



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

July 2025

*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....

Sometimes I really wish I could stop living in history. Watching as the world seems to constantly quake around us, I find myself worrying about the future. About my daughter, about the life of the church in a world that seems to need conflict so badly. I wonder if the day will come when preaching the message of Jesus of Christ will become illegal, when reminding people that what the LORD really requires of us... to seek Justice, love Kindness, and walk Humbly with our God... will be the thing that marks us as a group who need to be silenced.

It's happened before. If you look in our book of Confessions, you can read the Theological Declaration of Barmen (it's also freely available online.) Written by members of the German Church, it was a rejection of what Nazism had transformed the German Church into... a weak, sycophantic movement that served the hatred of the Government, rather than the love of Christ.

The authors of Barmen rejected that church, and gave a call so powerful we as a church encoded it into our very constitution: the reminder that the call of Christ is NEVER to serve any institution of humanity, not the government, not a political party, or any particular ideology save that of Christ himself. And a few of them paid for that rejection with their lives.

I hold onto the hope of the future. The hope that God will walk with us as we walk in these times, and that someday soon the bitter division we see in the world all around us will quiet, and the Church as a whole will once again follow the path the Prophet Micah told us of... Justice, Kindness, and Humility. I pray for it every day. I hope you'll pray for it, too. Hold to the love of God. Love for your neighbor, love for the stranger, love for the foreigner, love for the outcast.

While also remembering that sometimes, while following Christ, love also means flipping some tables.

**Pastor Dan**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## **Classes Resume in September**

**Sunday School**  
9 am

**Sunday Bible Study**  
9-9:45 am  
Galilee Room

**Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)**  
6-7 pm at Church

**Confirmation Classes**  
9:15 am in Chapel

## **Nursery**

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



## Presbyterian Church Community Dinner



**Wednesday, July 23rd**  
**5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**In-House**



Need more information  
contact Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210,  
email [Arndt.vicki@gmail.com](mailto:Arndt.vicki@gmail.com), or  
catch me in church!



**July 30th**  
**11:30 – 4:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**



**Community Dinner Update**  
**VOLUNTEERS Needed**  
**We are looking for a person or a group to take over the planning  
and implementing of the Community Dinner.**  
**Diana Engel is stepping down**  
**as of December 2025.**  
**Anyone Interested please talk to Diana Engel or Pastor Dan.**



### ***Hospital Visits 2025***

If you have anyone in the hospital who would like a pastoral visit, please call a deacon listed below and they will contact Pastor Dan with your request. This includes yourself, family or friends.

#### **Deacons List:**

Diana Engel: 608-786-1560  
 Helen Harold: 608-786-0856  
 Sara Oldenburg: 608-304-9926  
 Valerie Olson: 608-786-1834  
 Lois Sanwick: 608-788-5443  
 Kris Seeger: 608-786-2696 (Home)  
                   608-461-1599 (Cell)  
 Diana Swim: 608-386-9606  
 Karen Quackenbush: 608-786-0992  
                               (Home)



**Come to the PCOWS Pool Party!**

**West Salem Community Pool**

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM**

**Free Admission**

**Snacks & drinks will be provided.**

**You are welcome to also bring your own snacks & drinks! There are pool chairs provided but you can bring your own lawn chairs if you prefer. You can bring floaties to use in the shallow end of the pool. Bring a friend and enjoy this free event!**

### ***Church Fall Rummage Sale***

***Thursday, Friday, Saturday***

***September 11, 12, 13***



*Items for the fall sale can now be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 8:30-10:30. Please place your items on the back wall in the fellowship hall. We are not accepting any electronics or appliances. Larger items such as furniture will be accepted closer to the date of the sale with the understanding that if it is not sold you will need to pick up. Additional drop off dates will be available in August. We need lots of help to pull this rummage sale off, so please consider volunteering the week of and during the sale if you are able. Even just an hour or two helps a lot! Due in part to the success of last years sale, the Presbyterian Women were able to give out around \$5,000 to various missions.*

*If you have any questions, please reach out to Sara Oldenburg or Sharon Cullmann. Thank you!*

### **Communion Sunday**

**July 6th**



**VBS 2025**

**July 28th-30th**

**5:30-8:00pm**



*Fellowship Time  
 in the Fellowship Hall  
 RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER*



### 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



### Tabitha Circle

Will not be meeting during summer months – Resumes after Labor Day



### Summer Ice Cream Social Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 3-5 pm

Suggested donation of \$2/person. The Driftless River Band will perform. Slices of pie, whole pies and other baked goods will be available for sale.

Proceeds from the event will fund the missions of the Presbyterian Women of West Salem. If you would like to help with the ice cream social we are in need of the following:

- \* Volunteers to set up, serve and cleanup for the event
- \* Baked goods
- \* Homemade pies (about 10-12 pies)
- \* Lemonade and iced tea
- \* Card tables to borrow

Contact Becca Bohnsack or Becky Auna with questions.



