



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

May 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 I write, we are in the process of approaching Confirmation Sunday, which will take place on May 5th, and four of our Confirmation Students will be standing up in front of the Congregation to become members of our church. This is a very exciting time in the life of a Church, and the cumulation of two years of study for our Confirmands.

As the final part of their program leading to Confirmation, each Confirmand was asked to write a statement of faith, a simple one-page document where they express their faith as they understand it in this moment. This was not meant as a binding document, they haven't signed on to it forever, it's just a check in, a state of the faith thing.

It's something I highly recommend everyone try. Faith should be an ever-evolving thing, growing or receding according to how life is going, and it's worth remembering that what we believed when we were teenagers is probably not the same as what we believe now.

So, if you have any interest, ask me and I will send you the questions I used as prompts for our confirmands to write their faith statements, or even take a swing at doing it without the help. You might be surprised to learn how your faith has changed over the years. And then, if you would like for your faith to grow from there, you have a better idea of what that might look like!

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



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 7:30 pm



Men's Choir

Through May 5th
Singing on Mother's Day



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, May 22nd
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 May 5th



Roadside Cleanup

May 6th

3:30 pm

**Meet at church and bring gloves
Bags and vests provided**



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**

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

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



Birthdays to Celebrate in May 2024

Trevor Jones	May 02
Jane Wines	May 02
Dax Pfaff	May 04
Melissa Norman	May 08
Neil Bain	May 09
Grady LaJeunesse	May 09
Jerry Seeger	May 09
Ann Vallier	May 09
Brendan Holt	May 10
Camille Lusk	May 10
Rita Thompson	May 10
Kenny Hauser	May 11
Greg Shaw	May 12
Carol Griswold	May 17
Lois Sanwick	May 17
Junior Schmidt	May 17
Brian Holt	May 18
Brayden McAlister	May 18
Kendall Stephenson	May 18
Mary Tschida	May 19
Jolie Meyers	May 22
Kathy Anderson	May 23
Lindy Meyers	May 23
Jackie Schimke	May 23
Carol Hass	May 25
Jacob Burdick	May 26
Mike Lusk	May 26
Emmit Lambertson	May 28
Brynn Loging	May 28
Alanna Wuensch	May 28
Nick Miller	May 29
Kyle Schuster	May 30



May 2024 Worship Teams

Liturgists

May 5th
May 12th
May 19th
May 26th

Avis Evenson
Martha Burdick
Lily Oldenburg
Nick Miller

Sound Room

Elsa Wolbrink
Kelly Crusan
Ethan Crusan
Gideon Wolbrink

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones, Vicki Arndt
Head Usher: Mike Siekert
Communion: Sherry Bonsall, Nick Miller, Charles Engel, Kelly Crusan, Mike Siekert, Lois Sanwick

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

<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>

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.
preschurchws@gmail.com