



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

September 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....

Hey there, everyone. This will be a bit of a change from my usual Lamplighter article.

I don't really want to beat around the bush, so I will come out and say it... Rose and I are getting a divorce. It is not an acrimonious divorce, we still plan to live together, so that we can continue to co-parent Katrina together, and hope to remain good friends. But the circumstances of life have changed greatly, to the point where this seems to be the best step forward.

Sometimes, the best step forward doesn't feel good. This is one of those times.

I do not intend to make a habit of reporting publicly about my love life in the Lamplighter. The main reason that I am announcing it like this is because in small towns and churches word gets around *eventually* and I didn't want people putting hints together and then drawing conclusions that might lead folks to be cruel or hurtful. I want it made especially clear that I expect better than that from this congregation.

You haven't seen Rose much lately. To this point, that has largely been because she has been super busy on Sundays with Pulpit supply and her other Presbytery duties. Going forward, that will still be true, somewhat exacerbated by the whole "it is awkward to be the ex-wife of the Pastor of a church in his church" thing that will be going on.

But even though I'm fairly certain I don't need to say it, I still want to: When Rose does come to church events, I expect to see her treated like any church guest would be, as a dear friend, still a member of my family, and Katrina's mother.

Growing up as the son of a Pastor myself, I know that drama in the Pastor's family can be handled differently in churches, so I am putting out this message to make this as clear as I possibly can... this is not an acrimonious divorce, we are still part of each other's lives, and I would appreciate it if you all show her the love and kindness I have come to love and respect you all for showing since I have been here, especially in such a difficult time of my life.

Life continues. The work of God continues. Most importantly, LOVE continues.

Thanks for your patience with me, and your love for my family, as we continue to work and grow together.

Pastor Dan



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School Kick-Off
Sunday, September 24th
Games with Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Nursery

Available for 4K and under only
No staffing available



The speaker will be from Hope House of South Central Wisconsin, whose mission is to prevent abuse and provide support to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Jess Kaehny, Community Education Program Manager for Hope House, will give a presentation on Healthy Aging, covering the continuous process of optimizing opportunities to maintain and improve physical and mental health, independence, and quality of life as we grow older.

Please join us for the
John Knox Presbyterian Women Fall Workshop Saturday, September 23, 2023

Hosted by the PW of First Presbyterian Church

416 Ash Street, Baraboo, WI

<https://www.presbybaraboo.com/>

Coffee and registration will be from 9:30-10:00 a.m., Lunch is \$8 - Please RSVP by September 16th to Janine Brandt, email ripleyjb56@gmail.com or call or text 563-419-7371.

For our mission project we will collect items for Hope House and The Period Project. We will also dedicate the Thank Offering.

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For Hope House

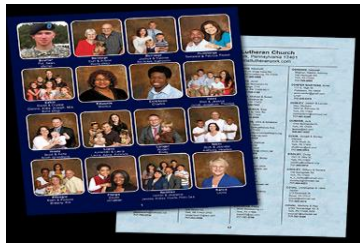
This organization provides shelter, advocacy and education to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Suggested donations include individually-wrapped snacks, 13-gallon trash bags, gallon Ziploc bags, silverware, liquid hand soap, duffel bags. See their monthly "wish list" at [https://www.hopehousescw.org/wish list.html](https://www.hopehousescw.org/wish-list.html) for other needs.

For The Period Project

This project helps high school girls get needed feminine hygiene supplies, distributed by the school nurses. Suggested donations include hygiene supplies, cosmetic bags, underwear, and leggings.

