



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

March 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....

I always feel like the articles that I write at the start of Lent come out sounding the same. We are in a time of growth, a spiritual journey that leads us from remembering our mortality on Ash Wednesday to seeing death itself defeated on Easter. That's quite a pilgrimage, and so it really doesn't need a lot of window dressing... looking within ourselves for the things we can improve, while facing our own mortality and looking forward to the defeat of death itself, that's plenty to be getting along with.

In fact, if anything, it might be TOO much. When we get overloaded, overwhelmed, it's easy to just let it all fade into the background, and content ourselves with stuff like giving up chocolate for a month instead of really challenging ourselves. The world is already a messy enough place, right?

When you think about it, Lent isn't all that weird for what is said... after all, going from the prayer of confession to the Benediction is often a mini-lent we do every week. The difference is, on your average Sunday, the trip is blink and you'll miss it; much like light, it moves so fast that if you don't know how to look, it's hard to tell that it is moving at all.

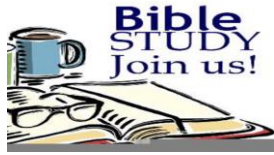
Lent slows things down. Gives us 40 days (not counting Sundays) to take that journey, and really see it, really experience it for ourselves. It's something I always look forward to, and I hope you'll join me.

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
are welcome**

## 10 Reasons To Bring Your Child to Sunday School

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child. Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

- 1. Age Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?
- 2. Friends:** In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
- 3. It's Fun:** Sunday School is not Disney Land, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
- 4. Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
- 5. Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
- 6. Praying Teachers:** Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
- 7. Big Reward For a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
- 8. Send the Right Message:** Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
- 9. Adult Bible Fellowship:** While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.
- 10. You'll Be On Time:** Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.



## Youth Group!

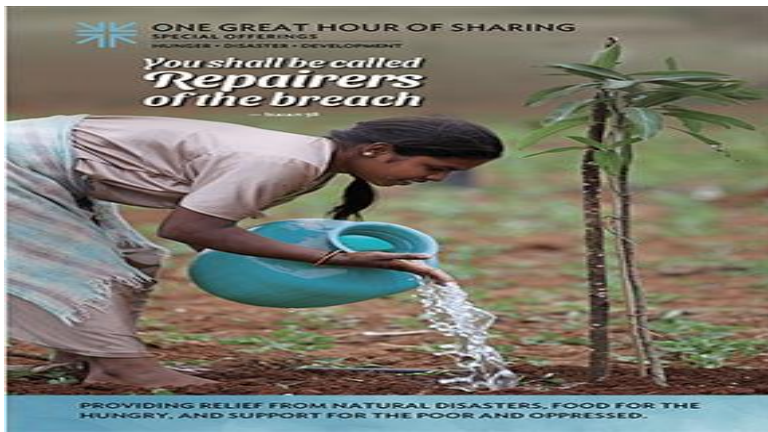
All youth in grades 6-12 are invited  
**Wednesdays, March 1st  
and March 15th  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

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.***



For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

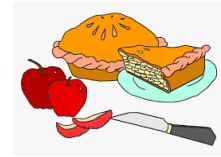
From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

As we move through this Lenten season, we hope you would consider a gift to this worthwhile offering with worldwide impact.

We will be collecting gifts until Easter Sunday.

Thank you for your continued support of this life changing Presbyterian special offering.

The Stewardship & Mission Committee



## 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, March 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.***

During the season of Lent, the **Stewardship & Mission Committee** is collecting items for the **West Salem Care & Share Food Pantry** housed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Their current needs are cereal (other than Cheerios), canned fruit and vegetables, pasta (other than Macaroni and Cheese), and personal hygiene products (hair care products, deodorant, feminine products, etc).

Items can be brought to church and placed in the food pantry cart in the entryway between the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.

