



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

April 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....

**He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!  
Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**And that MEANS something! It means that all that once held us back can be let go, it means that Death's sway is limited, it means that nothing on Heaven or Earth can separate us from the love of God.**

**It means you can fight for justice without overstepping your bounds. It means that you can advocate for kindness even if it means not being nice. It means that you can walk humbly with your God without wondering whether or not you're doing it correctly.**

**It means that the mistakes we shed no longer have to define us. It means the old ruts we were trapped in can be escaped. It means that we can decide what we want our church to be, comfortable in the knowledge that Christ's grace covers not just the mistakes we've already made, but the mistakes we will make in the days, weeks, months, years, and even decades to come.**

**It means we get to live now, not in an attempt to recreate the faith of our elders, but to forge a new one of our own, knowing that we will mess up along the way just like our elders did before us.**

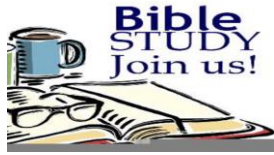
**It means that God loves you, has always loved you, and will always love you. And that no matter how hurt you are, how weird you get, or how lost you become, there will always be room for you at the table.**

**Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!**





# 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, April 5th**

**and April 19th**

**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.**

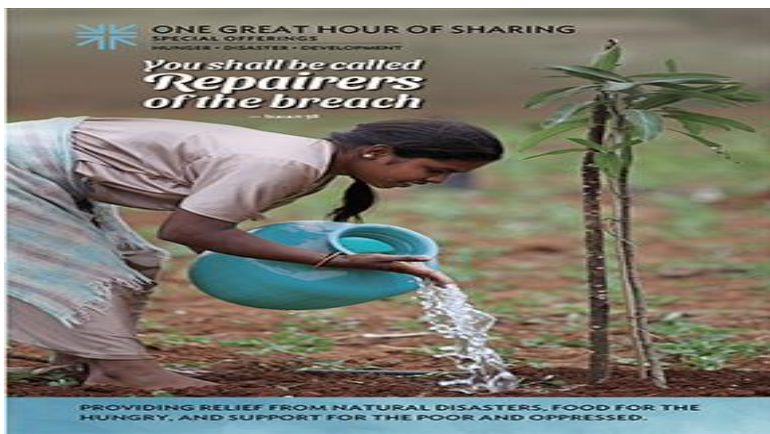
**Available for 4K and under only.**



## Summer Camp Scholarships

Applications are due in church office  
by May 15<sup>th</sup>

Questions: Contact Sara Oldenburg,  
Jenni Logging, Kevin Arndt or Shayna Arndt



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.

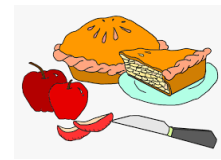
From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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, April 26th**  
**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

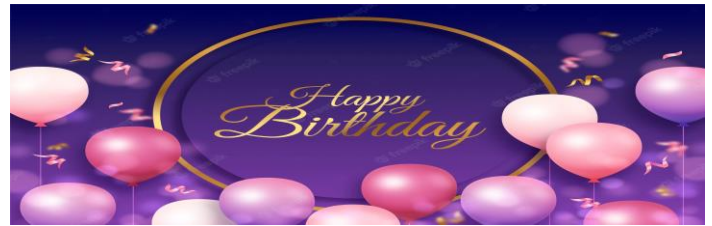
**Tithes and Offerings  
can be mailed to:**

