



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

February 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....

After all of the lead up to the New Year it can sometimes feel like a bit of a letdown when it finally arrives. Eager to move on from the hardships of the year previous, we wait and long for relief and find that life is continuing on more or less in the same way it was the previous December and now we are faced to do it all again, or so it seems.

There ARE changes, but in many ways, we are called upon to BE those changes. The Bible is a long history of the people of God being called upon to bring justice and hope to those around them, rather than God providing those things through miraculous means. Not that miracles don't happen, but rather that God reminds us that we are to be participants in the world, rather than dispassionate observers of it.

Sunday School Classes are going, worship services are being planned (you might even notice some changes to the liturgy while I experiment with how we worship week to week) and we are electing and ordaining new leaders to guide us in new seasons. In many ways, the problems are the same, but in others, they can be different, often in the ways that matter most.

So it's not REALLY a beginning so much as a continuation, but even so, I find it useful to give beginning of the trip advice. Remember to pace yourself, to care for yourself as you care for others. Share the load with those who can hold it even as you offer to help those who cannot.

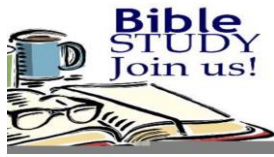
Be the Love and Hope God sends to the world this year.

Pastor Dan





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Adult Bible Study

Sundays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
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 February 5th



**February 22nd
6:30 pm**



Youth Group!

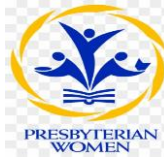
All youth in grades 6-12 are invited
**Wednesdays, February 1st
and February 15th
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

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.***



PW Women's Breakfast Meeting UPDATE

Join us for a Breakfast Meeting of the Presbyterian Women of West Salem on Saturday February 25th, at 9:00am in the Galilee Room at church.

We will be discussing what the Presbyterian Women's group will look like going forward. If you would like, bring a breakfast dish to pass.

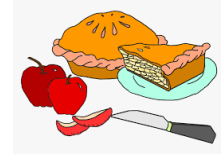
Have your creative ideas ready. We will talk about how we can fulfill our vision of giving to local, regional, national, and international mission projects while enjoying the fellowship of christian women at the same time.

Our activity for the meeting will be to put together goodie bags for shut-ins.

Please bring something to add to the bags. Examples would be individually wrapped food items, candy or sweets, small crafts etc. We have about 8-10 shut-ins on the list, please bring enough for each shut-in.

Have questions? Contact Becca Bohnsack, Becky Auna, Sharon Cullmann, Carol Griffin, or Val Olson.

We can't wait to see you there!"



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, February 22nd
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
Tuesdays and Fridays
9-10 AM
Fellowship Hall



The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers
You would work twice a year on a Saturday
from 10-12 a.m. along with two other people.
The year's schedule begins in September
and runs through August.

Our church has several volunteers who have helped
for many years and we really appreciate their
service. Please consider this opportunity to help
make a difference for our community.
Contact Helen Harold-608-786-0856 to answer any
questions you may have and or to offer your help.



Birthdays to Celebrate in February 2023

Charlotte Steinborn	February 02
Ted Yankee	February 02
Mason Gress	February 03
Jacob Cvikota	February 05
Kathy Schedin	February 05
Jim Cullmann	February 08
Kelly Lusk	February 08
Genevieve Sprain	February 08
Amy Kalember	February 10
Valerie Olson	February 10
Ray Ebert	February 12
Jocelyn Heller	February 13
Maddox Rogers	February 14
Christine Siroin	February 14
Andy Raymer	February 15
Anne Zalewski	February 15
Faith Holt	February 16
Dave Miller	February 19
Laura Burdick	February 20
Teresa DeLong	February 20
Kris Schwier	February 20
Janna Seeger	February 20
Kathy Brummond	February 23
Kayleighanna Wrencher	February 24
Tiffani LaJeunesse	February 25
Mary Winther	February 25
JoDeen Kobishop	February 26
Nicole Griffin	February 27

February 2023 Worship Teams

Liturgists

February 5th Christ Winther
 February 12th Shayna Arndt
 February 19th Caroline Sells
 February 22nd
 February 26th Ethan Crusan

Sound Room

Logan Oldenburg
 Dane Bohnsack
 Josiah Wolbrink
 Evan Crusan
 Lily Oldenburg

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones

Head Usher: Nick Miller

Communion: Sharon Cullmann, Nick Miller, Kris Seeger, Charles Engel, Sara Oldenburg, Shayna Arndt

**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

ANNUAL
CHURCH
MEETING

February 5th
After Sunday Morning
Worship Service

ELDERS

<i>Class of 2023</i>	Charles Engel	Nick Miller
	Sara Oldenburg	Sharon Cullmann
<i>Class of 2023</i>		
<i>Youth Elders</i>	Gideon Wolbrink	Ethan Crusan
<i>Class of 2024</i>	Becca Bohnsack	Kelly Crusan
	Sherry Bonsall	Greg Meeuwsen
<i>Class of 2025</i>	Mike Siekert	Shayna Arndt
	Shawn McAlister	Pamela Twining

DEACONS

<i>Class of 2023</i>	Helen Harold	Diana Swim
	Carol Griffin	Jenni Loging
	Kris Seeger	
<i>Class of 2025</i>	Becky Auna	Jackie Siekert
	Vickie Holt	Mary Tschida
	Karen Quackenbush	



Nursery

FEBRUARY 2023 SCHEDULE

February	5	Tate & Dax Pfaff
February	12	Ayden & Ava Schuster
February	19	Evan Crusan
February	26	Evelyn Raymer





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

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Visit our website: www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.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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***Church Office* • Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30 am. – 1:30 pm.**
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