



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

November 2021

*Trusting in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Presbyterian tradition, the vision of the Presbyterian Church of West Salem is to provide a friendly and open environment that encourages spiritual growth for people of all ages.*

## From the Pastor's Desk....

Wait... the Holidays?

I just got here. I'm still working on learning people's names. I've only had a handful of conversations with our committees. I am ONLY JUUUUUSST getting my head wrapped around our usual worship processes and rhythms... and now I have to do the HOLIDAYS?

It's been fun kicking that process off with Halloween, Reformation Sunday, and All Saints. Then there will be Thanksgiving and after that... Advent.

That's it. I'm not ready. So let's talk about, umm...

Christian Ed!? Sure! We've got Bible studies starting, for adults and children. Sunday mornings, Wednesday Evenings, we've got all kinds of stuff that is getting off the ground in November. Fun, challenging, interesting stuff, where we will discuss, well, pretty much anything you all want.

That's the thing with Christian Education. We're never done, and nothing should ever be off the table. Everyone, including the teachers, ALWAYS has more to learn, and while some of us may have been discouraged from asking questions about religion in the past, I hope you all have heard from me that questions should ALWAYS be welcomed here.

We worship the God of Israel, a nation that was literally named for wrestling with God. That should tell you the simple truth of things... the struggle is a part of faith, and was always meant to be!

So I hope you'll come and join us for education and study along with worship. The Adult Sunday School class will be following the lectionary, and discussing the same scriptures I am preaching from on any given Sunday. Maybe you'll see things similarly to me... maybe you'll see something totally different! I really hope you all can be as excited about that as I am.

Ok, time to get to it. The learning, the growing. And if we have to celebrate some holidays along the way, well then, so be it!

*Pastor Dan*

## Hangings of the Greens

***Join in the fun immediately after worship on November 28 to decorate the church!***

Assistance will be needed carrying decorations from the basement  
and decorating our beautiful sanctuary.

We love to see all ages working together!

*Join in the fellowship and let's get Advent started in a big way!*

## Updated Protocols for COVID-19

*Session has considered guidance from the CDC on the wearing of masks by vaccinated individuals.*

*The CDC does leave it up to 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:*

- **Masks are required for all worshipers, regardless of vaccination status.**
- Seating has returned to normal, pre-Covid capacity.
- There are live song leaders and special music. Worshipers are invited to sing along.
- Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary during the Children's Message. There are seating marks to maintain social distance.
- The offering will be collected by the ushers.
- **Nursery services are not currently available.**  
**The church nursery is available for use by parents.**

## Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to:

Presbyterian Church of West Salem  
PO Box 861  
West Salem, WI 54661

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## Per Capita

Per Capita is an obligation for each member of the Presbyterian Church.

***The Per Capita is \$33.70 per member for 2021.***

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## FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE!

**Ticket Sales will end on November 13, 2021.**

**The drawing will take place at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 13 at the church entryway.**

**Thank you to all who have purchased tickets.**

***Come and find out if you are a winner!***

**Thank you to all who have donated items for the Fall Festival Raffle!**

*Becky Auna, Terry Bonsall, Howard Garves, Nick Miller, Terry Miller, Jean Pearson, Norm Sanwick, Dorothy Schmaltz, Shelly Servais, Jackie Siekert, and Jerry and Karen Quackenbush.*

**This is the only fund-raising event our church will be having this year.**

Our last fund-raising events, the salad luncheon and Fall Festival, occurred two years ago. Mission funds are now depleted. Your support of the raffle is critical to continue support of our missions!

### **PRESBYTERIAN WORLD MISSION**

Jim and Jodi McGill are working in Niger and South Sudan. Jim works with water issues and Jodi trains nurses. Jim visited our church while on leave a few years ago. While with us, he worked with our Vacation Bible School.

### **GLOBAL SERVICE NETWORK**

Tammy Carpenter, formally from North Presbyterian Church in La Crosse, is the missionary we support.

### **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND**

This fund is provided for those in West Salem who need help with rent and food.

### **NEW HORIZONS**

This support is given to women in the area in abusive situations and assists with housing.

***Thank you for supporting our missions!***

# Christian Education News!

## Students and Leaders Needed for Adult Bible Study

The Christian Education Committee is creating Bible study time for adults on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We invite all to join us, whether you are a novice Bible reader or very well versed in Bible study!

However, we will need some folks to take the lead each Sunday and Wednesdays. We would like to have enough leaders so everyone would lead only once a month. Training is available, so please don't let inexperience keep you from this opportunity to know the Bible better.

*Please contact Becca Bohnsack, Sara Oldenburg, or Pastor Dan if you have interest in joining as a student, as a leader, or both!*

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## Confirmation Transition to 8th and 9th Grade

As we welcome our new pastor, we also welcome new experiences and change!

A change in Christian Education will involve moving our Confirmation class from 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade. This will allow students to have more maturity and understand more fully what it means to become a Presbyterian. To make this transition work, Confirmation class will not be held this school year. Classes will begin again in September of 2022.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact anyone on the Christian Education committee.*

### Wednesday Night High School Youth Group

**Fun, Connectedness, Music, Involvement, Motion,  
Bible, Food, Activities, Mission....**

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday, November 3 and November 17!