### ***Birthdays to Celebrate in July 2025***

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

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

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



### ***Exercise Group Tuesdays and Fridays 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall***

## July 2025 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

July 6th                      Helen Harold  
July 13th                    Nick Miller  
July 20th                    Kevin Arndt  
July 27th                    Jenni Loging

### Sound Room

Gideon Wolbrink  
Lily Oldenburg  
Carter Hill  
Josiah Wolbrink

Music:                      Caroline Sells, Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker  
Head Usher:              Brynn Loging  
Communion:              Nick Miller, Diana Engel, Charles Engel

### DEACONS

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Helen Harold</i>	<i>Diana Swim</i>
	<i>Kris Seeger</i>	<i>Lois Sanwick</i>
	<i>Diana Engel</i>	
<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Karen Quackenbush</i>	<i>Valerie Olson</i>
	<i>Sara Oldenburg</i>	

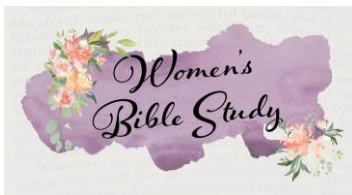
### ELDERS

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Mike Siekert</i>	<i>Shayna Arndt</i>
	<i>Shawn McAlister</i>	<i>Pamela Twining</i>
<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Chris Winther</i>	<i>Jenni Loging</i>
	<i>Charles Engel</i>	<i>Nick Miller</i>
<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Kelly Crusan</i>	<i>Barbara Hopkins</i>
	<i>Kristjan Sells</i>	<i>Vickie Bain</i>

## PASTOR VISIT

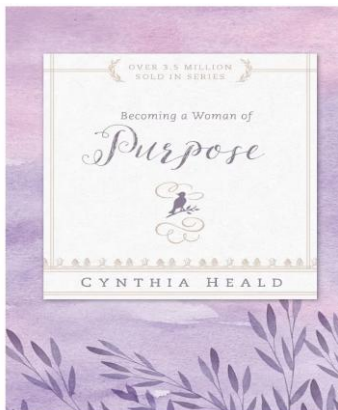


Would you like a visit from the Pastor? You are important to the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. Please contact the church office if you would like a pastoral visit or to set up an appointment with the pastor. Call 608-786-0910



### ***Women's Summer Bible Study***

***6:30-7:30pm  
at the church.***



***Please contact  
Jenni Loging or  
Sara Oldenburg  
For additional  
information and  
to participate***

***Senior Scholarships are due  
on July 16<sup>th</sup>.***

***All confirmed seniors should have  
received an application in the mail.***



## Recent Session Highlights

- Approved a Fall rummage sale
- Approved an all-church swimming pool party
- Approved a Fall road-side clean up event
- Kris Seeger, Deacon Moderator, gave a report on the Deacons
- Approved a church member's use of the building
- Reviewed a community member's request on building usage
- Approved vacation dates for Pastor Dan
- Approved funds to replace failed AV equipment in the Sound Room

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

**SPRING-SUMMER NEEDS 2025**

WINN - Back packs, bug spray, gift cards to Kwik Trip

Salvation Army - Bath towels, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, Sheets, pillowcases, blankets, Sweatpants - men's & women's

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.

## Support Needed for the West Salem Food Pantry

This month the need is for items that they need for their home as well as food. Things like **toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products**. These items are often difficult to find the funds to purchase when on a very tight budget or with little to no extra income in the home. These are also items that tend to be "overlooked" as items that the food pantry would welcome as a donation.

Bring in some of these high demand items and place them in the shopping carts that are located between the entryway doors. Monetary donations are also welcome. Simply put your contribution into an offering envelope and mark it "Food Pantry" and we will make sure it goes to the pantry. **Let's fill the carts to overflowing with personal care items so that every family that uses the food pantry can have toilet paper in their home!**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is located at  
359 Leonard Street North  
West Salem, WI 54669



***JOIN THE CHOIR!!***

**For those that are looking to join a fun social group where you can laugh, joke, enjoy some fellowship and praise God all at the same time, I encourage you to join the choir!**

**We are a happy jovial bunch that loves to sing and have a good time. Anyone, high school and above are welcome to join. There is always room for one more!!**

**Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 28 at 7 pm There will be a potluck at 6 pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> prior to rehearsal so we can spend some time together.**

**If anyone has any questions, please contact Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210 or email her at [arndt.vicki@gmail.com](mailto:arndt.vicki@gmail.com)**

Please submit newsletter information  
to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month:  
*preschurchws@gmail.com*

### Stay Connected!

Visit our website: [www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com](http://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.

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*Church Office* • Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30 am. – 1:30 pm.  
*preschurchws@gmail.com*