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



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

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*



***Birthdays to Celebrate in April 2023***

<b><i>Jamie Holt</i></b>	<b><i>April 01</i></b>
<b><i>Bethany McAlister</i></b>	<b><i>April 01</i></b>
<b><i>Cindy Bergh</i></b>	<b><i>April 02</i></b>
<b><i>Jackie Siekert</i></b>	<b><i>April 02</i></b>
<b><i>Molly Baker</i></b>	<b><i>April 03</i></b>
<b><i>Evelyn Raymer</i></b>	<b><i>April 03</i></b>
<b><i>Barry Schimke</i></b>	<b><i>April 06</i></b>
<b><i>Mary Griffin</i></b>	<b><i>April 07</i></b>
<b><i>Charles Wehrs</i></b>	<b><i>April 07</i></b>
<b><i>Mike Fisher</i></b>	<b><i>April 08</i></b>
<b><i>Coyah Hill</i></b>	<b><i>April 08</i></b>
<b><i>Olivia Hopkins</i></b>	<b><i>April 08</i></b>
<b><i>Wesley Sweet</i></b>	<b><i>April 08</i></b>
<b><i>Samuel Horton</i></b>	<b><i>April 10</i></b>
<b><i>Scott Horton</i></b>	<b><i>April 13</i></b>
<b><i>Logan Oldenburg</i></b>	<b><i>April 13</i></b>
<b><i>Rick Brown</i></b>	<b><i>April 15</i></b>
<b><i>Brianna Holt</i></b>	<b><i>April 15</i></b>
<b><i>Daniel Wolbrink</i></b>	<b><i>April 16</i></b>
<b><i>Susan Hicks</i></b>	<b><i>April 17</i></b>
<b><i>David Griffin</i></b>	<b><i>April 18</i></b>
<b><i>Laura Lusk</i></b>	<b><i>April 18</i></b>
<b><i>Sara Oldenburg</i></b>	<b><i>April 18</i></b>
<b><i>Pat Meyer</i></b>	<b><i>April 21</i></b>
<b><i>Erika Crusan</i></b>	<b><i>April 23</i></b>
<b><i>Kari Schuster</i></b>	<b><i>April 23</i></b>
<b><i>Lily Oldenburg</i></b>	<b><i>April 24</i></b>
<b><i>Steve Anderson</i></b>	<b><i>April 27</i></b>
<b><i>Tim Rogers</i></b>	<b><i>April 28</i></b>
<b><i>Jamie Mattson</i></b>	<b><i>April 29</i></b>

***Maundy Thursday***

***Service is at 6:30 pm***





## April 2023 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

April 2nd	Helen Harold
April 6th	
April 9th	Barbara Hopkins
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Olson
April 23rd	Josiah Wolbrink
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Wolbrink

### Sound Room

Kelly Crusan
Dane Bohnsack
Josiah Wolbrink
Evan Crusan
Lily Oldenburg
Gideon Wolbrink

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones

Head Usher: Kelly Crusan

Communion: Sherry Bonsall, Shawn McAlister, Sara Oldenburg, Vickie Holt, Pam Twining, Gideon Wolbrink

**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

### 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



**Communion Sunday**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### 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

### APRIL 2023 SCHEDULE

April 2	Aliana Jones
April 9	Elsa & Josiah Wolbrink
April 16	Annabelle & Bradley Baker
April 23	Tate & Dax Pfaff
April 30	Ayden & Ava Schuster



**EASTER IS COMING !!!**

Easter is almost here and we will be serving Easter Breakfast again.

Come join us from **9:00AM-10:00AM**

before the Easter service **on Sunday April 9th.**

There will be egg bakes, sausages, muffins,  
fruit and beverages.

Also lots of good fellowship and conversation, so please come !!!!!



Pre-sign up is appreciated, but, not required. Please return ticket to:

**Committee members:**

Kristjan Sells, Chris Winther, Dave Bohnsak, Ron Seeger, Kelly Crusan, Terry Zalewski, Ben Baker

Or

**Drop off or mail to:**

Presbyterian Church of West Salem  
625 W. Franklin St  
West Salem WI 54669

**Make all checks payable to:  
Presbyterian Women**

***Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet***

Saturday, May 13th at 6:00 PM

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00/ea = \_\_\_\_\_

Kids (12 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00/ea = \_\_\_\_\_

(under 5) \_\_\_\_\_ **FREE!**

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet***

Join us at **6:00 PM** on  
**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
at the Presbyterian Church of West Salem

***Menu Features***

***Grilled Turkey***

*With all the extras, **plus**, Man Made Cake!*

**Professionally prepared and served  
by the men of the church.**

**Followed by**

***Energetic, Unusual, and, Most Definitely,***

***"Unforgettable Entertainment"***

**Featuring the "Beam-o-ettes"**

Plus, a bunch of other "Highly Unusual" performances!

**-----This is not one you want to miss-----**

<Bring your family <Bring your friends

<Bring people you don't even know!



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

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

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