



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

May 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....

You might have noticed that our Easter decorations are still up. To some, this might seem like leaving a Christmas Tree up after Christmas, but Easter isn't just one day. Did you know that?

The SEASON of Easter gets 7 Sundays, from the first (the day we know as Easter) until Pentecost, which begins the season of, you guessed it, Pentecost. But it goes beyond that, as well. In the theology of the Church, EVERY Sunday is a "little Easter." In fact, the Season of Lent goes for 40 days exactly, and if you ever felt like that math didn't check out, it's because the Sundays don't count.


Because they aren't in Lent. Because each one is a little Easter.

Every Sunday, we celebrate our Risen LORD, and his victory over death. It is a very, very important part of who we are, and what makes us, well, US. Almost everything we do, from worship to mission to evangelism is built on the premise that death is not the end, and that when we grieve the pain of the world we do so not in hopelessness, but buoyed by the hope of Christ's return.

So this Easter Season, while you keep nibbling down forgotten Easter Baskets, I encourage you to think about our Risen Lord, and how the fact of his resurrection changes all of our lives. After all, we spent all that time in Lent to prepare for it... seems a shame to waste it!

Pastor Dan





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## **All Church Movie Night**

The Christian Ed Committee will be hosting a Movie Night  
May 20th starting at 6:00pm.  
Pizza and snacks will be served. Come join the fun!

## **Sunday Morning Christian Ed News:**

Mother's Day, May 8th, will be the last day of Sunday School for K-5  
Adult Bible Study will continue through May 29th

## **Service Project:**

The Youth of the church will be participating in a **Yard Clean Up Service Project**.  
Please let us know if you have some work they could complete for you.  
Some examples are raking leaves, picking up sticks, or cleaning flower beds.  
We would love to help you get your yard ready for spring.  
Please contact Sara Oldenburg at [sara.odnbg@gmail.com](mailto:sara.odnbg@gmail.com)

## **Camp Scholarships:**

It's that time of year to be signing up for summer camp! We have scholarships available to help assist with the cost of camp. Scholarship application forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary or you may request one from the Christian Education Committee or church office. **Application deadline is May 15th.**



**Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30-10:00am - coffee and cookies**



"For many years, our congregation has joined together with countless other Presbyterian churches in collecting the **Pentecost Offering**. This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A gift to the **Pentecost Offering** helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our congregation in an effort to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community.

The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**We will collect this offering until Pentecost Sunday on June 5th.**

The **Stewardship & Mission Committee** thanks you for your consideration of gifts to this worthwhile offering!"



## Presbyterian Church Community Dinner



**Wednesday, May 25th  
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.

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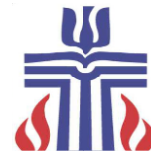
## Per Capita

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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## NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:30 am – 1:30 pm**

## Tabitha Circle



**Bring your crafts and join us!**

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

### 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



### MAY-JUNE 2022 SCHEDULE

May	1 Ayden & Ava Schuster
	8 Evan Crusan
	15 Jolie Meyers
	22 Evelyn Raymer
	29 Lily Oldenburg
June	5 Brynn Logging
	12 Elsa & Josiah Wolbrink
	19 Jolie Meyers
	26 Bradley Baker

### Birthdays to Celebrate in May 2022

Trevor Jones	May 02
Jane Wines	May 02
Dax Pfaff	May 04
Melissa Norman	May 08
Neil Bain	May 09
Grady LaJeunesse	May 09
Jerry Seeger	May 09
Ann Vallier	May 09
Brendan Holt	May 10
Rita Thompson	May 10
Kenny Hauser	May 11
Linda Lusk	May 11
Greg Shaw	May 12
Tanner Dunn	May 17
Lois Sanwick	May 17
Junior Schmidt	May 17
Brian Holt	May 18
Brayden McAlister	May 18
Kendall Stephenson	May 18
Mary Tschida	May 19
Jolie Meyers	May 22
Kathy Anderson	May 23
Lindy Meyers	May 23
Jackie Schimke	May 23
Carol Hass	May 25
Jacob Burdick	May 26
Mike Lusk	May 26
Brynn Logging	May 28
Alanna Wuensch	May 28
Nick Miller	May 29
Kyle Schuster	May 30

### 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 Meeuwssen

### DEACONS

#### ***Class of 2022***

Becky Auna      Jackie Siekert  
Vickie Holt      Mary Tschida  
Janice Seeger

#### ***Class of 2023***

Helen Harold      Diana Swim  
Carol Griffin      Jenni Logging

### Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to:

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

## May 2022 Worship Teams

	Liturgists	Sound Room
May 1st	Avis Evenson	Evan Crusan
May 8th	Martha Burdick	Josiah Wolbrink
May 15th	Brian Baker	Dane Bohnsack
May 22nd	Nick Miller	Ethan Crusan
May 29th	Barbara Hokins	Logan Oldenburg

**Music:** Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen

**Head Usher:** Mike Siekert

**Communion:** Kristjan Sells, Shayna Arndt, Nancy Olsen,  
Sherry Bonsall, Becky Auna, Diana Swim

### Protocols for COVID-19 - Updated March 6, 2022

Masks are not required to be worn in the building for any activity, regardless of vaccination status, except in these cases:

- If you have recovered from COVID-19 within the past six days
- If you have had a close COVID-19 contact within the past six days
- If you currently have symptoms, please stay home

Anyone is welcome to wear a mask for any reason.

- Please observe social distancing if possible, especially for those wearing masks.

Session is following CDC guidance on masking. The CDC assesses the La Crosse County COVID-19 transmission as "Low". Session continues to monitor this status and may require masks again if transmission rates increase.

- The offering will be collected by the ushers.



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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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