



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

November 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 we enter into the season of the Holidays, we find a system with a lot of joy, but as we get older, we also start to feel grief. So much of the Holiday season is designed to recall the joy of the past, but with each song, each meal, each moment, we also get reminded of the things that changed, of the faces that aren't with us anymore.

Grief is a part of life, an act of love. But in a time when we feel almost obligated to be happy, the grief of what has been lost can become almost overwhelming in its scope.

Grief is pain that, in my opinion, cannot be hidden, or locked up. It is a wound that can only heal by being permitted to bleed. Starting with All Saints, and moving into the Holidays, I invite you to come with us on a journey that will, yes, find plenty of Joy, but that will also honor the grief that so many of us feel.

Because while yes, we want to provide that joy and happiness to the young ones, in showing them how we feel our grief, we also equip them to feel their own. And sometimes, that is the best Holiday gift we could ever give.

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**



"Since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition. Each year the offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families and Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

**This offering will be collected through December 24th.** As we make our way to the manger celebrating the wondrous birth of the Christ child, please consider a gift to this worthwhile offering once again this year.

Thank you!"



## **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](mailto:Arndt.vicki@gmail.com), or  
catch me in church!

**Church Music Concert**  
**November 10<sup>th</sup> - 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, November 27th  
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
In-House**



*Fund raiser for Presbyterian Women's missions*

**Saturday, December 7th**

**9am-1pm**

**Cookie Walk** – Homemade Goodness \$6/lb

**Craft Fair** – Outside Vendors and Congregation Crafters

**Baked Breakfast Buffet** \$5.00/person, 5 and under free

**Congregation:** Please bring 4-5 dozen cookies per family for the cookie walk. Other baked goods accepted as well. All craft donations welcome. Bring cookies and crafts to the church before 7 pm on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Craft Vendors:** Tables are available for \$25. Set up starts at 7am Saturday, December 7th.

**Please contact Becky Auna to rent a table,  
608-786-0097**

**Contact the PW board with questions.**

Becca Bohnsack 608-738-2975, Becky Auna 608 786 0097,  
Sharon Cullmann 608-797-1732, Jenni Logging 608-769-1883  
or Val Olson 608-397-1568



During the upcoming season of Advent, the Stewardship & Mission Committee is once again sponsoring a "Giving Tree," with funds going to the purchase of items from The Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Gifts to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are signs of our gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together, however large or small, we expand our witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world.

**We will have a tree set up in the back of the sanctuary that will have envelopes with varying dollar amounts and causes printed on them.** For example, one envelope will be for giving a \$10 donation going toward the purchase of farming tools, while another envelope will be for giving a \$25 donation going toward the purchase of a family of chickens, and so on.

**We hope you would consider making a gift to our 2024 Giving Tree. It will be fun to see what our congregation can purchase this Advent season for those in need around the world. Thank you!"**



**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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 November 2024**

<b>Pamela Twining</b>	<b>November 09</b>
<b>Aubree Hill</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Kendall Hill</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Colene Miller</b>	<b>November 12</b>
<b>Avis Evenson</b>	<b>November 13</b>
<b>Mark Wuensch</b>	<b>November 13</b>
<b>Will Griffin</b>	<b>November 14</b>
<b>Joseph Silbaugh</b>	<b>November 15</b>
<b>Mike Koeneke</b>	<b>November 18</b>
<b>Laura Stephenson</b>	<b>November 19</b>
<b>Richard Carlson</b>	<b>November 20</b>
<b>Jerry Quackenbush</b>	<b>November 20</b>
<b>Mariah Terry</b>	<b>November 21</b>
<b>Danielle Wehrs</b>	<b>November 22</b>
<b>Marilyn Bahr</b>	<b>November 23</b>
<b>Annabelle Baker</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>Keahna Littlejohn</b>	<b>November 25</b>
<b>Charles Engel</b>	<b>November 26</b>
<b>Janet Twining</b>	<b>November 26</b>
<b>Joy Raymer</b>	<b>November 27</b>

*Ecumenical  
Thanksgiving  
Service*

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**St. Teresa Catholic Church**

Food and cash donations accepted for  
the West Salem Care and Share Food Pantry  
Refreshments after the service

**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**

## November 2024 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

November 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Nick Miller  
November 10<sup>th</sup>                  Martha Burdick  
November 17th                 Josiah Wolbrink  
November 24th                 Lily Oldenburg

### Sound Room

Lily Oldenburg  
Evan Crusan  
Kelly Crusan  
Josiah Wolbrink

Music:                              Greg Meeuwsen, Caroline Sells, Vicki Arndt  
Head Usher:                      Jenni Loging  
Communion:                      Charles Engel, Jenni Loging, Becky Auna, Chris Winther, Pam Twining,  
Lois Sanwick

### 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>



**November 26th  
12:30 – 5:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall**

# 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.

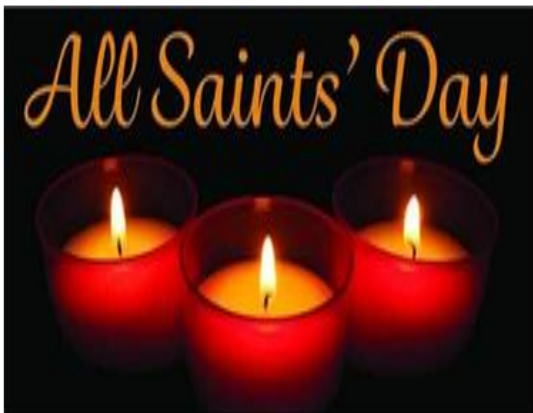
**Salvation Army and WINN Needs**

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

Gift cards from McDonald's and Subway

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.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**Communion Sunday  
November 10<sup>th</sup>**



**November 24<sup>th</sup> After Service**



Please submit newsletter information  
to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month:  
*preschurchws@gmail.com*

### Stay Connected!

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



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Sunday Worship 10:15 am

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

*DanielSMcCurdy@gmail.com* • 330.465.4794

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

*preschurchws@gmail.com*