



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

October 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....

There's something powerful about working with our younger church members. The youth group, our kids ranging from junior high to high school, present a very interesting opportunity in leadership, because they are getting to the point where they start asking questions. How we handle those questions says a lot about who we are as a church.

I often end up in situations where I have the opportunity to speak to people from other churches and traditions, and in many of them, questions were not encouraged, in fact, sometimes they were outright suppressed. Questions came from doubt, they were told, and since it was more important to believe, they were given shame for their questioning and told to "just have a stronger faith." As if that was a switch one can merely flip!

Questioning is important in the life of faith. And when we welcome those questions, especially from our children, we find that our faith, and in so doing, our entire body of faith, becomes more powerful for it. Because when questioning is suppressed, EVENTUALLY the facade breaks down, and people just feel lied to. But when questioning is encouraged, even if we get stuff wrong along the way, people feel like we are growing.

So work with kids. Do your best with the questions. And when it turns out you got something wrong, trust that your honesty in that process will show that rather than lying to them, you were simply joining them in growing.

Pastor Dan



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School
9 am

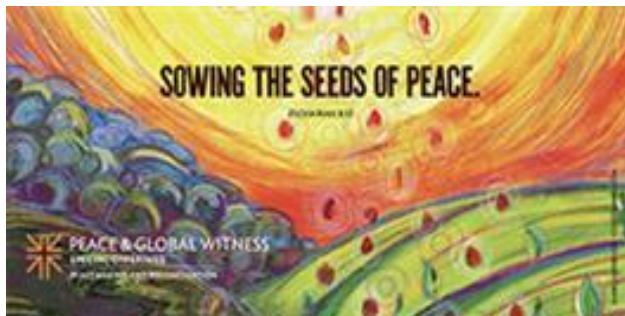
Sunday Bible Study
9-9:45 am
Galilee Room

Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)
6-7 pm at Church

Confirmation Classes
9:15 am in Chapel

Nursery

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



Peace and Global Witness Offering

"Every fall our church participates in the Peace and Global Witness Offering. It is one of our four special offerings collected throughout the year. **The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected September 8th thru October 6th (World Communion Sunday).** This Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Our congregation is allowed to retain 25% of this offering to be given to a cause in our local community that promotes peacemaking efforts. Please be in prayer about this offering and consider a gift to this worthwhile cause."



Handbell Practices

6:30 pm
Thursday Evenings



Choir Practice

7:30 pm
Thursday Evenings

Need more information contact Vicki
Arndt at 608-790-1210,
email Arndt.vicki@gmail.com, or
catch me in church!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Church Choral Concert
November 10th - 2 pm



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, October 23rd
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
In-House**



Sunday October 27th

8:45am

Pumpkins and paint will be provided. This is different this year because it is before church, but this way the pumpkins will have a chance to dry during church so you can take them home. Sunday school will be combined with our painting so there won't be a conflict. This is a fun time so please join us!! Pumpkin painting is for kids of all ages even if they are not involved with Sunday school. See you there!!!!



**Trunk or Treat
Halloween Night
Village Park
3:00pm - 5:00pm**

Come see us!!! We have to make around 800 treat bags so if anyone can donate some candy it will be very appreciated.

It can be left in the kitchen at church or give it to Sherry Bonsall or Pam Twining.



Fall Stewardship Campaign

Be on the lookout in your mailbox for the 2024 Fall Stewardship Campaign letter arriving by mid-September. **We ask that pledge cards be returned to church by October 13th."**

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
9:30 am*



Tabitha Circle

1st and 3rd Mondays
from 11:30-2:30
Bring a Lunch



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 October 2024

Cameron Lambertson	October 01
Mark Wolf	October 04
Margie Denson	October 05
Diana Engel	October 05
David Noel	October 06
Trisha Jones	October 07
Payton Wolf	October 07
Helen Harold	October 08
Kristjan Sells	October 08
Clark Burdick	October 10
Gwyn Calvetti	October 10
Randy Griffin	October 10
Vickie Bain	October 11
Pete Hass	October 11
Sheryl Lee	October 17
Terry Loging	October 17
Sharon Shaw	October 17
Jessica Steinborn	October 17
David Silbaugh	October 18
Lynda Bahr	October 19
Heidi Horton	October 20
Ava Schuster	October 22
Kim Seeger	October 22
Scott Griffin	October 25
Colin Hass	October 28
Wilbert Steinborn	October 28
Gideon Wolbrink	October 28
Jaycob Brown	October 30
Joyce Garves	October 31

Apple Pies for Sale
\$10.00 each



You can purchase them by contacting Diana Engel at (608) 786-1560 or 1-(608) 386-0860 during the week or after church on Sundays

October 2024 Worship Teams

Liturgists

October 6th
October 13th
October 20th
October 27th

Diana Engel
Dan Wolbrink
Jenni Loging
Barbara Hopkins

Sound Room

Ethan Crusan
Gideon Wolbrink
Kelly Crusan
Dane Bohnsack

Music: Greg Meeuwsen, Joan Spitz, Caroline Sells, Vicki Arndt
Head Usher: Charles Engel
Communion: Greg Meeuwsen, Shawn McAlister, Karen Quackenbush, Mike Siekert, Shayna Arndt, Diana Swim

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

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

Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, body soap, socks, sweat pants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, towels, tampons, men's winter gloves, men's long underwear, men's long sleeve under shirts, and hand warmers.

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
October 6th



*If you have a loved one who passed in the past year that you would like remembered, please provide the name, date of birth, date of death and photo to the church secretary (preschurchws@gmail.com) for the slide show before **November 1st***

*Please also be with us on that day
to light a candle in their memory.*

Please submit newsletter information
to the office by the 15th of each month:
preschurchws@gmail.com

Stay Connected!

Visit our website: www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com



625 W Franklin Street • West Salem, WI • 54669 • 608.786.0910

Sunday Worship 10:15 am

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Church Office • Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30 am. – 1:30 pm.
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