



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

July 2023

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....

So, there are big changes coming this fall. After our "Christmas in July" rummage sale and the Fall Rummage sale, the church rummage sale as we currently know it will be coming to an end.

This is happening for a few reasons. The volunteers who have been the main force behind the sale all these years are getting tired. (They actually used the adjective "old" but I didn't want to be rude.) Also, some of our other partners, the various institutions that would take the stuff that didn't sell, have been changing their policies. So the Rummage sale was going to have to CHANGE, regardless of who was leading it.

This will affect the budget for sure... the rummage sale has been a consistent part of our operating budget for over a decade. That said, projects like this come and go, and it's better to end on a strong note rather than continuing to slowly burn out the folks who have kept it going for so long.

That said, you'll notice that I used the phrase the rummage sale "as we currently know it." No action has been taken that would REQUIRE the rummage sale to stop, only that its current managers are stepping down. If your reaction to this news is; "No, no, we need to keep this going!" then there are possibilities.

If you would be interested in taking on the Rummage sale yourself, I'd tell you no. It is a HUGE job, waaaaay too big for any one person. But if you had a group of people willing to step up and take a shot at the project, I can promise that the church would support your attempt.

Maybe the Rummage Sale is done. While it lasted it was a great boon to our church finances, but we have faith that God and our congregation will continue to support us in a new season. But if you were interested in stepping up (and have some folks committed to helping you) and taking a shot at starting a new way to approach such a fund raiser, let us know.

Things end all the time. Sometimes they go away, sometimes they take a new form. The important thing to remember is that the rummage sale existed to support the church; the church does not exist to support the rummage sale. So if this is the last hurrah, be sure to come out and enjoy it.

Pastor Dan





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Sunday School,
Sunday Morning Youth Group,
and Adult Bible Study
will resume in the Fall.**



**August 14th, 15th, 16th
5:30 – 8:00 pm**



This year your children will spend three evenings learning about how Jesus cares for us. They will also complete **"Projects with a Purpose"** that will be donated to pets waiting for their "forever" home.

To get excited for VBS we will be hosting a **Kick Off Party** on **Sunday, August 13th from 4-6**. The party will be held at the Tilson St. Boat Landing and is open to the entire congregation. Brats/Hot dogs and water will be provided. **Please bring a dish to share. We hope to see you there!**

Have old t-shirts and cardboard lying around? We are looking for donations to use for our pet toy crafts. Please drop off any donations in the box by the fellowship hall entrance.



Nursery

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



LET'S SWIM!!!

Sunday, July 16th

6 pm-8 pm

West Salem Pool

Please come and enjoy the company
and bring a friend if you'd like.

Floating devices are allowed
in the shallow end.



There will be snacks !!!

For questions you can call
Sherry Bonsall at 608-786-1280
or Pam Twining at 608-498-1190.

LET'S PARTY !!!!!



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**

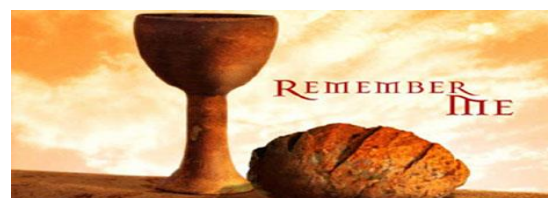


**Wednesday, July 26th
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
In-House**

Per Capita

Per Capita is
an obligation
for each member
of the
Presbyterian Church.

*The Per Capita is \$35.15
per member for 2023.*



**Communion Sunday
July 2nd**

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



Join us for an
Outdoor Worship Service on
Sunday, July 23rd at 10:15 AM!

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on,
or just plan to sit on the grass.

Have a pop-up awning
that could be used for shade?
please bring it and set it up.

After the service, stay and enjoy
some hot dogs and ice cream, and
water balloons!.

A great way to cool off and enjoy
some fellowship with friends and
family with a very tasty treat.

Hope to see everyone there!



Birthdays to Celebrate in July 2023

Ben Baker	July 03
Tim Fladhammer	July 03
Connor Dunn	July 04
Ethan Fisher	July 04
Aliana Jones	July 05
Autumn Schuster	July 05
Claire Sweet	July 06
Jim Mayer	July 08
Chris Winther	July 10
Eric Burdick	July 11
Danielle Dillard	July 12
Kris Seeger	July 12
Andrew Benzing	July 13
Noah Garcia	July 13
Drew Kreibich	July 13
Dylan Noel	July 13
Ayden Schuster	July 13
Koen Molling	July 14
Chase Jones	July 16
Hunter Sarver	July 17
Dani Miller	July 18
Bob Bahr	July 20
Sherry Bonsall	July 22
Zachary Martin	July 23
Elsa Wolbrink	July 24
Kelly Crusan	July 25
Jim Olson	July 28
Janice Seeger	July 29
Anna Bohnsack	July 31
Paul Raymer	July 31
Alan Schedin	July 31



Exercise Group
July 7th, 25th and 28th
Tuesdays and Fridays
9-10 AM
Fellowship Hall

July 2023 Worship Teams

Liturgists

July 2 nd	Jane Foner
July 9 th	Helen Harold
July 16 th	Kevin Arndt
July 23 rd	Barbara Hopkins
July 30 th	Josiah Wolbrink

Sound Room

Kelly Crusan
Ethan Crusan
Kelly Crusan
Dane Bohnsack

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones
Head Ushers: Fred Miller
Communion: Shawn McAlister, Shayna Arndt, Mike Siekert

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



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

TO APPLY:

CALL (608) 793 - 1002 OR VISIT
LACROSSEHTF.ORG/GET-HELP/SENIOR-STOCKBOX

ELDERS

<i>Class of 2023</i>	Charles Engel Sara Oldenburg	Nick Miller Sharon Cullmann
<i>Class of 2023 Youth Elders</i>	Gideon Wolbrink	Ethan Crusan
<i>Class of 2024</i>	Becca Bohnsack Sherry Bonsall	Kelly Crusan Greg Meeuwsen
<i>Class of 2025</i>	Mike Siekert Shawn McAlister	Shayna Arndt Pamela Twining

DEACONS

<i>Class of 2023</i>	Helen Harold Carol Griffin Kris Seeger	Diana Swim Jenni Loging
<i>Class of 2025</i>	Becky Auna Vickie Holt Karen Quackenbush	Jackie Siekert Mary Tschida



Nursery

JULY 2023 SCHEDULE

July 2	Tate & Dax Pfaff
July 9	Ayden and Ava Schuster
July 16	Evan Crusan
July 23	Evelyn Raymer
July 30	Lily Oldenburg





THANK YOU to all who made
The **Spring Rummage Sale** such a
big success.

We had an outstanding working
crew that worked very hard, many
putting in 12-hour days because
of the shortened set up period.

We continue to get lots of
comments that our sale is very
well organized and clean.

Thank you to all those that made
that happen.

Our leftovers went to Good
Steward, The Exchange, Restore
and the Salvation Army.

To date we have made \$9,098.55.

We have two more rummage sales scheduled this year.
July 21st & 22nd is a Christmas in July sale.

Thanks to a windfall of holiday items, we are going to
have a gigantic "**Holiday**" sale.

Plan on helping us set up Sunday, July 16th, after church
through Thursday, July 20th.

And by all means, come and start your holiday shopping
on **Friday, July 21st, from 7 AM to 7 PM and Saturday,**
July 22nd, from 8 AM to 3 PM.

Our Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for September
15th & 16th, the same time as the All Village Rummage
Sale. There will be more information in the next
Lamplighter.

Diana Engel
Jean Pearson

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

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