



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem
625 W. Franklin St., P. O. Box 861
West Salem, WI 54669
Telephone 608-769-3848

August 2021

Updated protocols for Covid-19.

Session has considered the May 13 guidance from the CDC on the wearing of masks by vaccinated individuals. The CDC does leave it up local jurisdictions, businesses, and venues to set their own rules for Covid protections.

The following guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe experience for In-person Worship:

- For the safety of those who can't be vaccinated – children and extremely vulnerable individuals- masks are required for people that are not vaccinated. For those individuals who are vaccinated, masks are optional.
- Seating has returned to normal (pre-Covid) capacity.
- There will be live song leaders and special music. Worshipers are welcome to sing along.
- For the children's message, kids are invited to come up front. There will be marks on the floor for them to sit on to maintain social distance.
- Offerings will again be collected by the ushers.
- **There will be no nursery provided**
- There will be fellowship time Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 A.M.



VBS

Rocky Railway - Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

Those completing 4k through 8th grade are invited.

Thursday and Friday, August 5th and 6th
 from 5:30-7:45 with dinner
 and Sunday, August 8th 10am to 11:15

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I have always believed that a pastoral leadership is placed in a particular place, for a particular time, with a particular purpose to a particular group of people in a particular community. And to add to the excitement his year happened to include the COVID pandemic and its effects on church life as well as preparing for the next pastor.

The new pastor, Rev. Daniel McCurdy, has been called and will start on August 22 and so it is my time to leave. I will miss looking out the office window to see the changing of the seasons, watching the garden grow and admiring the flower garden (with butterflies and humming birds) around the columbarium. I will miss working with the session committees and Dawn in the office. I especially am grateful for the Music and Worship Committee that walked beside me solving the worship challenges of this year.

It has been an honor to pray for you all, and work with the confirmation students exploring their faith journey. It has been a challenge to develop and maintain relationships with those who are shut-in and the grieving. Please continue to pray for the families and children of the congregation as they to respond to the pandemic in the midst of their faith formation years.

The thing you need to remember is that you will always be a part of me and I will always be a part of you, for we are still brothers and sisters in the church universal. Thank you for all of your patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity and love that you have shown me! You are a great group of people and I wish you all the best in this new season that you are about to begin. May you continue to grow in faith, hope and love, while worshipping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body and soul, as well as, remember to do everything for the glory of God!

Pastor Linda, Psalm 27:4

Prayer Chain

Helen Harold	786-0856
Sharon Shaw	786-0653
Vickie Holt	786-1659
Sharon Cullmann	608-797-1732
Sue Strauss	786-0758
Marilyn Bahr	786-0315
Diana Engel	786-1560
Becky Auna	786-0097
Rose Cooper	608-369-3848



Rummage Sale Thank You!

We had a great crew working at our July rummage sale. A big thank you to all of you for your dedication and help. We made \$3,800!

Our next rummage sale is scheduled for September 17th and 18th.

Highlights from Session Meeting

- Approved the updated Church Facilities Use Policy document
- Approved "no" communion during August due to scheduling conflicts
- Approved the choir starting again in the fall - will poll members
- Approved change of Session meeting to August 23.

August Birthdays

August 1

Joan Gullickson
Evan Noel

August 2

Audrey Steinborn

August 4

Rose Lee

August 5

Justine Griffin

August 7

Sue Rayner
Robert Allen

August 8

James Schmidt
David Seeger

Sydney Fitzpatrick

August 10

Alanna Tweed

August 11

Kandi Holt

Aaron Tourville

August 12

Laney Stephenson

August 14

Sharon Cullman
Diana Swim

August 15

Patricia Hall
Jon Jones

August 17

Carissa Hass

August 19

Tom Bonsall
Ronald Seeger

August 23

Ryan Beirne

August 24

Claudia Olson

August 25

Dane Bohnsack

August 26

Tanner Jones

August 27

Alexander Wuensch

August 28

Nicole Jandro
Jessica Noel

August 29

Kim Sweet
Alyssa Byrnes

August 30

Gary Willinger

August 31

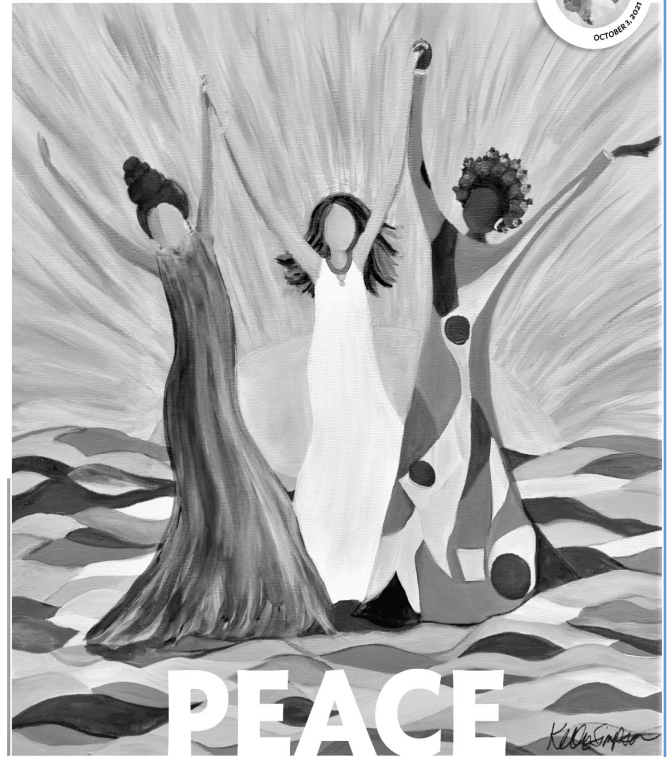
Julia Byrnes



Every year our church participates in the Peace and Global Witness Offering. It is one of our four special offerings collected throughout the year. The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected starting September 5 thru October 3rd (World Communion Sunday). This Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Please be in prayer about this offering and consider a gift to this worthwhile cause. Watch for further details in the September Lamplighter.

