



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

July 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....

One of the things that is special about our holy scriptures is the way we fit into the universe. In some religious paradigms, humans were an accident, or a slave race, designed and built to serve. The idea that humanity was actually made in the image of God was, at the time of the storytelling in Genesis, a bit of a radical claim.

It's also something we often forget. Yes, Pride is listed among the seven deadly sins, but its opposite, self-abnegation, is also a sin. That is when you go beyond humility, and go into actually denigrating your God-given worth.

This is a dangerous way to do things, because people without self-worth are easy to bully, easy to manipulate, easy to control. When someone sees themselves as worthless, they stop advocating for themselves, but also for others, because "what could I possibly do?"

This June, I encourage everyone to remember their own inherent beauty, their own worth. This isn't to say we should start acting like everything about us is perfect at the cost of others, but it is worth remembering that we were, in fact, all beautifully and wonderfully made. And when you see a community of downtrodden people celebrating their specialness, like the Irish on St. Patrick's Day, or the African American community on Juneteenth, you have a choice... be the voice of the world telling them that they are worthless... or the voice of God, reminding them that yes, they ARE beautiful, and of worth.

Pastor Dan





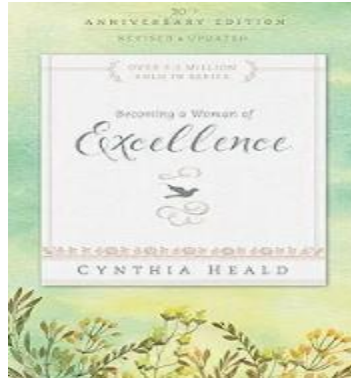
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Women's Summer Bible Study

We will be reading the book

"Becoming a Woman of Excellence" by Cynthia Heald

Please talk with Jenni Loging or Sara Oldenburg if interested



Nursery

**Available for 4K and
under only
No staffing available**



**Saturday, July 13th
6 – 8 pm**



**Sunday, July 21st
6 – 8 pm**

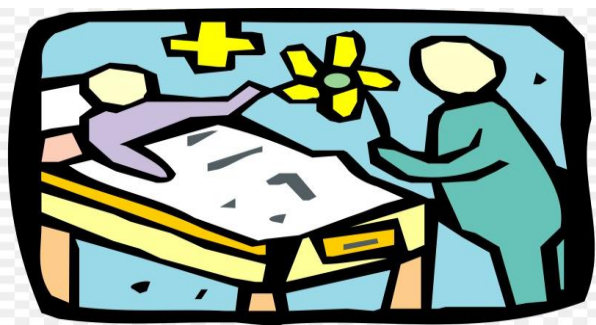


MUSIC PLAYERS

Would you like to share your
Talents with us this Summer?

The Sign-Up Sheet is on the back table for
June thru August
And there are
Outdoor Services
on July 14th

Would love to hear your beautiful gifts!!



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 608-786-1560
 Lois Sanwick 608-788-5443

Presbyterian Church Community Dinner



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

Church Pianist Needed

The Church's pianist, Julie Baker, is looking to retire and there is need for a replacement.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please contact the church office, Kelly Crusan, Becca Bohnsack or Charles Engel.



Communion Sunday July 7th



Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets for an afternoon of music and ice cream with all the fixings, **Saturday July 27 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**, under the canopy in front of the church.

Suggested donation of \$2/person. The Driftless River Band will perform. Slices of pie, whole pies and other baked goods will be for sale. Proceeds from the event will fund the missions of the Presbyterian Women of West Salem.

Contact Becca Bohnsack or Becky Auna with questions.

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
September 1st*



Tabitha Circle

Having a break until after Labor Day



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 July 2024

Ben Baker	July 03
Tim Fladhammer	July 03
Connor Dunn	July 04
Ethan Fisher	July 04
Aliana Jones	July 05
Autumn Schuster	July 05
Claire Sweet	July 06
Jim Mayer	July 08
Chris Winther	July 10
Eric Burdick	July 11
Kris Seeger	July 12
Jordan Beirne	July 13
Noah Garcia	July 13
Drew Kreibich	July 13
Dylan Noel	July 13
Ayden Schuster	July 13
Chase Jones	July 16
Dani Miller	July 18
Bob Bahr	July 20
Sherry Bonsall	July 22
Elsa Wolbrink	July 24
Kelly Crusan	July 25
Jim Olson	July 28
Janice Seeger	July 29
Anna Bohnsack	July 31



Fall Rummage Sale

***The Presbyterian Women have decided
to take on the planning and execution
of a fall rummage sale.***

Tentative dates will be September 13-14.

***We are looking for anyone that is interested in
helping plan the sale.***

***Please contact Sharon Cullmann or
Sara Oldenburg.***

July 2024 Worship Teams

Liturgists

Sound Room

July 7th
July 14th
July 21st
July 28th

Helen Harold
Jane Foner
Kevin Arndt
Jenni Loging

Brynn Loging
Kelly Crusan
Elsa Wolbrink
Ethan Crusan

Music: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones, Vicki Arndt
Head Usher: Nick Miller
Communion: Pam Twining, Gideon Wolbrink, Chris Winther

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 Lois Sanwick</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

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 and WINN Needs

Tents (new or gently used)

Sleeping Bags (new or gently used)

Bug spray and other camping equipment

Adult men's hoodie sweatshirts – all sizes (new or gently used)

Backpacks (new or gently used)

\$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Subway or Kwik Trip

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.



REMINDER

***Sunday Morning Worship Services will start at 9 am
beginning June 2nd and running through August 25th.
No Coffee Time prior to Service.***



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 Worship 9 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