



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

January 2024

*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 we get into the New Year, it is always a time of preparation, of looking at the year to come and trying our best to make the best decisions for that year. Among those decisions will be the financial ones made at the Annual Meeting, when our Session will bring a proposed budget to the congregation to consider.

Often, when such things are discussed, a great deal of fear becomes involved. Nervousness about money is an easy anxiety to find, especially when church giving can be such a difficult prospect for us to understand. The temptation is to pull back, to save, to pinch pennies in case a dark time is ahead.

Such thinking often proves to be antithetical to the intention, though. Churches that cut ministry find giving goes down, and so the next budgeting season is followed by even more cuts, in a process that continues on and on until the church is an empty building with few people, few reasons to attend... and maybe a decent-sized savings account.

I want to urge you to think beyond that. To think of the ministries our church can take on, of the way we can care for our people. I want you to remember the giving projects we can embrace, the way we can provide for those around us when they are need.

The future of the church is always in God's hands. Our call is not to bury our gifts in fear of losing them, but instead to put them out there, so that they can feed the hungry, grow the church. I hope you'll take those steps. Look to faith and boldness... for those are the things that inspire giving... not thriftiness.

Pastor Dan





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**9:00 am – Grades 2-5, Youth Group**

**During Church – Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Families with 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**Handbell Ringers Practice**

**Resumes January 11th**

**Thursdays at 6:30 pm**



## GAME NIGHT

*Come join us for Fun and Fellowship*

*Games and Snacks Provided*

*Scavenger Hunt and game prizes for the Kids*

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**



**Thursday Evenings**

**at 7:45 pm**

**Rehearsals resume on**

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

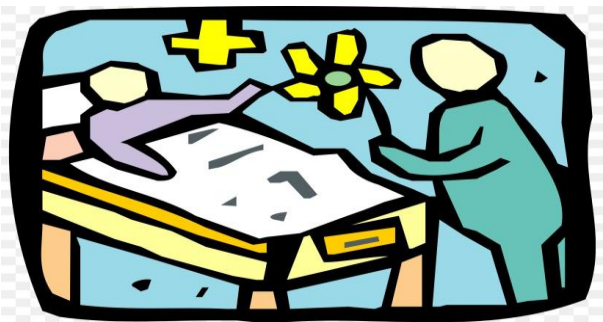
**January 18th**

**12:30 – 5:30 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**



**Blood Drive!**



### ***Hospital Visits 2024***

For many years, the Deacons of the church have been contacting Gundersen Pastoral Services weekly for the names of our parishioners that have been hospitalized. The intention of these calls was to provide Pastor Dan the information in order for him to provide a visit to the hospitalized individual.

New in 2024, Deacons will no longer be making these calls to the hospital. Instead, we ask that anyone planning a hospital stay or friends/family of anyone unexpectedly hospitalized, please contact one of the Deacons to arrange for prayer, support, and/or a visit from Pastor Dan.

#### **Deacons List:**

Becky Auna: 608-786-0097  
 Carol Griffin: 608-786-3236 (Home)  
 608-780-6763 (Cell)  
 Helen Harold: 608-786-0856  
 Vickie Holt: 608-786-1659  
 Jenni Logging: 608-769-1883 (Cell)  
 Kris Seeger: 608-786-2695 (Home)  
 608-461-1599 (Cell)  
 Jackie Siekert: 608-451-0058  
 Diana Swim: 608-386-9606  
 Karen Quackenbush: 786-0992 (Home)

### **Presbyterian Church Community Dinner**



**Wednesday, January 24th**  
**5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**In-House**

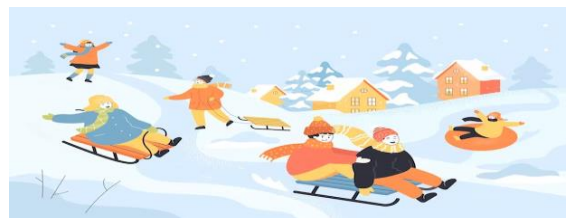


**Communion Sunday**  
**January 7th**



***Taking Down the Christmas Greens***  
***Sunday, January 7th after Service***

**Ordination and Installation of new Elders  
and Deacons will be held on January 14th**





### 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 from 11:30-2:30 pm.  
Bring a sack lunch and  
take a break to eat together



**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 to Celebrate in January 2024***

Larry Olson	January 01
Martha Burdick	January 02
Howard Garves	January 03
Sandra Schmidt	January 03
Becky Auna	January 04
Lucille Raymer	January 04
Trish Ruetten	January 04
Ken Hauser	January 05
Leeann Krall	January 05
Cindy Ashland	January 07
Augustine Norman	January 07
Dave Bohnsack	January 08
Terry Miller	January 09
Garrett Byrnes	January 10
Glenda Koenek	January 10
Rita Loging	January 10
Remlee Miller	January 10
Braxton Sullivan	January 10
Kordelle Wrencher	January 11
Cecilia Lambertson	January 15
Kent Buehler	January 16
Rose Wolbrink	January 16
Becky Byrnes	January 18
Katelyn Carlson	January 19
Maureen Longcor	January 19
Matt Schwier	January 19
Mike Siekert	January 19
Katie Thornton	January 19
Dorothy Schmaltz	January 20
Patrick Zalewski	January 20
Brian Baker	January 21
Elgin Brown	January 21
Brooklyn Haverly-Ghelfi	January 21
Michelle Lusk	January 22
Luke Noel	January 22
Bradley Baker	January 23
Dixie Fladhammer	January 25
Aubrynn Kreibich	January 25
Jean Pearson	January 25
Dustin Wehrs	January 25
Kevin Arndt	January 27
Nancy Olson	January 27
Ed Lusk	January 28
Alexis Shaw	January 28
Diane Rogala	January 30
William Silbaugh	January 30
Jim Beebe	January 31
Diana Meeuwsen	January 31

## January 2024 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

January 7<sup>th</sup>  
January 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 21<sup>st</sup>  
January 28<sup>th</sup>

Gideon Wolbrink  
  
Kevin Arndt  
Tiffani LaJeunesse

### Sound Room

Kelly Crusan  
Josiah Wolbrink  
Ethan Crusan  
Brynn Logging

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones, Vicki Arndt  
Head Usher: Ron Seeger  
Communion: Greg Meeuwsen, Mike Siekert, Pam Twining, Kelly Crusan  
Shawn McAlister, Helen Harold

### Per Capita

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

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

### ELDERS

*Class of 2024*

Becca Bohnsack  
Sherry Bonsall

Kelly Crusan  
Greg Meeuwsen

*Class of 2024 Youth Elder*

Gideon Wolbrink

*Class of 2025*

Mike Siekert  
Shawn McAlister

Shayna Arndt  
Pamela Twining

*Class of 2026*

Chris Winthers  
Charles Engels

Jenni Logging  
Nick Miller

### DEACONS

*Class of 2024*

Becky Auna  
Karen Quackenbush

Vickie Holt

*Class of 2025*

Helen Harold  
Kris Seeger  
Diana Engel

Diana Swim  
Lois Sanwick



Would you like a visit from the Pastor?

You are important to the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. Please contact the church office if you would like a pastoral visit or to set up an appointment with the pastor. Call 608-786-0910 or [preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)

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Please submit newsletter information  
to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month:  
*preschurchws@gmail.com*

### Stay Connected!

Visit our website: [www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com](http://www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com)



625 W Franklin Street • West Salem, WI • 54669 • 608.786.0910  
Sunday School 9:00 am • Adult Bible Study 9-10 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.  
preschurchws@gmail.com