Thank You,
The Stewardship and Mission Committee

 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



at all times in all ways.

Pastoral Changes

Thank you

Many thanks to Pastor Linda for being our interim pastor since April of 2020. Her last day as interim will be Sunday, August 15th. Pastor Linda has done an amazing job of filling in for us. She has given us the leadership that we needed during the pandemic, an extremely difficult time for everyone. Pastor Linda has helped us learn more about ourselves as a congregation and helped us to figure out what kind of a pastor we want in the future. Many thanks for all your help Pastor Linda!! We wish you all the best in your future.

Welcome

Our new pastor, Daniel McCurdy, will be joining us on Sunday, August 22nd. Dan and his family are very excited to be joining the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. There will be a small welcome reception for Pastor Dan and his family after service on the 22nd. We will have cake and ice cream. It will be just an informal gathering so that those in attendance can have the opportunity to talk with Pastor Dan to get to know him a bit better. Everyone is encouraged to attend so that you can welcome Dan, his wife Rose, and their lovely daughter Katrina, to our church and community.

Elders

Class of 2021

Barbara Hopkins
Sherry Bonsall
Becca Bohnsack
Greg Meeuwsen

Class of 2022

Anna Bohnsack—Youth
Shayna Arndt
Kristjan Sells
Nancy Olson
Mike Siekert

Class of 2023

Sara Oldenburg
Nick Miller
Charles Engel
Richard Calvetti

Deacons

Class of 2021

Norm Sanwick
Lois Sanwick
Helen Harold
Diana Swim
Rose Wolbrink

Class of 2022

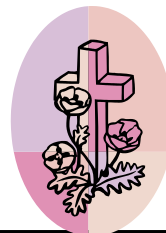
Becky Auna
Vickie Holt
Janice Seeger
Jackie Siekert
Mary Tschida

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

....The family of Sue Strauss on her death July 15th

....The family of Holly Rigotti on the death of her mother,
July 19th.

Condolences for Holly may be sent to: 9260 School Rd
Port Wing WI 54865



Community Dinner 2021

For the Community Dinners people will drive up to the church under the canopy and remain in their cars. They will be asked how many dinners they would like: the Community Dinner workers will bring them out and put them in their car.

The next drive through Community Dinner - Wednesday, August 25th 5-6 PM.

Per Capita is an obligation for each member of the Presbyterian Church. The Per Capita is \$33.70 for 2021.

Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to:

**Presbyterian Church
PO Box 861
West Salem, WI 54669**

Please do not use the church street address.

Church Rooms to Get New Names

In mid August look for some new room names on the glass next to the doors. These room names will help everyone identify a specific room, make it less confusing and more fun. Sunday school classes may still also use temporary labels by age groups (which change year by year). Along with two obvious office rooms, you'll see other rooms named after cities where Jesus traveled.

Names you'll see: Church Office, Pastor's Office, Nursery, Chapel, Library, Jericho, Nazareth, Zion, and Galilee

-Buildings & Grounds Committee



August Worship Volunteers

<u>Liturgists</u>
August 1st—Barbara Hopkins
August 8th—Shayna Arndt
August 15th—Nancy Olson
August 22nd—Becky Auna
August 29th—Nick Miller

Head Usher—Shawn McAlister
<u>Sound Room</u>
August 1st—Dane Bohnsack
August 8th—Ethan Crusan
August 15th—Isaku Saito
August 22nd—Gideon/Josiah Wolbrink
August 29th—Anna Bohnsack



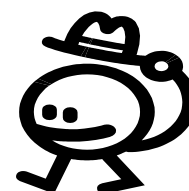
Fellowship Time has Returned!

Join us Sunday morning from 9:30 A.M. until 10:00 A.M for a time of fellowship before service. Coffee and juice will be served.



HATS OFF TO:

All those who have helped with the Live Stream Worship Services in July Greg Meeuwsen, Barbara Hopkins, Julie Baker, Sara Oldenburg, Ethan Crusan, Isaku Saito, Anna Bohnsack, Helen Harold, and Pastor Linda.





August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:30 Fellowship 10:15 In-person Worship & Live Stream Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p>2 12:30 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00 Tabitha Circle</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:00 AA & AI-Anon</p>	<p>5 5:30PM VBS</p>	<p>6 5:30PM VBS</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:30 Fellowship 10:15 In-person Worship & Live Stream Worship 10:15 VBS</p>	<p>9 Committee Meetings</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Quilt Group</p>	<p>11 7:00 AA & AI-Anon</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:30 Fellowship 10:15 In-person Worship & Live Stream Worship</p>	<p>16 1:00 Tabitha Circle</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:00 AA & AI-Anon 7</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Presbytery Meeting</p>
<p>22 9:30 Fellowship 10:15 In-person Worship & Live Stream Worship</p>	<p>23 7:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Quilt Group</p>	<p>25 7:00 AA & AI-Anon 5:30 Community Dinner</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:30 Fellowship 10:15 In-person Worship & Live Stream Worship</p>	<p>30</p>					

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Read all about it:

- **Drive-thru Community Dinner – Wednesday, August 25th at 5:00 PM**
- **Mark Your Calendars: Fall rummage Sale Sept. 17-18**
- **New pastor to start : Details inside!**

The Lamplighter is published monthly by the Presbyterian Church of West Salem to inform church members and friends about the events, programs, and mission of the congregation. Information for **The Lamplighter** is to be submitted to the church office **by the 15th day of each month.**

Please inform the church office of any change in your address.