



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem
625 W. Franklin St., P. O. Box 861
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July 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.
- Each family should sign a bulletin and leave on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
- **There will be no nursery provided, A limited fellowship time before service will resume in July.**

HATS OFF TO:

All those who have helped with the Live Stream Worship Services in June: Greg Meeuwesen, Barbara Hopkins, Julie Baker, Sara Oldenburg, Ethan Crusan, Gideon/Josiah Wolbrink, Ana Bohnsack, Becky Auna, Jane Foner, Kevin Arndt, Lily Oldenberg and Pastor Linda.



On-going MORNING PRAYER via Zoom

Monday -Thursday 7:00-7:25AM



The practice of daily prayer is a way of living out our baptism—dying and rising with Christ. Each night we rest in Christ's peace; each morning we rise to walk in newness of life, the link doesn't expire.

Contact Pastor Linda for the link.

Pastor's Summer Bible Study: Marriage Without Regrets

This is an inductive study where we look at God's Word and see what is said about the institution. We will explore what it says about the roles of men and women, their God-given responsibilities, and their differences. *(It is not what you might imagine or what culture teaches).*

Wednesday: 7:00-8:30PM (Via Zoom)

Schedule: July 7, 14, 21; August 11, 18, 25

You are welcome to come when able. No homework but there will be handouts for your use printed and available on Sundays. FYI--We may complete just 2 questions as we pursue answers. There are no restrictions on age or marital status.

Questions? contact Pastor Linda

Summer Sunday School

Please join us for VBS content
Rocky Railway -
Jesus' Power Pulls Us
Through!

Those completing 4k through
8th grade are invited.

Sundays 10-11:15

July 11th, August 8th

Thursday and Friday, August
5th and 6th from 5:30-7:45
with dinner!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Three weeks have elapsed in the Marriage with Regrets Bible study. "People have only attended via Zoom and none in person." Therefore, please note there will not be class at the church going forward. The link for the meeting can be found on the church website--Homepage. Study sheets will still be available at church if you would like to do it on your own. We will continue until I am done with the interim ministry.

So far in the inductive style of study we have covered Genesis 1 & 2 by looking at what the Bible says about men and woman's creation and what their purpose on earth is. We struggled with what it means to be made in the image of God and what the responsibilities are.

Genesis 1:27-28

So, God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and
subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds
of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

One of the ways we use to make sure we cover all the ideas in the passage is to color code the words God, man, and woman (and their respective pronouns). Many times, when we study the Bible we bring our expectations to the passage and it influences what we think, but by slowing down our study, our assumptions can be challenged by Gods Word. Enlightening our ignorance and to bring new understanding of the Bible and God.

During this last year I have discovered a couple of sites on the internet that I recommend to you. The first is a podcast called "Retelling the Bible" by Kevin MacLeod. He has studied the passage in depth and through story telling he makes them come alive by examining the passage from a different perspective. I don't agree with everything he says but it challenges my assumptions.

The other resource is The Bible Project--just type in the name. I found this site when I was preparing for confirmation classes. It explains concepts and books of the Bible through a visual commentary format or (short videos). This video series was reported by the confirmation students as the best part of our study this last year and something they go back to even now when they have a question. Please check it out.

May the Lord bless your time in His Word!

Pastor Linda, Psalm 27:4

Email: pastorlindawsp@gmail.com or phone: 651-368-0085



RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, July 23rd

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

&

Saturday, July 24th

7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

**Presbyterian Church
625 W. Franklin Street
(behind Hansen's IGA)**

May 2021 Financial Summary**Operating Budget**

Balance May 1st	\$ 4,947.44
Receipts	\$13,821.33
Expenses	(3,485.66)
Ending Balance	\$15,283.16

**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

Highlights from Session Meeting

- Received a Deacon's report for the first half of 2021
- Dawn, the new office administrator, introduced to Session
- Discussed at length the COVID policies for the church - see new guidelines
- Children are encouraged to wear masks due to unvaccinated status
- Voted to replace the air compressors for the sanctuary air-conditioning.

