Library invites you to participate in this free program. The concept is very simple, the rewards priceless. Read a book (any book) to your child before your child starts kindergarten. Keep track of the titles of the books that you read.

Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in this program. The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you want to read together.

This program is a great way for you to help your kids to get off to a good start in their lives. All you have to do is read to them. Reading can open doors for all of us.

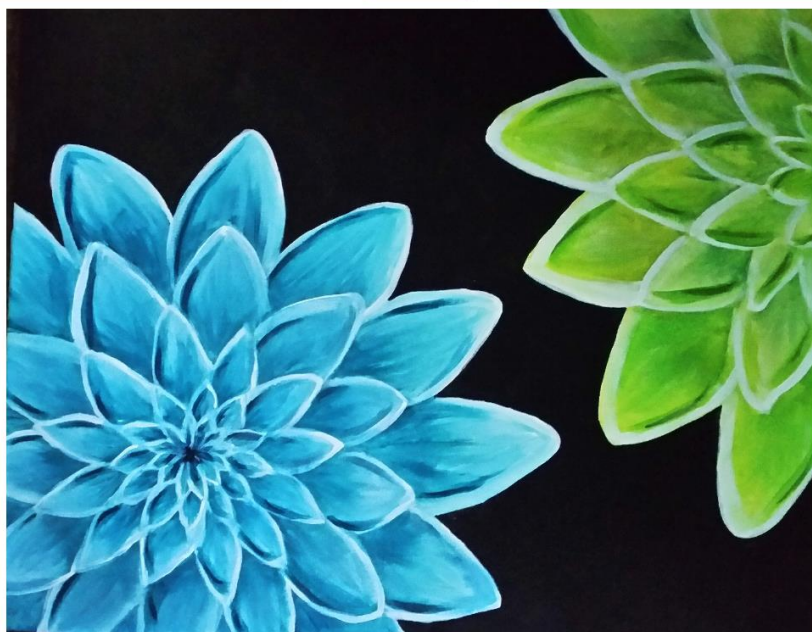
# PAINT & SIP

**Saturday, April 2nd**  
**1:00 PM**

**\$35**  
**PER PERSON**

Join the fun as we  
paint 'Pedal Power' at  
**DARIEN**  
**AMERICAN LEGION**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**



Includes all Materials  
Step-by-step Instructions  
Plus your first drink  
is on us!

**RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED**

Call or Text  
**608-295-9357**

Plan to arrive 15-30 minutes early to get checked in, choose a seat and get a drink.





The background of the entire page is a vibrant, colorful illustration of a garden. It features several large, decorated Easter eggs in various patterns and colors, including blue and white stripes, pink and white stripes, pink and white zig-zags, and pink with white polka dots. Interspersed among the eggs are several pink tulips and small yellow daisies with red centers, all set against a backdrop of lush green grass and foliage.

