



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

November 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....

So, a few weeks ago a church survey went out asking various questions about membership and attendance and what have you and, while not a lot of answers stuck out as particularly prevalent, one common thread showed up and showed up STRONG...

You all like music and would like to see/hear more of it.

And I hear you.

We have a brilliantly talented congregation, as we have seen in numerous venues like the mother/daughter banquet, and I would LOVE to see more of that brought out as we worship together. A lot of people get nervous when talking to me about music in Worship and I would like to say... don't be.

If you, or folks you know, have a musical talent you would like to use for the glory of God, absolutely bring it to me. Piano pieces, solos, guitar pieces, what have you. Don't worry too much about talent, either... God instructs us to bring a joyful NOISE, and that is the sort of thing I want to celebrate. Talent is a gift FROM God, but our praise is a gift TO God, and both are valid in separate ways.

So praise the LORD, all you people, and bring your talents! Remember, if you are interested in Choir and or Bell Choir, get ahold of Vicki Arndt, and if you have another talent you would like to bring, bring it to me.

And bring your joyful noise before God!

Pastor Dan





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.



Interested??

Handbell ringers for Christmas Eve services wanted. High school students and adults are welcome. Experience is helpful, but not necessary.

Rehearsals begin November 2nd at 7 pm. Please Contact Vicki Arndt, if interested, at 608-790-1210 or email Arndt.vicki@gmail.com

The Choir Season is back and in full swing!! If you enjoy singing, fellowship, and a few laughs, then this is the place for you! What better way to praise God with singing than by joining your voice with ours! We rehearse on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary**. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Arndt at Arndt.vicki@gmail.com or call 608-790-1210. Hope you to see you at rehearsal!!!



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 arow and be the best church home possible. Thank You !!!!



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.

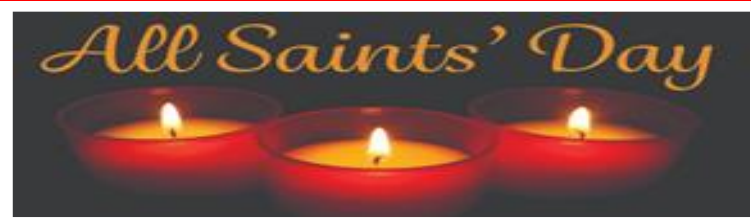
Deacons List:

- 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, November 22nd
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
In-House**



All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be observed during worship service on **Sunday, November 5th.** If you have a loved one who passed in the past year that you would like remembered, please provide the name, date of birth, date of death and photo to the church secretary (preschurchws@gmail.com) for the slide show before **November 2nd.** Also, please be with us on that day to light a candle in their memory.

Presenting the Presbyterian Women's Holiday Market

Saturday, December 2nd, 9am-1pm

- Cookie Walk – Homemade Goodness \$6/lb
- Craft Fair – Outside Vendors and Congregation Crafters
- Baked Breakfast Buffet \$4.00/person, 5 and under free

Fund raiser for Presbyterian Women's missions.

Congregation: Please bring 3-4 dozen cookies per family for the cookie walk. Other baked goods accepted as well. All craft donations welcome. Bring cookies and crafts to the church before 7 pm on Friday, December 1st.

Craft Vendors: Tables are available for \$10. Set up starts at 7am Saturday, December 2nd.

Please contact Becky Auna to rent a table, 608-786-0097.

Contact the PW Board with questions.

Becca Bohnsack 608-738-2975, Becky Auna 608-786-0097, Sharon Cullman 608-797-1732, Carol Griffin 608-780-6763 or Val Olson 608-397-1568



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
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

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
November 5th



Birthdays November 2023

Curtis Matthews	November 02
Scott Twining	November 04
Pamela Twining	November 09
Aubree Hill	November 11
Kendall Hill	November 11
Avis Evenson	November 13
Mark Wuensch	November 13
Will Griffin	November 14
Joseph Silbaugh	November 15
Mike Koeneke	November 18
Laura Stephenson	November 19
Richard Carlson	November 20
Jerry Quackenbush	November 20
Mariah Terry	November 21
Danielle Wehrs	November 22
Marilyn Bahr	November 23
Annabelle Baker	November 24
Keahna Littlejohn	November 25
Charles Engel	November 26
Janet Twining	November 26
Joy Raymer	November 27
Alex Twining	November 30

November 2023 Worship Teams

Liturgists

November 5th Avis Evenson
 November 12th Martha Burdick
 November 19th Jenni Loging
 November 26th Barbara Hopkins

Sound Room

Josiah Wolbrink
 Ethan Crusan
 Brynn Loging
 Elsa Wolbrink

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones, Vicki Arndt
 Head Usher: Richard Calvetti
 Communion: Shayna Arndt, Sharon Cullmann, Gideon Wolbrink, Pam Twining,
 Charles Engel, Carol Griffin

SECOND CHANCE!!

DATE CHANGE!!

Family Directory Photo Shoots!!
November 30th - 2:00 pm – 8:24 pm

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

Also, you can contact
Sherry Bonsall at 608.786.1280

ELDERS

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Charles Engel</i>	<i>Nick Miller</i>
	<i>Sara Oldenburg</i>	<i>Sharon Cullmann</i>
<i>Class of 2023</i>		
<i>Youth Elders</i>	<i>Gideon Wolbrink</i>	<i>Ethan Crusan</i>
<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Becca Bohnsack</i>	<i>Kelly Crusan</i>
	<i>Sherry Bonsall</i>	<i>Greg Meeuwsen</i>
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Mike Siekert</i>	<i>Shayna Arndt</i>
	<i>Shawn McAlister</i>	<i>Pamela Twining</i>

DEACONS

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	<i>Carol Griffin</i>	<i>Jenni Loging</i>
	<i>Kris Seeger</i>	
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	<i>Vickie Holt</i>	
	<i>Karen Quackenbush</i>	

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



Blood Drive!

November 6th
12:30 – 5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



Everyone Welcome!

Ecumenical Service

The PCOWS Choir will be involved

Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

359 Leonard St N

West Salem, WI 54669

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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