



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem  
December 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....

**Come, LORD Jesus.**

**When the world around us is frightening and awful...**

**Come, LORD Jesus.**

**When the hatred of humanity seems louder than your love...**

**Come, LORD Jesus.**

**When the need of the many is beyond our capacity to provide...**

**Come, LORD Jesus.**

**When our call to care is eclipsed by our fear...**

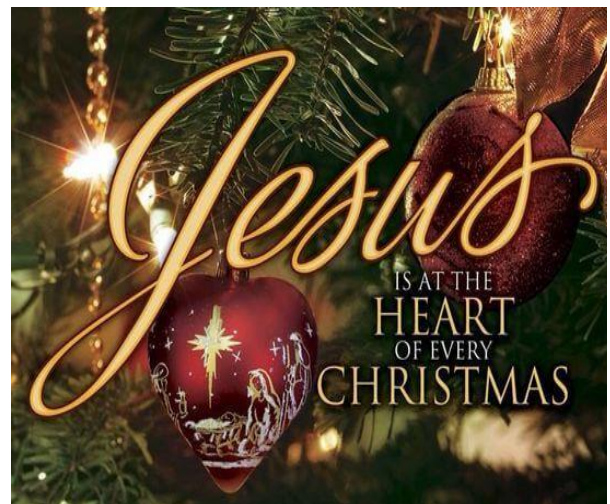
**Come, LORD Jesus.**

**When the promise of your Scripture is hidden behind our anger...**

**Come, LORD Jesus.**

**Warm our cold, feed our hunger, satiate our thirst, and Come, LORD Jesus.**

Pastor Dan





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Bible  
STUDY**  
Join us!

## Adult Bible Study

Sundays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

in the Chapel Room

We will focus on the lectionary scripture  
presented that Sunday.

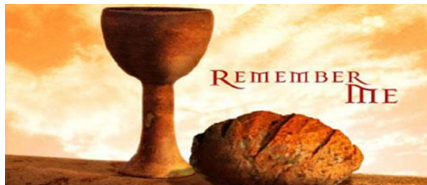
Bring your Bible or use one from the church.



## Sunday School

**9:00 am**

**All kids Kindergarten  
through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
are welcome**



## Communion Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>



"Since the 1930s, the **Christmas Joy Offering** has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition. Each year the offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

**The Assistance Program** provides critical financial support to church workers and their families and Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. **This offering will be collected through December 25<sup>th</sup>.** As we make our way to the manger celebrating the wondrous birth of the Christ child, please consider a gift to this worthwhile offering once again this year. Thank you!"



## Youth Group!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited

**Wednesdays, December 7<sup>th</sup> and**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Find us in the Fellowship Hall  
fun games, great fellowship,  
and the peace that the word of God  
brings!



Nursery

***Nursery Services open and fully staffed.  
Available for 4K and under only.***



**A Christmas Cup of Tea**  
**Thursday, December 1st**  
**6 pm**

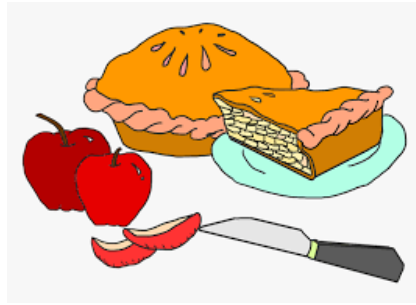
**Presbyterian Women** begins the Advent Season with a potluck finger food buffet on Thursday, December 1st beginning at 6 p.m.

Coffee and punch will be served by the hostesses, Rita Thompson and Gwyn Calvetti.

The Hunger offering will be received after the coffee and punch is served.

Following a short business meeting and installation of officers we will enjoy a program, "**A Christmas Cup of Tea**", a story read by Chris Winther about Christmas's past with his grandmother.

You don't want to miss this! All women are invited. Bring your friends.



**Apple Pies**

We still have frozen apple pies for sale. \$9.00 each.

You can purchase them after church or call Diana Engel at (608) 786-1560 or 1-(608) 386-0860 to purchase them during the week.



**Tabitha Circle**

Bring your crafts and join us!