July Birthdays**July 1**

Susan Strauss

July 3Ben Baker
Tim Fladhammer
Eugene Denson**July 4**Conner Dunn
Ethan Fisher**July 5**Autumn Schuster
Aliana Jones**July 6**

Claire Sweet

July 8

James Mayer

July 10

Chris Winther

July 11

Eric Burdick

July 12Kristine Seeger
Danielle Dillard**July 13**Jordan Beirne
Noah Garcia
Dylan Noel
Ayden Schuster
Drew Kreibich
Andrew Benzing**July 14**

Koen Molling

July 15

Martha Haugen

July 16

Chase Jones

July 17

Hunter Sarver

July 18

Danielle Miller

July 20

Bob Bahr

July 21

Michael Servias

July 22

Sherry Bonsall

July 23

Zachary Martin

July 24

Elsa Wolbrink

July 25

Kelly Crusan

July 28

James Olson

July 30

Lisa Dicus

July 31Roger Auna
Paul Raymer
Alan Schedin
Ana Bohsack**July Rummage Sale**

This year we will be having a rummage sale in July on the 23rd and 24th. Please bring your clean, usable rummage on July 19th, 20th, & 21st. We will need lots of help setting up and, of course, lots of help tearing down on Saturday at 3 PM. Please plan on giving us a hand.



Outdoor Worship and Ice Cream Social



Worshiping in the beautiful outdoors, just like Jesus did, gives us the opportunity to appreciate this amazing world that the Lord has created for us. Join us for an outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, July 25th at 10:15 AM. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, or just plan to sit on the grass. Awnings will be available for those who want to sit in the shade. After the service, stay and enjoy some ice cream at the Ice Cream Social. A great way to cool off and enjoy some fellowship with friends and family with a very tasty treat. Hope to see everyone there!



NEW HORIZONS COLLECTION

The Stewardship & Mission Committee's project for April is a supplies collection drive to benefit New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Program. New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Center is the only shelter of its kind within a 65-mile radius of the City of La Crosse. It's a shelter for individuals and families who have experienced domestic and sexual abuse. New Horizons is on the front lines advocating for and helping victims with many issues that some people may think do not exist in our community. New Horizons provides shelter and services to a seven county (population 238,236) area in Wisconsin and Minnesota and is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Currently, they are in need of the following:

- Women's underwear of all sizes
- Gift certificates (for gas, grocery, etc.)
- Men/women sweat pants or black leggings
- Youth joggers or black leggings
- Baby Orajel and new teething toys
- Earbuds or headphones
- New storage containers with lids (all sizes)
- Air Fresheners for room sprays (Febreze, etc)
- Kitchen size garbage bags
- Prepaid phone cards

If you are able to donate any of these items to New Horizons, they can be dropped off at church anytime during July. There will be a box to place your items near the sanctuary doors. Thank you for your consideration in helping our neighbors in need!



PW Human Rights Celebration will be on July 12 from 4:30-6 pm at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 701 Wells St., Onalaska. A light lunch will be served. Please give your reservation to Becky at 608-799-6297.

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

******News From Your Pastor Nominating Committee******

On Sunday, June 27th Pastor Daniel McCurdy came and preached for the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. He was the pastor that the PNC chose to be our new pastor. After the service, a congregational meeting was held. When voting had commenced, the results were that Pastor Dan was to be our new pastor. Dan will be here on a permanent basis in mid to late August.

Watch the Lamplighter, bulletin, and your email for more information to come about when a gathering will be held for you to come and meet Dan and his family.

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, July 25th 2021, 5-6 PM.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...the family of F. David Wolf on his death May 21st.

....the Manter family on the death of Paul (June 10th) and daughter, Vadrian Zagar (April 29t)



Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to:

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*Please do not use
the church street address.*

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Read all about it:

- **Drive-thru Community Dinner – Wednesday, July 21st at 5:00 PM**
- **Summer Rummage Sale!! – Page 3**
- **Summer Sunday School and Bible Study – details inside!**
- **Outdoor Worship – Sunday July 25th – Mark your calendars!**
- **New Pastor Chosen! - Details Page 7**

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.