



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

August 2024

*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....

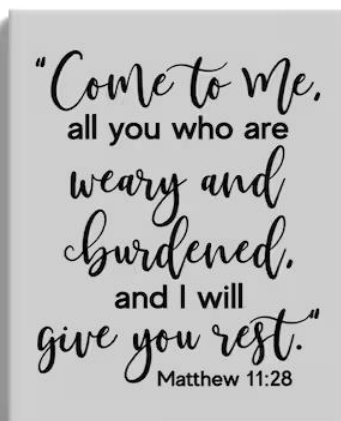
As summer begins its wind down (slow for some, far too fast for others) I like to think about all the blessings we have coming to us as we prepare to swing back into fall. But that eagerness to look forward to busyness can often distract from the moment, and God often calls us to live in the moment.

As North Americans we have a kind of addiction to being busy, to defining ourselves by what we are producing or accomplishing. Summer is often a time of relaxation, and I doubt it is coincidence that it is ALSO a time of nervousness and anxiety for us.

And so, in these last weeks of summer, find time for Sabbath. Find time for rest. Find time to simply enjoy life in your community, whatever that might look like.

Trust me... business will be here soon enough.

Pastor Dan





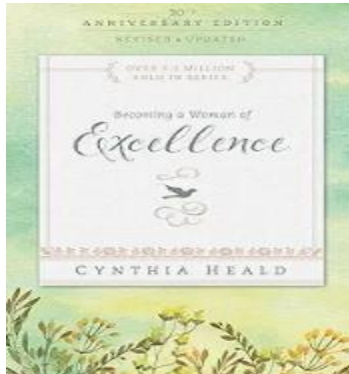
# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Women's Summer Bible Study

We are reading the book

"Becoming a Woman of Excellence" by Cynthia Heald

Please talk with Jenni Loging or Sara Oldenburg if interested



## Nursery

**Available for 4K and  
under only  
No staffing available**



## Vacation Bible School

**August 5, 6, 7  
5:30 – 8 pm**

**(dinner provided)**

Registration form is on  
the PCOWS Facebook Page



**Handbell practices will be resuming in September.**  
For those that have played in the past, watch your  
email for more information.

If you have never played handbells before, are high school age or older and have thought playing handbells might be fun, but have shied away because you don't read music, or are not sure if you'd like it, I invite you to an Introduction to **Handbell workshop on Saturday, September 21 from 10 am to Noon.** I will touch on some basic music reading, and introduction to ringing. Just because you attend this workshop does not mean you are expected to join the Handbell Choir!! So no pressure!!! This simply is an opportunity to try something new musically. To sign up, or need more information contact Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210, email [Arndt.vicki@gmail.com](mailto:Arndt.vicki@gmail.com), or catch me in church!



### **Hospital Visits 2024**

For many years, the Deacons of the church have been contacting Gundersen Pastoral Services weekly for the names of our parishioners that have been hospitalized. The intention of these calls was to provide Pastor Dan the information in order for him to provide a visit to the hospitalized individual.

New in 2024, Deacons will no longer be making these calls to the hospital. Instead, we ask that anyone planning a hospital stay or friends/family of anyone unexpectedly hospitalized, please contact one of the Deacons to arrange for prayer, support, and/or a visit from Pastor Dan.

#### **Deacons List:**

Becky Auna: 608-786-0097  
Helen Harold: 608-786-0856  
Vickie Holt: 608-786-1659  
Kris Seeger: 608-786-2695 (Home)  
608-461-1599 (Cell)  
Diana Swim: 608-386-9606  
Karen Quackenbush: 786-0992 (Home)  
Diana Engel 608-786-1560  
Lois Sanwick 608-788-5443

### **Presbyterian Church Community Dinner**



**Wednesday, August 28th**  
**5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**In-House**



*With the summer coming to an end, it is time to bring the choir back together and begin rehearsals. If you have considered singing in the past, and have wondered what it's like, we would love to have you join us. We laugh, fellowship, socialize, and sing praises all in one short hour a week, and 3 Sunday's a month. We always welcome new voices! Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 28 at 7 pm. We will rehearse in the church sanctuary. Since the August 28<sup>th</sup> is Community Dinner night, come early for dinner... then stay and sing with us!!! If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210, or email [Arndt.vicki@gmail.com](mailto:Arndt.vicki@gmail.com)*



#### **MUSIC PLAYERS**

Would you like to share your Talents with us this Summer?  
The Sign-Up Sheet is on the back table for June thru August

Would love to hear your beautiful gifts!!

