



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

February 2022

*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.*

**Concerning our closure due to the spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, the action of session was to close worship to entirely virtual through the month of January. Barring further session action, in person worship will resume in the month of February. At the time of Lamplighter publishing, we can't say whether or not to expect further action, so please be sure to keep an eye on church emails and communications. Thank you!**

**-Pastor Dan**

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

I had a lot of plans for 2022, and I'll be honest, going back to virtual wasn't one of them. I've told you this a couple of times now, but just to be absolutely clear, I cannot wait to be gathered with you all in worship again once it is safe. I do not doubt our decision, don't really regret it, either, as selfless care for the community is one of the highest calls the Lord has given us, but I do miss you all when I preach to that big, empty room.

I think that's part of why I try to avoid expectations of years. The ministry of God changes with us, with the needs of the world, not with ticks of the calendar. The law is made for humanity, not the other way around. We do what we can, what we must, not because of prophecy or because of fate but because we are the children of the Living God, and we strive to be the good that God seeks to put into the world.

So it's not about the year. It's not about predictions. It's about us. Let us take this year for what it is, take what it brings in stride, and make our decisions not based on what was foretold but based on what we find.

I can't wait to see you all in worship again... let us WORSHIP OUR LORD!

*Pastor Dan*

## Wednesday Night Youth Group 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,  
February 2nd and February 16th!

## 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 7th-8th grade to 8th-9th grade.

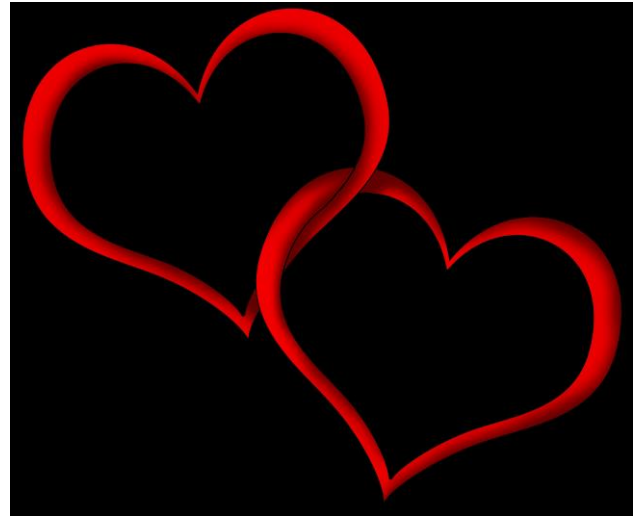
This will allow students to have more maturity and understand more fully what it means to become a Presbyterian. To make this transition work, Confirmation class will not be held this school year. Classes will begin again in September of 2022.

## Nursery services are closed due to ONLINE only Services

### Tabitha Circle

Bring your crafts and join us!

The first and third Monday each month  
at 1:00 p.m.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 14th

12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Located here in the Church

## Presbyterian Women Meeting

Please join us on **Thursday, Feb. 10 at 9 a.m.** as we tie fleece quilts for New Horizons.

**Diana Engel** will host us with coffee and muffins before we begin.

Following a short business meeting we will tie a twin bed quilt and a queen size quilt as that is what New Horizons needs at this time. The beautiful fleece was given to us to tie after it was donated at the last rummage sale.



See you there!

PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN



## FEBRUARY – MARCH 2022 NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 6 Dax Pfaff (Ryan & Casey 608-797-1907)  
13 Ayden & Ava Schuster (Kyle & Kari 608-780-9652)  
20 Jolie Meyers (Weston & Lindy 608-386-1463)  
27 Evan Crusan (Kelly & Erica 608-786-2785)

March 6 Evelyn Raymer (Andy & Joy 608-799-0071)  
13 Lily Oldenburg  
20 Jolie Meyers  
27 Brynn Logging

### Healthy Living with Diabetes

A 6-week workshop proven to help people with diabetes better manage their condition

#### WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Where: Virtually

When: Wednesdays, February 16th–March 23rd  
9 am - 11:30 am

Cost is \$30 to participate.

Pre-register by calling (608) 775-6870 or  
visit [gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://gundersenhealth.org/living-well).