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



**Fellowship time**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**  
**9:30am – 10:00am**

**Presbyterian Church Community Dinner**



**Wednesday, December 28th**  
**5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Per Capita**

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

### 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



And the Winner of the Quilt is Greg Meeuwsen. Thank you, everyone, who purchased tickets or made a donation. \$705 was raised towards the purchase of new wall ovens.



## Nursery

### DECEMBER 2022 SCHEDULE

December 4	Evan Crusan
December 11	Evelyn Raymer
December 18	Lily Oldenburg
December 25	Sherry Bonsall



### **Birthdays to Celebrate in December 2022**

Shellee Dunn	December 01
Tomi Carlson	December 02
Barb Reynolds	December 02
Chance DuBois	December 05
Vickie Holt	December 05
Parker Chrouser	December 06
Josiah Wolbrink	December 08
Kennedy Wolf	December 10
Kris Buehler	December 11
Deacon Meyers	December 14
Ryan Pfaff	December 14
Grace Griffin	December 15
Kevin Lee	December 17
Dana Hass	December 19
Shayna Arndt	December 27
Alexander Carlson	December 27
William Heeter	December 27
Melissa Wolf	December 27
Ellanore Zellmer	December 28

### ELDERS

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

### DEACONS

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

**Are you 60+ looking for  
FREE FOOD?**



**CHECK OUT THE HUNGER TASK FORCE SENIOR  
STOCKBOX PROGRAM!**

**Tithes and Offerings  
can be mailed to:**

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

# The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



"During this season of Advent, the Stewardship & Mission Committee is sponsoring a "Giving Tree," with funds going to the purchase of items from The Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Gifts to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are signs of our gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together, however large or small, we expand our witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world. We will have a **tree set up in the back of the sanctuary that will have envelopes with varying dollar amounts and causes printed on them.** For example, one envelope will be for giving a \$10 donation going toward the purchase of farming tools, while another envelope will be for giving a \$25 donation going toward the purchase of a family of chickens, and so on. We hope you would consider making a gift to our 2022 Giving Tree. It will be fun to see what our congregation can purchase this Christmas season for those in need around the world. Thank you!"



**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**5 pm**



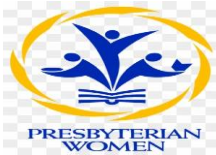
**Congregational Meeting**  
**on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after service**  
**to elect Elders and Deacons for 2023**

**Christmas Pageant**  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday Morning Service**



## December 2022 Worship Teams

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Sound Room</u>
December 4th	Nancy Olson	Lily Oldenburg
December 11th	Nick Miller	Gideon Wolbrink
December 18th	Jackie Siekert	Ethan Crusan
December 25th	Barbara Hopkins	Dane Bohnsack
Music:	Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen	
Head Usher:	Chris Winther	
Communion:	Nancy Olson, Richard Calvetti, Diana Swim, Shayna Arndt, Charles Engel, Helen Harold	



## Fall Festival

*We had a great day on November 12th after a two-year absence.*

*The earnings are: Crafts/Squash - \$267.75; Breakfast - \$275.00; Raffle-\$302.00; Cookies - \$624.00 for a total of \$1,468.75.*

*THANK YOU to all who have contributed their talent, their time, cookies and crafts and made purchases. We couldn't have had a success without you!*

*Thank you to those who gave items for the raffle. They were: Jackie Sierkert, Ed Lusk, Jane Foner, Sherri Bonsall, Janice Seeger, Vickie Bain, Becky Auna and Norm Sanwick.*

*The Fall Festival Raffle Drawing Winners are:*

*Terry Miller - \$25 Gift Card*

*Avis Evenson – Badger Blanket*

*Kelly Crusan – \$25 Gift Card*

*Becky Auna - Badger Blanket*

*Rita Thompson – Holiday Wreath*

*Terry Miller – Wood Carving*

*Valerie Olson – Jar Opener*

*Linda Olson – Stoneware Baker*

*Nelda Manter – Crystal Bracelet*

*Becky Auna – Crystal Angel*

*Vickie Bain – Large Holiday Wreath*

*Avis Evenson – Cribbage Board*

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

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[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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