



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

May 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....

As I am writing this, there is snow outside. SNOW. It's APRIL.

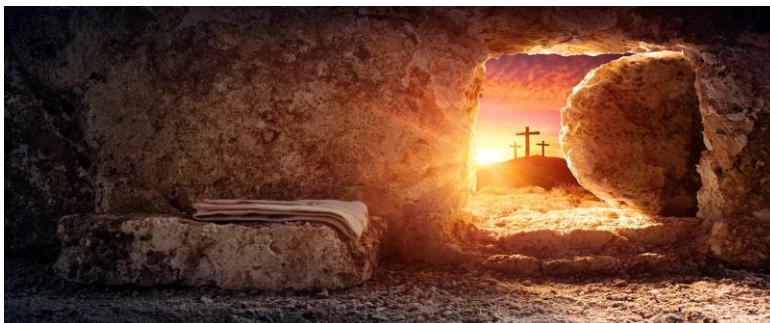
And yeah, I know that HAPPENS. It's happened a few times, actually, since I moved to Wisconsin back in 2013. But STILL, I'm kinda over snow. Wanted to make a joke about how if it was just going to snow AGAIN, my Lamplighter article from back in January should do fine, except that article was about New Years and you'd probably all notice.

Of course, the life of faith can be like that, sometimes. We like to keep progressing, to keep learning, to always be moving forward, but sometimes we feel like we're being pulled backward. Our faith, which once seemed so strong, seems to have yanked from us and we're hurled into the uncertainty of the past.

But that's how the world is, and how faith works. Some days our prayers of confession are quick and to the point, others, we feel like we need a bit more time before shouting Alleluia. That's why we keep confessing. We KNOW that we aren't perfect. So long as we keep working on it, so long as we keep trying, we can keep generally moving forwards.

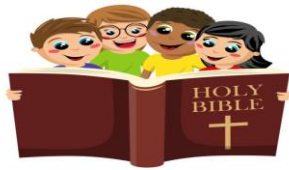
But sometimes, yes, it means we get snow in April.

Pastor Dan

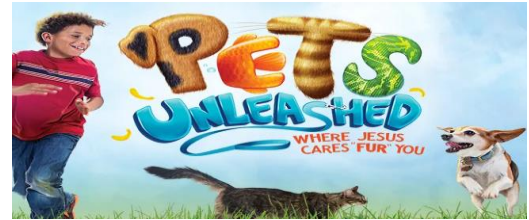




CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Sunday School
And Sunday Morning Youth Group
Ended for the School Year.**



VBS

**August 14th, 15th, 16th
5:30 – 7:45 pm**

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, May 3rd and May 17th
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 15th**

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



"For many years, our congregation has joined together with countless other Presbyterian churches in collecting the **Pentecost** offering.

This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A gift to the Pentecost offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our congregation in an effort to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

We will collect this offering until Pentecost Sunday on May 28th.

The **Stewardship & Mission Committee** thanks you for your consideration of gifts to this worthwhile offering!"



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, May 24th
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.



Spring Rummage Sale
Friday, May 19th, 7 am – 7 pm
Saturday, May 20th, 8 am to 3 pm

We need help every day starting
Monday, May 15th through Thursday, May 18th
from 9 am to 5 pm.

Please plan on giving us as much help as you can.
You can also bring your clean, usable rummage
starting after church
on Sunday the 14th of May.

We would like to have a plant sale, so, if you
have plants to share, please bring them also.

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
No Group on May 16th
or May 19th
Tuesdays and Fridays
9-10 AM
Fellowship Hall



Roadside Cleanup
May 6th
3:30 pm



Birthdays to Celebrate in May 2023

<i>Trevor Jones</i>	<i>May 02</i>
<i>Jane Wines</i>	<i>May 02</i>
<i>Dax Pfaff</i>	<i>May 04</i>
<i>Melissa Norman</i>	<i>May 08</i>
<i>Neil Bain</i>	<i>May 09</i>
<i>Grady LaJeunesse</i>	<i>May 09</i>
<i>Jerry Seeger</i>	<i>May 09</i>
<i>Ann Vallier</i>	<i>May 09</i>
<i>Brendan Holt</i>	<i>May 10</i>
<i>Rita Thompson</i>	<i>May 10</i>
<i>Kenny Hauser</i>	<i>May 11</i>
<i>Greg Shaw</i>	<i>May 12</i>
<i>Tanner Dunn</i>	<i>May 17</i>
<i>Lois Sanwick</i>	<i>May 17</i>
<i>Junior Schmidt</i>	<i>May 17</i>
<i>Brian Holt</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Brayden McAlister</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Kendall Stephenson</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Mary Tschida</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>Jolie Meyers</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<i>Kathy Anderson</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Lindy Meyers</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Jackie Schimke</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Carol Hass</i>	<i>May 25</i>
<i>Jacob Burdick</i>	<i>May 26</i>
<i>Brynn Loging</i>	<i>May 28</i>
<i>Alanna Wuensch</i>	<i>May 28</i>
<i>Nick Miller</i>	<i>May 29</i>
<i>Kyle Schuster</i>	<i>May 30</i>



May 2023 Worship Teams

Liturgists

May 7 th	Avis Evenson
May 14 th	Martha Burdick
May 21 st	Ethan Crusan
May 28 th	Nick Miller

Sound Room

Ethan Crusan
Kelly Crusan
Kelly Crusan
Dane Bohnsack

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones

Head Usher: Mike Siekert

Communion: Charles Engels, Nick Miller, Shayna Arndt, Becca Bohnsack, Diana Swim, Becky Auna

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



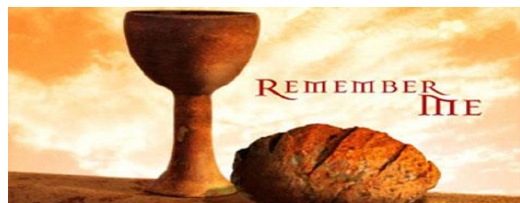
**CHECK OUT THE HUNGER TASK FORCE SENIOR
STOCKBOX PROGRAM!**

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
May 7th**

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

MAY 2023 SCHEDULE

May 7	Ethan Crusan
May 14	Evelyn Raymer
May 21	Lily Oldenburg
May 28	Deacon Meyers



**Hansen's IGA Brat Sale
May 6th
10am – 2pm**



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: _____

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 13th 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 15th of each month:
preschurchws@gmail.com

Stay Connected!

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.

DanielSMcCurdy@gmail.com • 330.465.4794

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

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