



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

June 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....

The heat is rising, the sun is shining, people are disappearing for proms, weddings, trips and vacations. Summer must be upon us!

Summer is always an interesting time in the life of the church, when nice weather, no school, and vacation weekends can make the church feel, sometimes, like a bit of a ghost town. Programs like Sunday School and Youth Group go on hiatus, and without the consistent energy of our kids, the building can take on a kind of relaxed vibe.

And that's fine! Performative business doesn't help anyone. It's okay when a committee mostly looks into stuff coming later, when everything isn't urgent. It gives us a chance to calm down, to reflect, and to do things like pray.

I DO encourage you to try to keep up attendance during the Summer. If you're out of town, our online services continue, and if internet access is wonky or you're looking to worship in person with people, finding a church to worship at while on the road might be a neat experience.

Community is an idea that hinges a decent amount on *momentum*. The church lost a lot of it during Covid. We had some built up that we lost when we had to shut down again in January of 2022, and I'd like to try to keep it going. Not necessarily for programs or for business or for other tasks, but to keep us in the habit of coming together, once a week, to live, laugh, pray, and worship together.

However yours goes, have a good Summer!

Pastor Dan





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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, June 7th and June 21st
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 Services open and
fully staffed.
Available for 4K
and under only.***

Backyard Ice Cream Social



**Sunday, June 18
2pm-4pm**

The event will take place in the backyard of the church (In the case of rain we will move to the Fellowship Hall.)

Greg Meeuwsen's band will be playing.

Bring lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon of music and ice cream.

Cost of admission is a free will donation.

**There will also be a bake sale.
We ask church members to bring items to sell at the bake sale.**

All funds raised will go toward PW mission projects.

Presbyterian Church Community Dinner

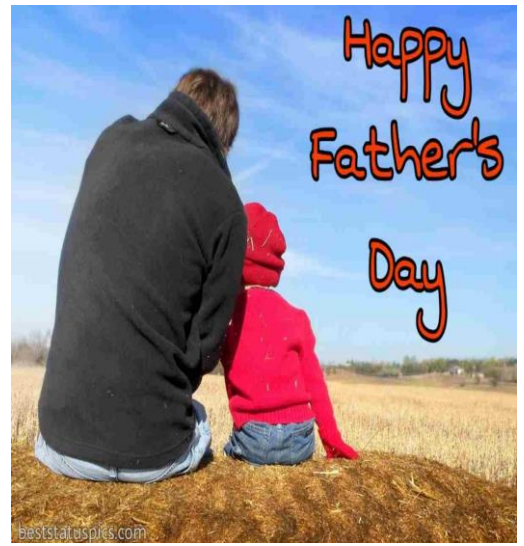


**Wednesday, June 28th
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
In-House**

Per Capita

Per Capita is an obligation for each member of the Presbyterian Church.

The Per Capita is \$35.15 per member for 2023.

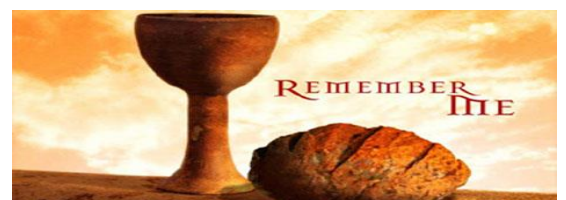


Tabitha Circle

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*



**Communion Sunday
June 4th**

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 Groups on June 20th, 23rd
or 27th, 30th
Tuesdays and Fridays
9-10 AM
Fellowship Hall



Birthdays to Celebrate in June 2023

<i>Lisa Jones</i>	<i>June 02</i>
<i>Crystal Wuensch</i>	<i>June 02</i>
<i>Addie Tourville</i>	<i>June 03</i>
<i>Caroline Sells</i>	<i>June 05</i>
<i>Chloe Wehrs</i>	<i>June 05</i>
<i>Karen Willinger</i>	<i>June 09</i>
<i>Emily Willinger</i>	<i>June 10</i>
<i>Evelyn Heller</i>	<i>June 11</i>
<i>Gavin Loging</i>	<i>June 11</i>
<i>David Onsrud</i>	<i>June 11</i>
<i>Brennan Gress</i>	<i>June 13</i>
<i>Jane Hunt-Gotisha</i>	<i>June 13</i>
<i>Ann Terry</i>	<i>June 13</i>
<i>Bianca Wolf</i>	<i>June 13</i>
<i>Karen Quackenbush</i>	<i>June 17</i>
<i>Tim Gress</i>	<i>June 19</i>
<i>Amity Hill</i>	<i>June 19</i>
<i>Fred Miller</i>	<i>June 19</i>
<i>Abigail McAlister</i>	<i>June 24</i>
<i>Norm Sanwick</i>	<i>June 24</i>
<i>Terry Zalewski</i>	<i>June 25</i>
<i>Grant Bohnsack</i>	<i>June 27</i>
<i>Katrina McCurdy</i>	<i>June 27</i>
<i>Lill Twining</i>	<i>June 27</i>
<i>Brandie Gress</i>	<i>June 28</i>
<i>Cole Seeger</i>	<i>June 30</i>

June 2023 Worship Teams

June 4th
June 11th
June 18th
June 25th

Liturgists

Becky Auna
Gideon Wolbrink
Howard Garves
Tiffani LaJeunesse

Sound Room

Josiah Wolbrink
Lily Oldenburg
Evan Crusan
Gideon Wolbrink

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones
Head Ushers: Kristjan Sells, Chris Winther, Kelly Crusan
Communion: Sherry Bonsall, Greg Meeuwsen, Kelly Crusan

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STOCKBOX PROGRAM!**

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ELDERS

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

DEACONS

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



Nursery JUNE 2023 SCHEDULE

June 4 Brynn Loging
June 11 Aliana Jones
June 18 Elsa & Josiah Wolbrink
June 25 Annabelle & Bradley Baker



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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.

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