



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

April 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....

This Easter, I hope we can all...

Wait... what? I'm writing this for the Easter Lamplighter. What do you mean Easter is already OVER?

We're hopping into April and April Fool's Day is gonna be a DOOZY because this year already feels fake. This isn't the EARLIEST that Easter ever comes but it is pretty darn early, and the idea of spending the entirety of April without even a day of Lent in it is wild. Especially since the April Lamplighter article can typically just be an Easter fluff piece AND WELL NOW I GUESS I CAN'T DO THAT.

Sigh. Time makes fools of us all, it seems! If you also feel like you are occasionally losing your grip on the year, it's a good time to remember that the Good News of Easter actually was that God is in control, a powerful love that transcends death, and even time. After all, even though we celebrate events millennia in the past...

Jesus Christ is risen TODAY.

Alleluia!

Pastor Dan



Lord, you
have been
our dwelling
place in all
generations.

Psalm 90:1



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.



Handbell Ringers Practice

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Change of Day



Summer is right around the corner!

We will be offering scholarships for youth interested in attending a summer bible camp.

Applications will be on the table in the back of the church. If you prefer a digital copy please email preschurchws@gmail.com to request a copy. **Applications are due May 10th.**



Wednesday Evenings

at 7:45 pm

Change of Day



Men's Choir

Sundays after Church Service
Begins April 7th



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

Come join us for Game Night Saturday May 4th from 6-8 pm

Whole congregation event,
all ages welcome.

Games and snacks provided! All you
need to bring is yourself!

And May the Fourth Be With You!



Communion Sunday April 7th

Community Care and Share Food Pantry

During the month of April, the Stewardship & Mission Committee is sponsoring a collection drive for items needed at the Community Care and Share Food Pantry.

Items most needed include canned fruit – pineapple and mandarin oranges, canned veggies (other than green beans and corn), chicken broth, beef soups, egg noodles, rice in a pouch (microwaveable), spaghetti sauce, tomato paste, tomato sauce, stewed tomatoes, Manwich, Hamburger Helper, sugar, spices, ketchup, mustard, BBQ Sauce.

Donations can be brought to church and left in the collection box in the entryway.

Thank you for your consideration in helping to supply our community food pantry!"



Prayer Chain:

Becky Auna	608.786.0097
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

Not meeting
April 2nd, 5th or 12th

**Tithes and Offerings
can be mailed to:**

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



Birthdays to Celebrate in April 2024

Jamie Holt	April 01
Bethany McAlister	April 01
Cindy Bergh	April 02
Jackie Siekert	April 02
Molly Baker	April 03
Evelyn Raymer	April 03
Barry Schimke	April 06
Mary Griffin	April 07
Charles Wehrs	April 07
Mike Fisher	April 08
Coyah Hill	April 08
Olivia Hopkins	April 08
Wesley Sweet	April 08
Samuel Horton	April 10
Scott Horton	April 13
Logan Oldenburg	April 13
Rick Brown	April 15
Brianna Holt	April 15
Daniel Wolbrink	April 16
Susan Hicks	April 17
Fred Otto	April 17
David Griffin	April 18
Laura Lusk	April 18
Sara Oldenburg	April 18
Pat Meyer	April 21
Erika Crusan	April 23
Kari Schuster	April 23
Lily Oldenburg	April 24
Steve Anderson	April 27
Tim Rogers	April 28
Jamie Mattson	April 29



April 2024 Worship Teams

Liturgists

April 7 Barbara Hopkins
April 14 Nancy Olson
April 21 Helen Harold
April 28 Dan Wolbrink

Sound Room

Evan Crusan
Kelly Crusan
Josiah Wolbrink
Brynn Loging

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones, Vicki Arndt
Head Usher: Richard Calvetti
Communion: Chris Winther, Charles Engel, Karen Quackenbush, Jenni Loging, Nick Miller, Diana Swim

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 Meeuwsen</i>
<i>Class of 2024 Youth Elder</i>	<i>Gideon Wolbrink</i>	
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Mike Siekert Shawn McAlister</i>	<i>Shayna Arndt Pamela Twining</i>
<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Chris Winther Charles Engel</i>	<i>Jenni Loging Nick Miller</i>

DEACONS

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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



For many years, our congregation has joined together with countless other Presbyterian churches in collecting the Pentecost offering. This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A gift to the Pentecost offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our congregation in an effort to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

We will collect this offering until Pentecost Sunday on May 19th.

The Stewardship & Mission Committee thanks you for your consideration of gifts to this worthwhile offering!"

The ongoing mission of **The Presbyterian Women** is to support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) by collecting needed items. This list will be updated as their needs change. Thank you in advance for your support.

Salvation Army Needs

pillow cases

washcloths

shaving cream

hair conditioner (shampoo not needed)

powder pods laundry soap

dryer sheets

sugar

WINN Needs

backpacks or duffel bags (any size, new or used)

socks

All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary and we will get the items to the correct organization.

Of course either organization would accept monetary donations as well.

John Knox Presbyterian Women 2024 Spring Gathering

9:30 a.m. - Saturday, May 4

Hosted by Frankville Community Presbyterian Church PW
1130A Frankville Road, Postville, Iowa

**"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."**

Psalm 18:2

All women of the church are cordially invited to the 2024 Spring Gathering of John Knox Presbyterian Women! We will gather at 9:30 a.m. for Coffee and Fellowship and begin our program at 10:00. Mary Quandahl will give a presentation, "Christ the Solid Rock," that will include a hands-on rock painting activity. **Lunch cost will be \$8.** Our program will also include Dedication of the Birthday Offering and a service of communion worship. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

To help the Frankville ladies with their planning, **please RSVP by Monday, April 22 by calling or texting 563-419-7371 or email ripleyjb56@gmail.com.** Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you!

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 • 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.

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