### Healthy Living with Chronic Pain

A six-week workshop for adults who have – or are living with someone who has – on-going pain. Led by trained leaders in a small group setting, the program focuses on helping you feel better, have more control and do the things you want to do. This program does not replace existing treatments but serves to complement your medical treatment plan. It is not intended to be a solution for addiction to pain medication.

#### WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Where: Virtually

When: Wednesdays, March 30 - May 4  
Noon - 2:30

Cost: \$30, includes textbook

Pre-register by calling (608) 775-6870 or  
visit [gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://gundersenhealth.org/living-well)



## 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.

## 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 2022.***

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## Birthdays to Celebrate in February 2022

Charlotte Steinborn	February 02	Pam Eggen	February 19
Ted Yankee	February 02	Dave Miller	February 19
Mason Gress	February 03	Laura Burdick	February 20
Jacob Cvikota	February 05	Teresa DeLong	February 20
Kathy Schedin	February 05	Kris Schwier	February 20
Jim Cullmann	February 08	Janna Seeger	February 20
Kelly Lusk	February 08	Kathy Brummond	February 23
Genevieve Sprain	February 08	Bob Shaw	February 23
Diane Adams	February 09	Aric Tourville	February 23
Rylee Holven	February 10	Kayleighanna Wrencher	February 24
Amy Kalember	February 10	Tiffani LaJeunesse	February 25
Valerie Olson	February 10	Mary Winther	February 25
Jocelyn Heller	February 13	JoDeen Kobishop	February 26
Maddox Rogers	February 14	Nicole Griffin	February 27
Christine Siroin	February 14		
Andy Raymer	February 15		
Anne Zalewski	February 15		
Faith Holt	February 16		

The Stewardship & Mission Committee would like to say **THANK YOU** to all who donated hats, mittens, socks, and fidget spinners/poppits to our collection box during the Advent/Christmas season!

The West Salem School District was very appreciative of our gifts and offered their thanks for helping students in need.

It is our hope that in 2022 we continue to be the light of Christ in our community through our selfless giving. **Thanks again!**



**Presbyterian Church Community Dinner**  
**Wednesday, February 23rd**  
**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>

Upcoming Events!		
<b>Wed, Feb 2</b>	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon Youth Group
<b>Sun, Feb 6</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Mon, Feb 7</b>	1:00 pm	Tabitha Circle
<b>Tues, Feb 8</b>	9:00 am	Quilt Group
<b>Wed, Feb 9</b>	7:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon
<b>Thur Feb 10</b>	9:00 am	Presbyterian Women Meeting
<b>Sun, Feb 13</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School Worship Service Annual Meeting after service
<b>Mon, Feb 14</b>	6:30 pm	Committee Meetings
<b>Wed, Feb 16</b>	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon Youth Group
<b>Sun, Feb 20</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Mon, Feb 21</b>	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tabitha Circle Session Meeting
<b>Tues, Feb 22</b>	9:00 am	Quilt Group
<b>Wed, Feb 23</b>	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Community Dinner AA & Al-Anon
<b>Sun, Feb 27</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School Worship Service

**ELDERS**

<b>Class of 2022</b>	Shayna Arndt Nancy Olson Anna Bohnsack: Youth Elder	Kristjan Sells Mike Siekert
<b>Class of 2023</b>	Charles Engel Richard Calvetti	Nick Miller Sara Oldenburg
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Becca Bohnsack Sherry Bonsall	Kelly Crusan Greg Meeuwesen

**DEACONS**

<b>Class of 2022</b>	Becky Auna Vickie Holt Janice Seeger	Jackie Siekert Mary Tschida
<b>Class of 2023</b>	Helen Harold Carol Griffin	Diana Swim Jenni Logging

## February 2022 Worship Teams

	Liturgists	Sound Room
February 6	Jackie Siekert	Logan Oldenburg
February 13th	Shayna Arndt	Ethan Crusan
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Sells	Gideon Wolbrink
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Hopkins	Lily Oldenburg
<b>Music:</b> Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen,		
<b>Head Usher:</b> Fred Miller		
<b>Communion:</b> Mike Siekert, Shayna Arndt, Mary Tschida, Kristjan Sells, Nancy Olson, Griffin Carol		

Please submit newsletter information  
to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month:  
[preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)

### Stay Connected!

Visit our website: [www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com](http://www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com)



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

#### OFFICE HOURS

*Pastor Dan McCurdy* • Monday through Thursday 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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