



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

March 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....

A record-setting warm February is almost over, and I find myself a bit gloomy. Now, there are other reasons for this as well, but the weather certainly hasn't helped.

Wisconsiners are, of course, eternal optimists when it comes to the weather. Nothing ever seems to keep you a lot indoors and it's something I've always admired as an outsider, even if I don't always share it. With each warmer than expected day people would come in and say; "Well hey, this warm weather sure is nice, huh?"

For me though, it wasn't really. Because while it was WARMer... it wasn't actually warm. The weather yo-yoed around freezing in a way that prevented snow but didn't allow green, and so in absence of beautiful snowscapes we just had a month of blah brown.

In the scriptures, Christ says that he doesn't want people to be lukewarm. He wants people hot or cold. Before this past February, I don't know that I ever fully appreciated that lesson.

We've got a lot going on in the church this year, opportunities for worship and integration in the life of the church. I'm pretty excited about all of them, and I'd like to encourage you all to be the same way. Find your excitement, find your passion, and live into it hard.

This Easter, celebrate with the energy of a hot Summer Day or a frigid Winter Blizzard. Don't be the middlingly warm February.

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.

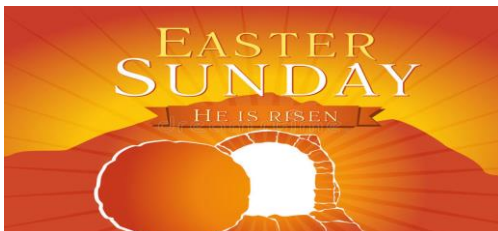
Bring your Bible or use one from the church.



**Handbell Ringers Practice**  
*Thursdays at 6:30 pm*



**March 24<sup>th</sup>**



**March 31<sup>st</sup>**



**Thursday Evenings**  
**at 7:45 pm**





### ***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  
 Helen Harold: 608-786-0856  
 Vickie Holt: 608-786-1659  
 Kris Seeger: 608-786-2695 (Home)  
                   608-461-1599 (Cell)  
 Diana Swim: 608-386-9606  
 Karen Quackenbush: 786-0992 (Home)  
 Diana Engel 608-7861560

### **Presbyterian Church Community Dinner**



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



**Communion Sunday**  
**March 3rd**



**For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.**

**The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.**

**From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.**

**As we move through this Lenten season, we hope you would consider a gift to this worthwhile offering with worldwide impact.**

**We will be collecting gifts until Easter Sunday.**

**Thank you for your continued support of this life changing Presbyterian special offering.**

**The Stewardship & Mission Committee**



### 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 March 2024***

Shawn McAlister	March 02
Nelda Manter	March 03
Shirley Beaty	March 04
Christian McAlister	March 05
Sean Horton	March 06
Josie LaJeunesse	March 06
Aila Meeuwsen	March 06
Angela Molling	March 06
Becca Bohnsack	March 07
Jim Rogala	March 07
Connor Brown	March 09
Carolyn Lindeman	March 15
Willis Jones	March 16
Tracey Rogers	March 17
Virgil Thompson	March 17
Marilee Zalewski	March 18
Jim Leicht	March 20
Greg Meeuwsen	March 20
Heidi Ebert	March 22
Marie Haugen	March 24
Isaac Wolbrink	March 24
Heath Byrnes	March 25
Catherine Siekert	March 25
Jack Twining	March 25
Sandy Carlson	March 26
Nancy Koeneke	March 27
Jane Foner	March 29
Kyle Rogers	March 30

### **Mid-Week Lenten Services**

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesdays**

**6:30 pm**



## March 2024 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

### Sound Room

March 3rd	Martha Burdick	Josiah Wolbrink
March 6th		Ethan Crusan
March 10th	Barbara Hopkins	Brynn Loging
March 13 <sup>th</sup>		Elsa Wolbrink
March 17th	Jane Foner	Kelly Crusan
March 20 <sup>th</sup>		Gideon Wolbrink
March 24th	Kevin Arndt	Dane Bohnsack
March 28 <sup>th</sup>		Kelly Crusan
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jenni Loging	Lily Oldenburg

**Music:** Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwssen, Lisa Jones, Vicki Arndt  
**Head Usher:** Fred Miller  
**Communion:** Mike Sierkert, Shayna Arndt, Vickie Holt, Shawn McAlister, Pam Twining, Helen Harold

### **Per Capita**

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

***The Per Capita is \$36.30 per member for 2024***

### ELDERS

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Becca Bohnsack Sherry Bonsall</i>	<i>Kelly Crusan Greg Meeuwssen</i>
<i>Class of 2024 Youth Elder</i>	<i>Gideon Wolbrink</i>	
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Mike Sierkert Shawn McAlister</i>	<i>Shayna Arndt Pamela Twining</i>
<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Chris Winther Charles Engels</i>	<i>Jenni Loging Nick Miller</i>

### DEACONS

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Becky Auna Karen Quackenbush</i>	<i>Vickie Holt</i>
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Helen Harold Kris Seeger Diana Engel</i>	<i>Diana Swim</i>

## ***Calling all Soup and Bread Lovers!***

***This Lent we are continuing our Lenten Soup Series,  
and we need Soup Volunteers!***

***If you can bring a Pot of Soup or bread for  
one of our Wednesday Night Soup Suppers,  
please sign up at the back of the church,***

# PASTOR VISIT



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)

Lenten  
Soup  
Suppers



**February 21<sup>st</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesdays**  
**5pm - 6pm**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:30 – 5:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**



## EASTER Breakfast

We will be serving breakfast on **Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-10:00am**. We will be having egg bakes, sausages, muffins and fruit.

If you could bring an egg bake it will help us a lot and be greatly appreciated just contact Sherry Bonsall 608-786-1280 or Pam Twining 608-498-1190.

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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