



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

August 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....

The last month of Summer is upon us and that's always a bit of an interesting time in the church. In general, Summer is tough to program for... people are unpredictably busy, last second trips seem to happen fairly often and while the kids start getting bored at home, the brace for the start of the new School Year adds its own uncertainties.

For me, I get to look forward to my Daughter returning to Wisconsin, the start of a new Confirmation class, as well as wondering what new programs and opportunities will be coming as we enter into a new season of the church, with some leadership in the church making way to new.

I would like to take this time to remind folks that our leaders of the Community Dinner are planning on stepping down at the end of the year. If new leadership does not step up, the program will come to an end. Now, it can be intimidating to think of taking over that ministry, which has been run so well for so long, but remember that ministries change over time. Finding a new way to run an old ministry can be fun, so if you have ANY inclination that that is what you might want to do, come and talk to me about it.

Let's see what a new season can hold.

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**
Not Staffed



Presbyterian Church Community Dinner



Wednesday, August 27th
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
In-House



Handbell season is almost here!! It's going to be a great season. Handbell rehearsals will begin in September. If you have rung with us before, you will receive an email with details. If you have not, but are interested, please contact Vicki Arndt (608-790-1210) for more information.

Something new this year is the start of a youth choir. If you have a child between grades 3 and 8 who enjoys singing, please contact Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210 via text or phone call. Rehearsal will be on Sundays following church beginning on Sunday, Sept 28. I am looking forward to this new ministry for our youth.



September 29th
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)



JOIN THE CHOIR!!

It's that time of year when gear up for the fall season of music. Adult choir will resume rehearsals beginning on Thursday, August 28.

We will kick off the year with a potluck at 6:30 pm followed by our first rehearsal. If you have been a part of the choir before, an email will be sent out shortly. If you have not been a part of the choir before, we always have room for you!

We welcome anyone who loves to sing in high school and above. The more voices, the merrier!! If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210.

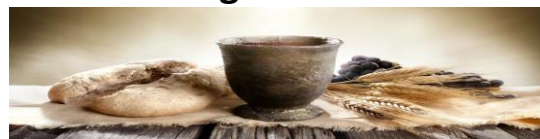
Church Fall Rummage Sale Thursday, Friday, Saturday September 11, 12, 13



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 August 10th



***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



We will be participating in the National Night Out hosted by the West Salem Police Department on Tuesday, August 5., 5-7:30 p.m. in the Village Park. This is such a fun community event.

It is the 4th annual National Night Out family event in the Village of West Salem held to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. There will be fun activities, free food, and vendors.

This nationwide event held every first Tuesday in August is part of National Night Out's (NNO) efforts to promote safer, more caring places to live, raise safety and drug awareness, strengthen community spirit, and enhance the partnership between citizens and first responders. 2025 marks NNO's 42nd year and the West Salem Police Department invites the community to come and have fun while enjoying a night out against crime.



Birthdays to Celebrate in August 2025

Barbara Hopkins	August 01
Evan Noel	August 01
Audrey Steinborn	August 02
Rose Lee	August 04
Justine Griffin	August 05
Kevin Aleckson	August 06
Robert Allen	August 07
David Seeger	August 08
Kandi Holt	August 11
Aaron Tourville	August 11
Laney Stephenson	August 12
Sharon Cullmann	August 14
Diana Swim	August 14
Jon Jones	August 15
Carissa Hass	August 17
Tom Bonsall	August 19
Ron Seeger	August 19
Ryan Beirne	August 23
Claudia Olson	August 24
Dane Bohnsack	August 25
Tanner Jones	August 26
Xander Wuensch	August 27
Jessica Noel	August 28
Alyssa Byrnes	August 29
Kim Sweet	August 29
Julia Byrnes	August 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***

August 2025 Worship Teams

Liturgists

August 3rd	Avis Evenson
August 10th	Josiah Wolbrink
August 17th	Nancy Olson
August 24th	Becky Auna
August 31th	Erika Crusan

Sound Room

Brynn Loging
Elsa Wolbrink
Audrey Steinborn
Lily Oldenburg
Carter Hill

Music: Caroline Sells, Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker
Head Usher: Shawn McAlister
Communion: Kristjan Sells, Kris Seeger, Barbara Hopkins

DEACONS

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

ELDERS

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

Recent Session Highlights

- Approved a community group's use the building for 2 - 3 times each month
- Approve our church's participation in the National Night Out event in West Salem
- Approved time off dates for Pastor Dan

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

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