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.*

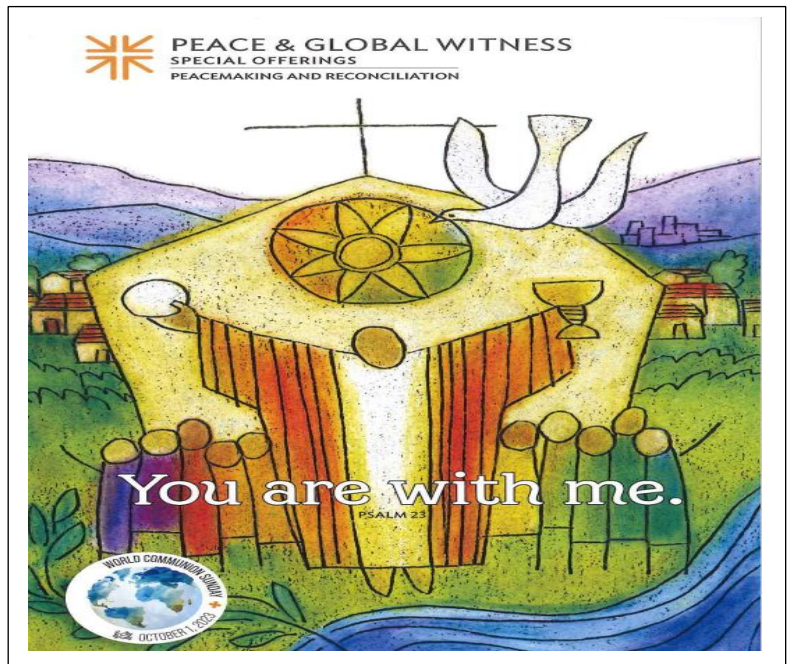
We will be taking photos at Church.

*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 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

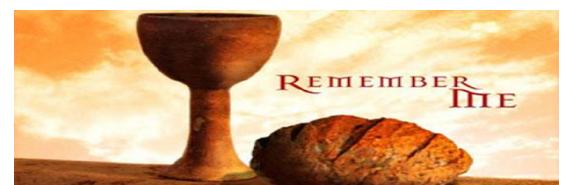


Wednesday, September 27th
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
In-House

Per Capita

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

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



Communion Sunday
September 3rd

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

September 1st, 19th, 22nd, 26th and 29th

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 September 2023

<i>Ben Sullivan</i>	<i>September 01</i>
<i>Julie Baker</i>	<i>September 02</i>
<i>Dick Calvetti</i>	<i>September 05</i>
<i>Carol Griffin</i>	<i>September 06</i>
<i>Jenni Loging</i>	<i>September 06</i>
<i>Maraveen Mayer</i>	<i>September 06</i>
<i>Vivica Wolf</i>	<i>September 06</i>
<i>Ethan Crusan</i>	<i>September 08</i>
<i>Evan Crusan</i>	<i>September 09</i>
<i>Landon Pliner</i>	<i>September 11</i>
<i>Casey Pfaff</i>	<i>September 13</i>
<i>Kayla Pliner</i>	<i>September 13</i>
<i>Cecelia Steinborn</i>	<i>September 15</i>
<i>Kyle Koeneke</i>	<i>September 18</i>
<i>Debra Allen</i>	<i>September 19</i>
<i>Charli Pfaff</i>	<i>September 19</i>
<i>Tate Pfaff</i>	<i>September 20</i>
<i>Greg Bergh</i>	<i>September 28</i>
<i>Greg Olson</i>	<i>September 28</i>
<i>Alisa Sarver</i>	<i>September 28</i>
<i>Dottie Hicks</i>	<i>September 29</i>
<i>Darren Dunn</i>	<i>September 30</i>

September 2023 Worship Teams

Liturgists

September 3rd
September 10th
September 17th
September 24th

Barbara Hopkins
Gideon Wolbrink
Caroline Sells
Nick Miller

Sound Room

Gideon Wolbrink
Dane Bohnsack
Ethan Crusan
Kelly Crusan

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones
Head Ushers: Charles Engel
Communion: Nick Miller, Becca Bohnsack, Karen Quackenbush, Sara Oldenburg, Sherry Bonsall, Sharon Cullmann



"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 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 Logging
<i>Class of 2025</i>	Becky Auna Vickie Holt Karen Quackenbush	Jackie Siekert Mary Tschida

**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

Pancake
Breakfast



**September 24th
9:00 AM**

Please submit newsletter information
to the office by the 15th of each month:
preschurchws@gmail.com

Stay Connected!

Visit our website: www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com



625 W Franklin Street • West Salem, WI • 54669 • 608.786.0910

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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