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[Protect Wisconsin's Drinking Water from Lead: Say Yes to SB 48 and AB 78](#)

Dear friends in Christ,

Blessings to you during this season in which we pay particular attention to the empty tomb! Hope through Jesus Christ is at the center of all we do.

In response to the abundant grace in our lives we care for God's creation. Right now, more than 80 water systems in Wisconsin contain lead at dangerous levels, according to EPA data. Even low levels of lead in water can cause permanent brain damage to children.

The good news is that there is a good bipartisan effort to allow public utilities to offer financial assistance to customers for removing lead water pipes. However, there has been recent push-back on this bill. Here is an informative article from the [Wisconsin State Journal](#).

Currently, water utilities have little flexibility to help homeowners replace lead pipes. It is a huge financial burden for many property owners, especially those who are low income earners, to cover costs on their private property from the curb to the house. Public utilities should be able to offer financial assistance to a customer solely for removing lead water pipes.

Thank you for taking time to read this and considering contacting your legislators about [SB 48](#) and [AB 78](#).

Peace,

Pastor Cindy

