



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

March 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....

By the time that you get this, we'll be getting into the season of Lent. Lent is a complicated time, with a lot of misunderstandings. It isn't just a journey to Easter, it's more of a spiritual pilgrimage, and the difficult thing about Pilgrimage is that while everyone has a similar destination, we're all starting from different places.

Some of you might be doing great with your spiritual lives right now. Others might be struggling. Some have been comfortable with the return to virtual worship, others might have felt a whole lot of momentum slip away, or maybe the weight and crisis of the world has made you feel like you have very little connection to God and the community of the Church at all.

Lent is many things to many people, but the fact that it isn't tied to a season in the same way Advent and Christmas are means that it can also be a very healing time, a chance to build your connection with the church without triggering old family traumas like Advent can do.

I hope, as we enter into our first Advent together, that we can start to find a way to explore the traditions together, to learn and to grow, and prepare ourselves for the spiritual celebration that will be Easter.

Have a blessed Lent!

PASTOR DAN



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, March 2nd and March 16th!

Nursery services available

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

**To schedule appointment go to
redcrossblood.org**

March 2022 Worship Teams

	Liturgists	Sound Room
March 6	Martha Burdick	Evan Crusan
March 13th	Jenni Loging	Josiah Wolbrink
March 20 th	Erica Crusan	Dane Bohnsack
March 27 th	Kevin Arndt	Logan Oldenburg
Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen		
Head Usher: Ryan Pfaff		

Communion: Richard Calvetti, Charles Engel, Nick Miller,
Sara Oldenburg, Becky Auna, Vickie Holt

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

Presbyterian Church Community Dinner

Wednesday, March 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.

Presbyterian Women



Eight PW members met for the February brunch meeting and enjoyed muffins, juice, coffee, and birthday cake in honor of Valerie Olson's birthday.

Two large fleece blankets were tied and will be given to New Horizons.

We were introduced to Deb Miller, new administrative assistant for our church.

The World Wide Mission Birthday Offering was collected .

The last time PW met was February, 2020, so the present meeting was spent reviewing and discussing projects and ideas for the coming year.

Our church will be the hosting World Day of Prayer, March 4th. Fellowship will start at 9 a.m. followed by a program at 10:00 a.m. Avis Evenson and Nelda Manter will be greeters and take the offering. Diana Engel and Valerie Olson will have kitchen duties.

PW will participate in the May 1st church service with a "Biblical Women" Fashion Show.

The next scheduled meeting will be in June.



MARCH-APRIL 2022 NURSERY SCHEDULE

March	6 Evelyn Raymer (Andy & Joy 608-799-0071)
	13 Lily Oldenburg
	20 Jolie Meyers
	27 Brynn Loging
April	3 Elsa & Josiah Wolbrink
	10 Bradley Baker
	17 Jolie Meyers
	24 Dax Pfaff

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. As we move through this Lenten season, we hope you would consider a gift to this worthwhile offering with worldwide impact.

We will be collecting gifts until Easter Sunday.

Thank you for your continued support of this life changing Presbyterian special offering.

Stewardship & Mission Committee

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be March 4 at our church beginning at 9 a.m. with coffee and cookies. The 10 a.m. worship service will be led by women from churches in this area. The service was written by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme is from Jeremiah 29: "I know The Plans I Have For You."

World Day of Prayer is supported by offerings from individuals representing 170 countries through a committee of women who determine the use of the offering each year. Offering grants are given to women and children's groups in each country.

World Day of Prayer promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. Each year a different country plans the theme and writes the service.

Please join us on Friday, March 4.

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



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

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 March 2022

Shawn McAlister	March 02	Bob Elliott	March 18
Nelda Manter	March 03	Marilee Zalewski	March 18
Alice Sprain	March 03	Jim Leicht	March 20
Shirley Beaty	March 04	Greg Meeuwsen	March 20
Christian McAlister	March 05	Katerina Houser	March 21
Sean Horton	March 06	Isaac Wolbrink	March 24
Josie LaJeunesse	March 06	Heath Byrnes	March 25
Aila Meeuwsen	March 06	Catherine Siekert	March 25
Angela Molling	March 06	Jack Twining	March 25
Becca Bohnsack	March 07	Sandy Carlson	March 26
Jim Rogala	March 07	Nancy Koeneke	March 27
Connor Brown	March 09	Jane Foner	March 29
Carolyn Lindeman	March 15	Kyle Rogers	March 30
Willis Jones	March 16		
Tracey Rogers	March 17		
Virgil Thompson	March 17		

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Class of 2022	Becky Auna	Jackie Siekert
	Vickie Holt	Mary Tschida
	Janice Seeger	
Class of 2023	Helen Harold	Diana Swim
	Carol Griffin	Jenni Loging



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preschurchws@gmail.com

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

OFFICE HOURS

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