



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

January 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.

From the Pastor's Desk....

2022 is just a number. A cool number, looks neat, fun to write, tough to make commemorative glasses out of. But in the end, just a number. That said, 2021 was just a number, too. So was 2020. But they both feel like more than that now, don't they?

Looked at objectively, years are just subjective time. Nothing really changes from December 31st to January 1st. The world still turns, sin and struggle remain, Christ is still Lord. But there is a part of US, the human imagination, that watches as the year ticks over and hopes for something new, something better, than what we had before.

As we enter into our first full Calendar year as Pastor and Church, I know I have my own hopes and dreams. For us, for our homes, for our families. There are fears, as well, watching as the COVID variants do what they do and hoping the damage can be minimized while remembering all the lives already lost to them.

January 2022 won't be THE beginning, but it can be A beginning, and we can always work with beginnings. In the Bible, the world is always ending, with new worlds beginning as the status quo changes and lives are altered to accommodate a new reality.

I'm rambling, I know. I guess what I'm trying to say is that 2022 won't be different for us, for anyone, just because it's 2022. But it COULD be different if we strive to make it different. If we show up, look at what needs to change and apply ourselves to that change, we could BE the change we hope to see in the world.

That is what God calls us to be... changemakers. The ones who take the light he gave us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and shine that light into the world, sharing it with all who are willing to see. You can't force it, but you can help it.

Together, let's make 2022 a blessed New Year.

Pastor Dan

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!

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.

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

**Nursery services are closed due to
ONLINE only Services**

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 3rd

12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Located here in the Church

Tabitha Circle

Bring your crafts and join us!

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

Wednesday Night Youth Group Youth Group

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

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

Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday,
January 5th and January 19!

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:

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PO Box 861
West Salem, WI 54661

Per Capita

Per Capita is an obligation for each member of the Presbyterian Church.
The Per Capita is \$33.70 per member for 2022.

Birthdays to Celebrate in January 2022

Larry Olson	January 01	Katelyn Carlson	January 19
Martha Burdick	January 02	Maureen Longcor	January 19
Howard Garves	January 03	Matt Schwier	January 19
Sandra Schmidt	January 03	Mike Siekert	January 19
Becky Auna	January 04	Katie Thornton	January 19
Lucille Raymer	January 04	Brian Lusk	January 20
Trish Ruetten	January 04	Dorothy Schmaltz	January 20
Ken Hauser	January 05	Patrick Zalewski	January 20
Leeann Krall	January 05	Brian Baker	January 21
Cindy Ashland	January 07	Elgin Brown	January 21
Augustine Norman	January 07	Brooklyn Haverly-Ghelfi	January 21
Dave Bohnsack	January 08	Michelle Lusk	January 22
Terry Miller	January 09	Luke Noel	January 22
Ernie Tourville	January 09	Bradley Baker	January 23
Debbie Tourville	January 09	Dixie Fladhammer	January 25
Garrett Byrnes	January 10	Aubrynn Kreibich	January 25
Glenda Koeneke	January 10	Jean Pearson	January 25
Rita Loging	January 10	Dustin Wehrs	January 25
Remlee Miller	January 10	Kevin Arndt	January 27
Braxton Sprain	January 10	Nancy Olson	January 27
Kordelle Wrencher	January 11	Ed Lusk	January 28
Sharon Holven	January 14	Alexis Shaw	January 28
Cecilia Lambertson	January 15	Delores Torgerson	January 29
Kent Buehler	January 16	Diane Rogala	January 30
Rose Wolbrink	January 16	William Silbaugh	January 30
Becky Byrnes	January 18	Jim Beebe	January 31
		Diana Meeuwsen	January 31

Presbyterian Church Community Dinner

Wednesday, January 26th

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:

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

Upcoming Events!

Sun, Jan 2	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Mon, Jan 3	1:00 pm 12:30-5:30	Tabitha Circle Red Cross Blood Drive
Wed, Jan 5	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon Youth Group
Sun, Jan 9	9:00 am 10:15 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Mon, Jan 10	6:30 pm	Committee Meetings
Tues, Jan 11	9:00 am	Quilt Group
Wed, Jan 12	7:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon
Sun, Jan 16	9:00 am 10:15 am	Virtual Sunday School ONLINE Worship Service
Mon, Jan 17	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tabitha Circle Session Meeting
Wed, Jan 19	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon Youth Group
Sun, Jan 23	9:00 am 10:15 am	Virtual Sunday School ONLINE Worship Service
Tues, Jan 25	9:00 am	Quilt Group
Wed, Jan 26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Community Dinner AA & Al-Anon
Sun, Jan 30	9:00 am 10:15 am	Virtual Sunday School ONLINE Worship Service

ELDERS

Class of 2022

<i>Shayna Arndt</i>	<i>Kristjan Sells</i>
<i>Nancy Olson</i>	<i>Mike Siekert</i>
<i>Anna Bohnsack: Youth Elder</i>	

Class of 2023

<i>Charles Engel</i>	<i>Nick Miller</i>
<i>Richard Calvetti</i>	<i>Sara Oldenburg</i>

Class of 2024

<i>Becca Bohnsack</i>	<i>Kelly Crusan</i>
<i>Sherry Bonsall</i>	<i>Greg Meeuwesen</i>

DEACONS

Class of 2022

<i>Becky Auna</i>	<i>Jackie Siekert</i>
<i>Vickie Holt</i>	<i>Mary Tschida</i>
<i>Janice Seeger</i>	

Class of 2023

<i>Helen Harold</i>	<i>Diana Swim</i>
<i>Carol Griffin</i>	<i>Jenni Loging</i>

January 2022 Worship Teams

Liturgists

Sound Room

January 2nd

Kevin Arndt

Gideon Wolbrink

January 9th

Howard Garves

Lily Oldenburg

January 16th

Kevin Arndt

Kelly Crusan&Ethan Crusan

January 23rd

Barbara Hopkins

January 30th

Tiffani Lajeunesse

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen,

Head Usher: Brian Baker

Communion: Nancy Olson, Shayna Arndt, Kristjan Sells, Charles Engel,
Diana Swim, Sara Oldenburg

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preschurchws@gmail.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.

DanielSMcCurdy@gmail.com • 330.465.4794

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