



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

September 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....

With the school year back upon us, and as we return to our standard worship hours, I find myself getting excited for a return to regular Youth Group activities. With Confirmation Class meeting during the Sunday School hour and Youth Group meeting Sunday Evenings this year, it's an excellent opportunity to spend time with the Youth of the church and watch as they continue to grow and develop in their lives of faith.

Teaching is always an incredible learning opportunity, especially when you are teaching teenagers, as the questions they ask can force you to reassess beliefs you'd held for a long time. They don't necessarily break down your assumptions, but it's a great way to see if those assumptions hold up under extended scrutiny.

Plus, it's fun. We sometimes get over-serious in church, and hanging with the kids gives an opportunity to let loose a bit, and remember that serving God is about fun as well as the more serious stuff.

Pastor Dan





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

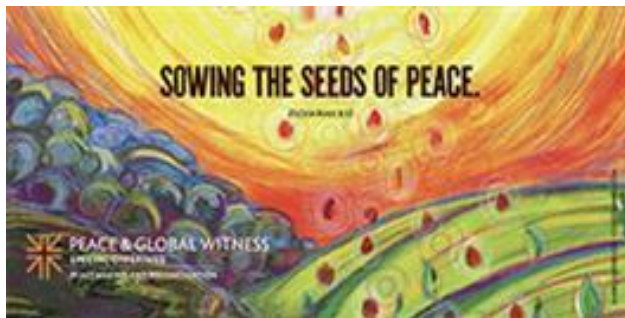
Sunday Bible Study
Starts September 15th
9-9:45 am
Galilee Room

Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)
Starts September 15th
6-7 pm at Church

Confirmation Classes
Starts September 15th
9:15 am in Chapel

Nursery

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



Peace and Global Witness Offering

"Every fall our church participates in the Peace and Global Witness Offering. It is one of our four special offerings collected throughout the year. **The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected September 8th thru October 6th (World Communion Sunday).** This Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Our congregation is allowed to retain 25% of this offering to be given to a cause in our local community that promotes peacemaking efforts. Please be in prayer about this offering and consider a gift to this worthwhile cause."



Handbell Practices

For those that have played in the past, watch your email for more information.

If you have never played handbells before, are high school age or older and have thought playing handbells might be fun, but have shied away because you don't read music, or are not sure if you'd like it, I invite you to an Introduction to **Handbell workshop on Saturday, September 21 from 10 am to Noon.** I will touch on some basic music reading, and introduction to ringing. Just because you attend this workshop does not mean you are expected to join the Handbell Choir!! So no pressure!!! This simply is an opportunity to try something new musically. To sign up, or need more information contact Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210, email Arndt.vicki@gmail.com, or catch me in church!



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, September 25th
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
In-House**



REHEARSALS

**Wednesdays at 7 pm
We will rehearse in the church
sanctuary.**

**If you have any questions,
please contact Vicki Arndt at
608-790-1210, or email
Arndt.vicki@gmail.com**

JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

**Saturday, September 21, 2024
Pioneer Presbyterian Church,
206 Fillmore St SE, Chatfield, MN**

**Coffee and registration will be
from 9:30-10:00 a.m.,
followed by the meeting and program
on the theme "You Are Not Alone."**

**Lunch cost is \$8.
Please RSVP by September 13th to
Janine Brandt, email
ripleyjb56@gmail.com or call or
text 563-419-7371.**



Fall Stewardship Campaign

"Be on the lookout in your mailbox for the 2024 Fall Stewardship Campaign letter arriving by mid-September. We ask that pledge cards be returned to church by October 13th."

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
resumes September 1st
9:30 am



Tabitha Circle

Back to Gathering
September 16th
1st and 3rd Mondays from 11:30-2:30
Bring a Lunch



Exercise Group
Tuesdays and Fridays
9-10 AM
Fellowship Hall
Will not be exercising
on the 10th or 13th

Tithes and Offerings
can be mailed to:

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



Birthdays to Celebrate in September 2024

Ben Sullivan	September 01
Julie Baker	September 02
Dick Calvetti	September 05
Carol Griffin	September 06
Jenni Loding	September 06
Maraveen Mayer	September 06
Vivica Wolf	September 06
Ethan Crusan	September 08
Evan Crusan	September 09
Landon Pliner	September 11
Casey Pfaff	September 13
Kayla Pliner	September 13
Cecelia Steinborn	September 15
Kyle Koeneke	September 18
Debra Allen	September 19
Charli Pfaff	September 19
Tate Pfaff	September 20
Greg Olson	September 28
Alisa Sarver	September 28
Darren Dunn	September 30



Fall Rummage Sale
Thursday, September 12th, 4-7pm
Friday, September 13, 7am - 4pm
Saturday, September 14, 8 am to Noon

Drop-Off Times:
Tuesday, September 3rd – 6-8 pm
Wednesday, September 4th – 9-11am

No Items accepted when just dropped off at door
Call or text 608-797-1732 to possibly arrange another time

September 2024 Worship Teams

Liturgists

September 1st
September 8th
September 15th
September 22nd
September 29th

Barbara Hopkins
Gideon Wolbrink
Nick Miller
Jane Foner
Chris Winther

Sound Room

Evan Crusan
Josiah Wolbrink
Kelly Crusan
Brynn Loging
Elsa Wolbrink

Music: Greg Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones, Caroline Sells, Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker
Head Usher: Charles Engel
Communion: Greg Meeuwsen, Sherry Bonsall, Vicki Holt, Becca Bohnsack, Kelly Crusan, 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 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

Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, body soap, socks, sweat pants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, towels, tampons, men's winter gloves, men's long underwear, men's long sleeve under shirts, and hand warmers.

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.



Communion Sunday
September 1st



**Roadside Cleanup
Dates**

**Saturday,
September 7th
3:30 pm**

**Cleanup Day
Volunteer**



In case of rain,

**Saturday,
September 21st
3:30 pm**



Please submit newsletter information
to the office by the 15th of each month:
preschurchws@gmail.com

Stay Connected!

Visit our website: www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com



625 W Franklin Street • West Salem, WI • 54669 • 608.786.0910

Sunday Worship 10:15 am

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Dan McCurdy • Monday through Thursday 8:45 am. - 2:00 pm.

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