***High School Students....don't miss this!***

**Presbyterian Church Community Dinner**  
**Wednesday, November 24**  
**5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Please drive under the church canopy  
and remain in your vehicle.  
Workers will place pre-packaged dinners  
in your vehicle for you and your family.

**Prayer Chain:**

<b>Becky Auna</b>	<b>608.786.0097</b>
<b>Marilyn Bahr</b>	<b>608.786.0315</b>
<b>Rose Cooper</b>	<b>608.369.3848</b>
<b>Sharon Cullmann</b>	<b>608.797.1732</b>
<b>Diana Engel</b>	<b>608.786.1560</b>
<b>Helen Harold</b>	<b>608.786.0856</b>
<b>Vickie Holt</b>	<b>608.786.1659</b>
<b>Sharon Shaw</b>	<b>608.786.0653</b>

<b>Upcoming Events!</b>		
<b>Mon, Nov 1</b>	12:30 pm 1:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive Tabitha Circle
<b>Wed, Nov 3</b>	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon High School Youth Group
<b>Sun, Nov 7</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School All Saints' Worship Service
<b>Mon, Nov 8</b>	5:00 pm	Committee Meetings
<b>Tues, Nov 9</b>	9:00 am	Quilt Group
<b>Wed, Nov 10</b>	7:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon
<b>Sat, Nov 13</b>	11:00 am	Fall Festival
<b>Sun, Nov 14</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Mon, Nov 15</b>	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tabitha Circle Session Meeting
<b>Tues, Nov 16</b>		Presbytery Meeting
<b>Wed, Nov 17</b>	12:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	WIC AA & Al-Anon High School Youth Group
<b>Sun, Nov 21</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Tues, Nov 23</b>	9:00 am	Quilt Group
<b>Wed, Nov 24</b>	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Community Dinner AA & Al-Anon
<b>Sun, Nov 28</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service Hanging of the Greens

**Highlights from the October 18, 2021  
Session Meeting:**

- Due to All Saints' Day on the first Sunday in November, communion for November has been moved to November 14, 2021.
- Session voted to create a Technology Committee to deal with the many technology issues of the church. The committee will become active January 1, 2022.

**ELDERS**

<b>Class of 2021</b>	<i>Becca Bohnsack</i>	<i>Barbara Hopkins</i>
	<i>Sherry Bonsall</i>	<i>Greg Meeuwssen</i>
<b>Class of 2022</b>	<i>Shayna Arndt</i>	<i>Kristjan Sells</i>
	<i>Nancy Olson</i>	<i>Mike Siekert</i>
	<i>Anna Bohnsack: Youth Elder</i>	
<b>Class of 2023</b>	<i>Charles Engel</i>	<i>Nick Miller</i>
	<i>Richard Calvetti</i>	<i>Sara Oldenburg</i>

**DEACONS**

<b>Class of 2021</b>	<i>Helen Harold</i>	<i>Diana Swim</i>
	<i>Lois Sanwick</i>	<i>Rose Wolbrink</i>
	<i>Norm Sanwick</i>	
<b>Class of 2022</b>	<i>Becky Auna</i>	<i>Jackie Siekert</i>
	<i>Vickie Holt</i>	<i>Mary Tschida</i>
	<i>Janice Seeger</i>	

## Celebrating a Birthday in November!

<b>November 9</b>	<i>Pamela Twining</i>	<b>November 20</b>	<i>Jerry Quackenbush</i>
<b>November 11</b>	<i>Aubree Hill</i>	<b>November 21</b>	<i>Mariah Terry</i>
<b>November 11</b>	<i>Kendall Hill</i>	<b>November 22</b>	<i>Danielle Wehrs</i>
<b>November 12</b>	<i>Colene Miller</i>	<b>November 23</b>	<i>Marilyn Bahr</i>
<b>November 13</b>	<i>Avis Evenson</i>	<b>November 24</b>	<i>Annabelle Baker</i>
<b>November 13</b>	<i>Mark Wuensch</i>	<b>November 24</b>	<i>Matthew Schnitzler</i>
<b>November 14</b>	<i>Will Griffin</i>	<b>November 26</b>	<i>Charles Engel</i>
<b>November 16</b>	<i>Lindsey Buehler</i>	<b>November 26</b>	<i>Janet Twining</i>
<b>November 18</b>	<i>Michael Koeneke</i>	<b>November 27</b>	<i>Joy Raymer</i>
<b>November 20</b>	<i>Richard Carlson</i>		

### November 2021 Worship Teams

#### Liturgists

#### Sound Room

**November 7**

Shayna Arndt

Ethan Crusan

**November 14**

Martha Burdick

Gideon Wolbrink

**November 21**

Jenni Loging

Lily Oldenburg

**November 28**

Barbara Hopkins

Evan Crusan

**Music:** Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwesen, Sara Oldenburg

**Head Usher:** Richard Calvetti

**Communion:** Becca Bohnsack, Sherry Bonsall, Helen Harold,  
Vicki Holt, Nick Miller, Sara Oldenburg

Please submit newsletter information  
to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month:  
*preschurchws@gmail.com*

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Sunday School 9:00 am • Sunday Worship 10:15 am

#### OFFICE HOURS

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