



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

October 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 know the kids in the congregation will hate me a little for saying this, but I'm kind of glad summer has finally come to an end.

In general, I always prefer the cool or the cold to heat. When it's cold, you can always put on another sweater, or get under another blanket, whereas with the heat, you can only take so much off before people get nervous about having you work in church.

Also, we have a congregation of largely happy families going on fulfilling adventures and frankly I'm looking forward to having you all back in the building again.

One of my big bits of excitement is that the Choir has resumed practicing under our new Choir Director, Vicki Arndt, and we had quite a crowd show up for our first choir meeting/practice. I'm SUPER stoked to hear the music they will bring to our worship service in the months to come. More voices in worship are always welcome.

If you would like to be involved in the music of the church, be sure to get ahold of Vicki. The Choir is always open for more singers, and if you wish to help lead music but aren't sure about your singing voice, the Bell Choir will likely be resuming soon, as well.

It's exciting to see what is coming, so I hope you'll come and join us!

Pastor Dan



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 am – Grades 2-5, Youth Group

During Church – Grades K-2nd

**Kids will be dismissed to Sunday School
following the Children's Message**

**Families with 2nd graders can decide if their
child is ready for the older group and enjoys
listening to the sermon and participating in the
rest of the church service or if going with the
younger group during the service is a better fit.**

Nursery

*Available for 4K and
under only
No staffing available*



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.



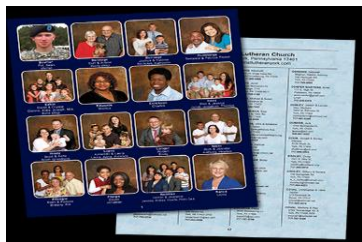
**Communion Sunday
October 1st**

The Choir Season is back and in full swing!! If you enjoy singing, fellowship, and a few laughs, then this is the place for you! What better way to praise God with singing than by joining your voice with ours! We rehearse on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary**. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Arndt at Arndt.vicki@gmail.com or call 608-790-1210. Hope you to see you at rehearsal!!!



Heads Up !!!!!!!

The Nominating Committee is looking for interested people to join committees as most of the committees need additional help. We will also need to elect several new Ruling Elders to replace those going off of Session. Please think seriously about volunteering your time and sharing your desire in helping this church grow and be the best church home possible. Thank You !!!!



Mark Your Calendars

**Family Directory
Photo Shoots!!**

**October 3rd and 4th
2:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

*We need everyone's help in creating a
successful and accurate church directory.*

We will be taking photos at Church.

*You can sign up in person
on Sundays before church
or go online*

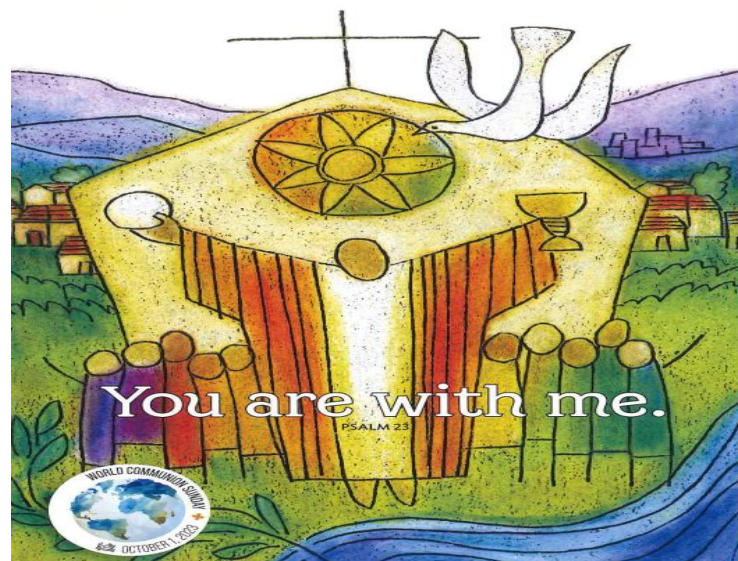
Online Scheduling

www.ucdir.com

**Click on Photography
Appointment Scheduling Login
church code - wi302
members pw - photos**



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



Peace and Global Witness Offering

"Every year our church participates in the Peace and Global Witness Offering. It is one of our four special offerings collected throughout the year.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected starting September 3rd thru October 1st (World Communion Sunday).

This Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

Our congregation is allowed to retain 25% of this offering to be given to a cause in our local community that promotes peacemaking efforts.

Please be in prayer about this offering and consider a gift to this worthwhile cause."

