



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

January 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....

I've started putting less emphasis on years. Maybe it's a side effect of turning forty-two, but looking to dates on a calendar for closure hasn't really gotten me anywhere lately. Last year we went into a new year ready to build on some momentum only for spiking Covid rates to force us back into virtual worship for the month.

Though I wish we hadn't had to do it, I don't regret doing it. It was important, it made sense, and even if slowed down our bounce back from the Pandemic, we did the right thing in a difficult time and at the end of the day, that is what the people of God are CALLED to do.

We don't do things because they are easy. We don't do things because they're popular. We do things because God calls us to do them.

All that to say, I don't know what will come in the next twelve months. In 2022, it involved reclosing our doors to help protect our community from a sickness we'd all REALLY hoped had been dealt with, with no such luck. It was a bummer way to start the year, but we did it, and we're coming up to the end, having done our part, and not only did we make it, we seem to be coming out in the black.

Hopefully, sickness closing is behind us. But there will be another difficult thing, and then something beyond that. I hope, as this new time comes, we will continue to do the difficult right thing, and continue to show how God's blessings work with us, even in those times.

And hey, if God calls us to do some easy, fun, and popular things in the meantime, that will be nice, too.

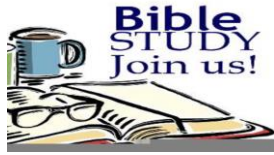
Happy New Year!

Pastor Dan





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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 5th grade
are welcome**



Communion Sunday January 8th



Taking Down the Christmas Greens

*Sunday, January 8th
after Service*



Youth Group!

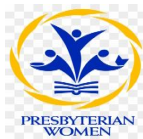
All youth in grades 6-12 are invited
**Wednesdays, January 4th
and January 18th
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

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.***



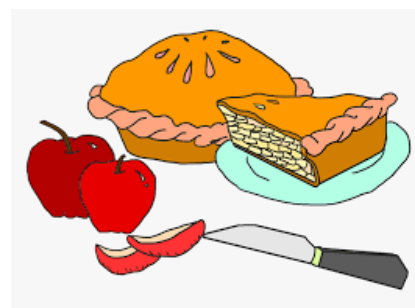
A Christmas Cup of Tea

Sixteen women and guests attended the buffet of assorted finger foods with Gwen Calvetti and Rita Thompson serving as hostesses.

After a short business meeting, the new slate of officers for 2023 were installed by Vickie Holt.

They are: Moderator - Becca Bohnsack, Vice-Moderator – Becky Auna, Secretary - Carol Griffin, Treasurer - Sharon Cullman, and Nominating - Valerie Olson.

A story titled “A Cup of Christmas Tea” was read by Chris Winther with Diana Engel and Richard Calvetti participating and a cup of tea was served to all with blessings for a wonderful 2023.



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, January 25th
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.***

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

Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to:

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



Exercise Group - Restarting
January 3rd in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays and Fridays
9-10 AM



Congratulations!!

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.



Birthdays to Celebrate in January 2023

Larry Olson	January 01
Martha Burdick	January 02
Howard Garves	January 03
Sandra Schmidt	January 03
Becky Auna	January 04
Lucille Raymer	January 04
Trish Ruetten	January 04
Ken Hauser	January 05
Leeann Krall	January 05
Cindy Ashland	January 07
Augustine Norman	January 07
Dave Bohnsack	January 08
Terry Miller	January 09
Garrett Byrnes	January 10
Glenda Koeneker	January 10
Rita Logging	January 10
Remlee Miller	January 10
Braxton Sprain	January 10
Kordelle Wrencher	January 11
Cecilia Lambertson	January 15
Rose Wolbrink	January 16
Becky Byrnes	January 18
Katelyn Carlson	January 19
Maureen Longcor	January 19
Matt Schwier	January 19
Mike Siekert	January 19
Katie Thornton	January 19
Dorothy Schmaltz	January 20
Patrick Zalewski	January 20
Brian Baker	January 21
Elgin Brown	January 21
Brooklyn Haverly-Ghelfi	January 21
Michelle Lusk	January 22
Luke Noel	January 22
Bradley Baker	January 23
Dixie Fladhammer	January 25
Aubrynn Kreibich	January 25
Jean Pearson	January 25
Dustin Wehrs	January 25

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**

January 2023 Worship Teams

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Sound Room</u>
January 1 st	Nick Miller	Josiah Wolbrink
January 8 th	Howard Garves	Evan Crusan
January 15 th	Kevin Arndt	Lily Oldenburg
January 22 nd	Nick Miller	Gideon Wolbrink
January 29 th	Tiffani LaJeunesse	Ethan Crusan
Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones		
Head Usher: Brian Baker		
Communion: Sara Oldenburg, Nick Miller, Becca Bohnsack, Sherry Bonsall, Greg Meeuwsen, Jackie Siekert		



JANUARY 2022 SCHEDULE

January 1 Deacon Meyers
 January 8 Brynn Loging
 January 15 Aliana Jones
 January 22 Elsa & Josiah Wolbrink
 January 29 Annabelle & Bradley Baker

ELDERS

<i>Class of 2023</i>	Charles Engel Sara Oldenburg	Nick Miller Sharon Cullmann
<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	Diana Swim Jenni Loging
<i>Class of 2025</i>	Becky Auna Vickie Holt Karen Quackenbush	Jackie Siekert Mary Tschida Kris Seeger



We thank the newly installed officers for PW

Moderator: Becca Bohnsack	Vice Moderator: Becky Auna
Secretary: Carol Griffin	Treasurer: Sharon Cullmann
Nominating: Valerie Olson	

Many thanks to the outgoing officers

Moderator: Helen Harold	Vice Moderator: Diana Engel
Secretary: Joyce Garves	Treasurer: Nelda Manter
Nominating: Sharon Shaw	



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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 am. - 2:00 pm.**

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