Any items you can contribute would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



### 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 March 2023***

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Shawn McAlister</b>     | <b>March 02</b> |
| <b>Nelda Manter</b>        | <b>March 03</b> |
| <b>Shirley Beaty</b>       | <b>March 04</b> |
| <b>Christian McAlister</b> | <b>March 05</b> |
| <b>Sean Horton</b>         | <b>March 06</b> |
| <b>Josie LaJeunesse</b>    | <b>March 06</b> |
| <b>Aila Meeuwsen</b>       | <b>March 06</b> |
| <b>Angela Molling</b>      | <b>March 06</b> |
| <b>Becca Bohnsack</b>      | <b>March 07</b> |
| <b>Jim Rogala</b>          | <b>March 07</b> |
| <b>Connor Brown</b>        | <b>March 09</b> |
| <b>Carolyn Lindeman</b>    | <b>March 15</b> |
| <b>Willis Jones</b>        | <b>March 16</b> |
| <b>Tracey Rogers</b>       | <b>March 17</b> |
| <b>Virgil Thompson</b>     | <b>March 17</b> |
| <b>Bob Elliott</b>         | <b>March 18</b> |
| <b>Marilee Zalewski</b>    | <b>March 18</b> |
| <b>Jim Leicht</b>          | <b>March 20</b> |
| <b>Greg Meeuwsen</b>       | <b>March 20</b> |
| <b>Isaac Wolbrink</b>      | <b>March 24</b> |
| <b>Heath Byrnes</b>        | <b>March 25</b> |
| <b>Catherine Siekert</b>   | <b>March 25</b> |
| <b>Jack Twining</b>        | <b>March 25</b> |
| <b>Sandy Carlson</b>       | <b>March 26</b> |
| <b>Nancy Koenek</b>        | <b>March 27</b> |
| <b>Jane Foner</b>          | <b>March 29</b> |
| <b>Kyle Rogers</b>         | <b>March 30</b> |



Lenten  
Soup  
Suppers



**Lenten Soup Suppers**  
**March 1st - March 29th**  
**Wednesdays**  
**5pm - 6pm**

**Mid-Week Lenten Services**  
**March 1st - March 29th**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 pm**

## March 2023 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| March 1 <sup>st</sup>  |                |
| March 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Martha Burdick |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>  |                |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup> | Jenni Loging   |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup> |                |
| March 19 <sup>th</sup> | Erica Crusan   |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup> | Kevin Arndt    |

### Sound Room

Gideon Wolbrink  
Ethan Crusan  
Logan Oldenburg  
Dane Bohnsack  
Josiah Wolbrink  
Evan Crusan

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones

Head Usher: Ryan Pfaff

Communion: Becca Bohnsack, Kelly Crusan, Diana Swim, Sherry Bonsall, Greg Meeuwsen, Ethan Crusan

**Are you 60+ looking for  
FREE FOOD?**

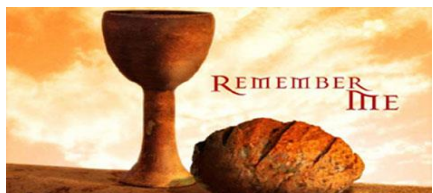


**CHECK OUT THE HUNGER TASK FORCE SENIOR  
STOCKBOX PROGRAM!**

TO APPLY:  
CALL (608) 793 - 1002 OR VISIT  
[LACROSSEHTF.ORG/GET-HELP/SENIOR-STOCKBOX](http://LACROSSEHTF.ORG/GET-HELP/SENIOR-STOCKBOX)

### ELDERS

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



**Communion Sunday  
March 5th**

### DEACONS

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



Nursery

### March 2023 SCHEDULE

|       |    |                |
|-------|----|----------------|
| March | 5  | Evelyn Raymer  |
| March | 12 | Lily Oldenburg |
| March | 19 | Deacon Meyers  |
| March | 26 | Brynn Loging   |



**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Monday, March 27th**

**12:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

**Located here in the Church**

**To schedule appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)**



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**P O Box 861**  
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to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month:**  
***preschurchws@gmail.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.**

**DanielSMcCurdy@gmail.com • 330.465.4794**

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