**Presbyterian Church
Community Dinner**



**Wednesday, October 25th
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**

Thank you so much to my wonderful church family for all your support, prayers, and cards when my sister passed away.

I can't tell you how much they all meant to me. I am so very lucky to have such a wonderful, supportive church family. **Thank you all so much!**

Barbara Hopkins

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



*Fellowship time
in the Fellowship Hall
9:30am – 10:00am*



Tabitha Circle

Bring your crafts and join us!
The first and third Monday
of each month at 1:00 p.m.



Exercise Group
Tuesdays and Fridays
9-10 AM
Fellowship Hall

Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to:

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



Birthdays October 2023

<i>Carlin Servais</i>	<i>October 03</i>
<i>Mark Wolf</i>	<i>October 04</i>
<i>Margie Denson</i>	<i>October 05</i>
<i>Diana Engel</i>	<i>October 05</i>
<i>David Noel</i>	<i>October 06</i>
<i>Pat Brummond</i>	<i>October 07</i>
<i>Trisha Jones</i>	<i>October 07</i>
<i>Payton Wolf</i>	<i>October 07</i>
<i>Helen Harold</i>	<i>October 08</i>
<i>Kristjan Sells</i>	<i>October 08</i>
<i>Clark Burdick</i>	<i>October 10</i>
<i>Gwyn Calvetti</i>	<i>October 10</i>
<i>Randy Griffin</i>	<i>October 10</i>
<i>Vickie Bain</i>	<i>October 11</i>
<i>Pete Hass</i>	<i>October 11</i>
<i>Sheryl Lee</i>	<i>October 17</i>
<i>Terry Loging</i>	<i>October 17</i>
<i>Sharon Shaw</i>	<i>October 17</i>
<i>Jessica Steinborn</i>	<i>October 17</i>
<i>David Silbaugh</i>	<i>October 18</i>
<i>Lynda Bahr</i>	<i>October 19</i>
<i>Easton Gerdes</i>	<i>October 19</i>
<i>Evelyn Benzing</i>	<i>October 20</i>
<i>Heidi Horton</i>	<i>October 20</i>
<i>Rachel Winther</i>	<i>October 21</i>
<i>Ava Schuster</i>	<i>October 22</i>
<i>Kim Seeger</i>	<i>October 22</i>
<i>Scott Griffin</i>	<i>October 25</i>
<i>Christopher Matthews</i>	<i>October 26</i>
<i>Colin Hass</i>	<i>October 28</i>
<i>Wilbert Steinborn</i>	<i>October 28</i>
<i>Gideon Wolbrink</i>	<i>October 28</i>
<i>Jaycob Brown</i>	<i>October 30</i>
<i>Joyce Garves</i>	<i>October 31</i>

October 2023 Worship Teams

Liturgists

October 1 st	Avis Evenson
October 8 th	Jane Foner
October 15 th	Tiffani LaJeunesse
October 22 nd	Josiah Wolbrink
October 29 th	Chris Winther

Sound Room

Gideon Wolbrink
Dane Bohnsack
Lily Oldenburg
Kelly Crusan
Evan Crusan

Music:	Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones
Head Usher:	Dave Bohnsack
Communion:	Kelly Crusan, Mike Siekert, Jenni Loging, Greg Meeuwsen, Shawn McAlister, Ethan Crusan



"Be on the lookout in your mailbox for the **2023 Fall Stewardship Campaign** letter arriving by mid-September.

We ask that pledge cards be returned to church by **October 15th.**"

ELDERS

<i>Class of 2023</i>	Charles Engel	Nick Miller
	Sara Oldenburg	Sharon Cullmann
<i>Class of 2023 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	

**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



Bingo at Mulders
October 3rd
2:30 pm



The Fall Rummage Sale was a huge success. We raised over \$7,800.00. Left over rummage went to many different places. The bulk of our items got packed in banana boxes for Good Steward. Restore or Habit for Humanity got our furniture. The Exchange got our bedding, lamps and some furniture. An orphanage in Columbia got our baby clothes. The day care center for Kwik Trip got our children's books. The men's clothes went to the Warming Center in La Crosse that takes care of the homeless men. Some suitcases and other items went to the homeless in Rochester, Minnesota.

Some items were given for the Fall PW Workshop. The Lions Club got the walkers and eye glasses and some sheet music was given to the school. So even all of the items that were left after the sale found a good home and should be put to good use.

Thanks to everyone for making this a very wonderfully successful rummage sale.

**Your retiring chaos workers,
Diana Engel & Jean Pearson**

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.

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