**THE DARIEN COMMUNITY CLUB  
PRESENTS THE ANNUAL**

# **Easter Egg Hunt**

## **Saturday, March 19**

**At 10:00 AM SHARP**

**Darien West Park  
(355 West Madison Street)**

**3000 Eggs Stuffed with  
Candy and Prizes for  
Ages 1 – 10 Years  
Join Us for Fun in the Park!**








***Come Meet  
Mr. & Mrs. Easter Bunny!***

**Please bring your own  
container to gather eggs.**

**Rain Date: March 26**

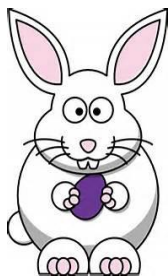
~March 2016 ~

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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
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|  |  | <b>1</b><br>7:00 pm Town of Darien Board of Supervisors Mtg. (Town Hall) | <b>2</b><br>8:30 am Public Works Mtg. (Village Hall)<br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>6:00 pm Walking Club<br>7:00 pm Ballroom Dancing (Darien Elementary)    | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b><br><b>DARIEN RESCUE SQUAD</b><br><b>ALL YOU CAN EAT HAM &amp; BEEF DINNER</b><br><br>11:30 am – 7:00 pm<br>Darien American Legion | <b>7</b><br><b>Town Hall Closed</b><br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>3:30 Village Public Safety Committee Mtg. (Village Hall)<br>6:00 pm Walking Club<br>7:00 pm Darien Fire Department Mtg. (Fire Station)<br><br>5:30 pm | <b>8</b><br>7:00 pm Town Park & Recreation Commission (Town Hall)        | <b>9</b><br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>6:00 pm Walking Club<br>7:00 pm Ballroom Dancing (Darien Elementary)<br>7:00 pm Corn Fest Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall) | <b>10</b><br>3:00 pm Sr. Coffee (Senior Ctr.)<br>6:30 pm American Legion & Auxiliary Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall)  | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>4:00 pm Municipal Court<br>6:00 pm Walking Club<br>7:00 pm Darien EMS Mtg. (Fire Station)<br><br>5:30 pm  | <b>15</b><br>7:00 pm Darien Women's Club (Darien Methodist Church)       | <b>16</b><br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>5:00 pm Village Finance Committee Mtg.<br>6:00 pm Walking Club   | <b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day<br><br>Darien Methodist Church<br>Donut Day!<br>8:00 – 10:30 am<br>3:00 pm Sr. Coffee (Senior Ctr.)<br>6:30 pm Community Club (Town Hall) | <b>18</b><br>Last Day for Submission to the Family Connections Newsletter                      | <b>19</b><br><br>Darien Community Club<br>Easter Egg Hunt<br>Hunt Starts at 10:00 am<br>West Park               |
| <b>20</b> Palm Sunday  | <b>21</b><br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>NO Walking Club<br>7:00 pm Village Board Mtg.<br>7:00 pm Darien Fire Department Mtg. (Fire Station)<br><br>5:30 pm  | <b>22</b><br>5:00 pm Municipal Ct.                                       | <b>23</b><br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>6:00 pm Walking Club   | <b>24</b><br>No Sr. Coffee  | <b>25</b> Good Friday<br><b>Village Offices Closed</b><br><b>Town Hall &amp; Garage Closed</b> | <b>26</b><br><b>Benefit for Brenda DeVoy</b><br>1:00 – 6:00 pm<br>Cougar Lanes Clinton<br>For More Info Call: 262-441-9190 or 262-374-4295<br>Rain Date for Easter Egg Hunt Hunt starts at 10:00 am |
| <b>27</b> Easter Sunday<br>Happy Easter!   | <b>28</b><br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>6:00 pm Walking Club<br>7:00 pm Darien EMS Mtg. (Fire Station)<br><br>5:30 pm   | <b>29</b><br>7:00 pm Town of Darien Plan Commission (Town Hall)          | <b>30</b><br>1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)<br>6:00 pm Walking Club   | <b>31</b><br>3:00 pm Sr. Coffee (Senior Ctr.)   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  |

Darien Family Connections  
PO Box 97  
Darien, WI 53114

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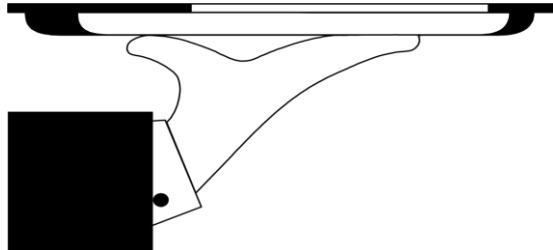
**HAPPY EASTER!**



Happy  
Saint Patrick's Day

**DARIEN RESCUE SQUAD  
42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER  
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016  
SERVING 11:30 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM  
DARIEN AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
24 MARKET STREET • DARIEN, WI 53114**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!  
HAM & BEEF DINNER**  
Mashed Potatoes • Vegetable  
Roll & Butter • Milk or Coffee • Dessert



*All proceeds go towards Needed Equipment*  
Tickets available from Rescue Squad Members,  
Local businesses or at the door  
Delivery Available – Call 882-5219



Darien United Methodist Church  
15 Park Street

### **Annual Lasagna Dinner**

April 2, 2016

4:30 to 7:00 pm

**Lasagna with Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverage**

Hot Dogs and Carry Outs Available

Call 882-5577 for Carry Out



Wilkins Kelly Post 450  
24 Market Street  
Darien WI

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

April 17, 2016

12:00 Noon – 3:00 pm

**To benefit VETSROLL**

Suggested Donation \$8.00

(\$5.00 for children under 10 years)  
Includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread &  
Dessert

Walk-Ups Welcome & Carry-outs Available