**Prayer Chain:**

Becky Auna	608.786.0097
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



*Fellowship Time  
in the Fellowship Hall  
resumes September 1st*



**Tabitha Circle**

Having a break until after Labor Day



**Exercise Group**  
**Tuesdays and Fridays**  
**9-10 AM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

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

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



**Birthdays to Celebrate in August 2024**

Barbara Hopkins	August 01
Evan Noel	August 01
Audrey Steinborn	August 02
Rose Lee	August 04
Justine Griffin	August 05
Kevin Aleckson	August 06
Robert Allen	August 07
David Seeger	August 8
Kandi Holt	August 11
Laney Stephenson	August 12
Sharon Cullmann	August 14
Diana Swim	August 14
Jon Jones	August 15
Carissa Hass	August 17
Tom Bonsall	August 19
Ron Seeger	August 19
Ryan Beirne	August 23
Claudia Olson	August 24
Dane Bohnsack	August 25
Tanner Jones	August 26
Xander Wuensch	August 27
Jessica Noel	August 28
Alyssa Byrnes	August 29
Kim Sweet	August 29
Julia Byrnes	August 31



**Fall Rummage Sale**

**The Presbyterian Women have decided  
to take on the planning and execution  
of a fall rummage sale.**

**September 13-14**  
**4-7 pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**8-Noon on the 14<sup>th</sup>**

**We are looking for anyone that is interested in  
helping plan the sale.**

**Please contact Sharon Cullmann or  
Sara Oldenburg.**

## August 2024 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

August 4<sup>th</sup>                      Avis Evenson  
August 11th                    Josiah Wolbrink  
August 18th                   Nancy Olson  
August 25<sup>th</sup>                    Becky Auna

### Sound Room

Gideon Wolbrink  
Dane Bohnsack  
Kelly Crusan  
Lily Oldenburg

Music:                          Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones, Caroline Sells, Vicki Arndt, Joan Spitz  
Head Usher:                 Shawn McAlister  
Communion:                 Jenni Loging, Becky Auna, Charles Engel

### **Per Capita**

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

***The Per Capita is \$36.30 per member for 2024***

### ELDERS

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Becca Bohnsack Sherry Bonsall</i>	<i>Kelly Crusan Greg Meeuwsen</i>
<i>Class of 2024 Youth Elder</i>	<i>Gideon Wolbrink</i>	
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Mike Siekert Shawn McAlister</i>	<i>Shayna Arndt Pamela Twining</i>
<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Chris Winther Charles Engel</i>	<i>Jenni Loging Nick Miller</i>

### DEACONS

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Becky Auna Karen Quackenbush</i>	<i>Vickie Holt</i>
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Helen Harold Kris Seeger Diana Engel</i>	<i>Diana Swim Lois Sanwick</i>



# PASTOR VISIT

Would you like a visit from the Pastor?

You are important to the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. Please contact the church office if you would like a pastoral visit or to set up an appointment with the pastor. Call 608-786-0910 or [preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)

The ongoing mission of **The Presbyterian Women** is to support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) by collecting needed items. This list will be updated as their needs change.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Salvation Army and WINN Needs

Tents (new or gently used)

Sleeping Bags (new or gently used)

Bug spray and other camping equipment

Adult men's hoodie sweatshirts – all sizes (new or gently used)

Backpacks (new or gently used)

\$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Subway or Kwik Trip

All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary and we will get the items to the correct organization.

Of course either organization would accept monetary donations as well.



Communion Sunday  
August 11th



# REMINDER

***Sunday Morning Worship Services start at 9am  
running through August 25<sup>th</sup>.  
No Coffee Time prior to Service.***



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

## Stay Connected!

Visit our website: [www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com](http://www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com)



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Sunday Worship 9 am

### OFFICE HOURS

*Pastor Dan McCurdy* • Monday through Thursday 8:45 am. - 2:00 pm.

[DanielSMcCurdy@gmail.com](mailto:DanielSMcCurdy@gmail.com) • 330.465.4794

*Church Office* • Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30 am. – 1:30 pm.  
[preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)