



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

September 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 best judge of the character of an organization is not what it does when things are going smooth, or easy. Anyone can be optimal when things are going great. Like the ball coach who is magnanimous in victory, the politician who can give a good speech when the polls are looking good, the VP who has a good speech for the stockholders and employees when profits are up.

No, the real test comes when things go bad. That is often when the ball coach suddenly laments that they don't have quality players, the VP blames a "negative market environment," and the politician suddenly never had any real power to effect change and is just a victim of everything else, losing all concepts of capability.

We walk in difficult times, and this is when we find out who we really are. Do we admit our mistakes, our failings, and work to learn from them so we can be better? Or do we blame everyone but ourselves, thereby assuring that we will not grow at all, and inevitably make the same mistakes over and over again?

As Christians, we are blessedly relieved of the need to pretend: Christ has told us that we are sinners, and if we deny that, we are liars. So when we struggle, we know there is no need to obfuscate... all it does is deny us the opportunity to grow.

Pastor Dan



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes Resume on September 21st

Sunday School

Sunday Bible Study

Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)

Confirmation Classes

Nursery

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



**Presbyterian Church
Community Dinner**



**Wednesday
September 24th
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**



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



**September 29th
11:30 – 4:30 pm
Fellowship Hall**



***Our dinner has been a big part of our church mission the past 20
years and a few people have shown interest in continuing it
but don't want to be solely in charge.***

***If you are one of those, please contact Pastor Dan or
Diana Engel. We would like to schedule a time
to meet sometime in September.***



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!!

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 7pm There will be a potluck at 6 pm on the 28th 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

Church Fall Rummage Sale



Thursday, September 11th - 4:00 to 7:00pm

Friday, September 12th - 7:00am to 4:00pm

Saturday, September 13th - 8:00am to 12:00pm

Items can be dropped off through Sunday, September 7th.

In order to be ready for Thursday, we are not able to take items after that day. Furniture is only accepted by appointment, and we are unable to accept any electronics or appliances.

Please call Sharon at 608-797-1732 or Sara at 608-304-9926 if you want to schedule a drop off time.

This is an important mission for PW. We are in NEED of volunteers for the week of and during the sale.

PLEASE let Sharon or Sara know if you are able to help. Any time you give is of great help! Thank you!

Communion Sunday September 7th



***Fellowship Time
in the Fellowship Hall
9:15 – 9:45 am***

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

11:30-2:30

Bring a lunch

Starts on September 15th



10 AM

***New Hour for Sunday Morning
Worship Service begins
Sunday, September 7th***

All women are cordially invited to the
**JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
FALL WORKSHOP**
Saturday, September 20, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
at First Presbyterian Church
121 W. Florence Street, Cambria, WI

For the Love of Orphans
More Information in attachment to this
newsletter – NEWS SPAN



Birthdays to Celebrate in September 2025

Julie Baker	September 02
Dick Calvetti	September 05
Carol Griffin	September 06
Jenni Loding	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
Brendon Haverly/Ghelfi	September 18
Kyle Koeneker	September 18
Debra Allen	September 19
Laurie Chambers	September 19
Braxton Ghelfi	September 19
Charli Pfaff	September 19
Jacob Servais	September 19
Tate Pfaff	September 20
Kristin Kreibich	September 26
Greg Bergh	September 28
Greg Olson	September 28
Darren Dunn	September 30

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***

September 2025 Worship Teams

Liturgists

September 7th Barbara Hopkins
September 14th Elsa Wolbrink
September 21st Nick Miller
September 28th Chris Winther

Sound Room

Lily Oldenburg
Carter Hill
Josiah Wolbrink
Kelly Crusan

Music: Caroline Sells, Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker
Head Usher: Dylan VanRiper
Communion: Vickie Bain, Shawn McAlister, Kris Seeger, Mike Siekert
 Kelly Crusan, Val Olson

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

Recent Session Highlights

- An overview was provided on Presbyterian Women activities and plans
- Approved Sunday morning times for Sunday School and Fellowship Hour
- Discuss having name badges during worship
- Approved donating a portion of the Pentecost Offering to the local Diaper Bank
- Approved formation of a youth choir
- Discussed obtaining new hymnals for the sanctuary
- Our church will host the November 2025 Presbytery meeting

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

FALL & WINTER NEEDS 2025

Men's long underwear – both tops and bottoms

Men's warm winter gloves

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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Visit our website: www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com



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Sunday Worship - 10 am

OFFICE HOURS

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

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