



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

October 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....

There is a wide gulf between what is popular and what is right.

This isn't to say that the popular decision is always the wrong one, but doing a thing simply because it will be well received rarely is holiness. It tends to be a chasing of the status quo. Like Social Media "influencers" who chase popular trends in order to get views, it isn't transformative. Transformative things are never popular when first done, they only become popular as ideas catch on. So while they may be good, they never really make the world better.

In order to change the world, we are called to *challenge* it. Not to settle for the good of today but to push for the great of tomorrow, all the while trying to avoid the *perfect*, an unachievable trap that can often lead to some churches not doing anything at all.

So like I always tell my confirmation classes, (which incidentally is starting to meet this month along with the rest of Sunday School!) be willing to make mistakes. Be willing to try new things, or to push radical ideas, even if it doesn't go along with the crowd in this particular moment.

God calls on us to be transformative, not popular. So be willing to make bold decisions, and be willing to make mistakes while doing them. And keep going to Sunday School, to help you learn the difference along the way!

Pastor Dan



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes start at 9 am

**Sunday School
Sunday Bible Study
Confirmation Classes**

**Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)
After church lets out until 1 pm
Every other Sunday**

Nursery

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



**Presbyterian Church
Community Dinner**



**Wednesday
October 22nd
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

All Saints' Day



Sunday, November 2nd

If you have a loved one who passed in the past year that you would like remembered, please provide the name, date of birth, date of death and photo to the church secretary (preschurchws@gmail.com)

for the slide show before **October 29th**

Also, please be with us on that day to light a candle in their memory.



**December 2nd
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 soon.



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)

Communion Sunday October 5th



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



*Presbyterian
Church of
West Salem*



***2026 Pledges Fall Stewardship
Letters have been sent out.
Pledge Box on Sanctuary Table
Please return Pledge Cards by October 12th.***



Roadside Cleanup Event October 18th at 9 am

***Join the PCOWS crews in keeping
West Salem looking great by
cleaning up a roadway. We'll meet
at 9 am on Saturday, October 18th
in the Fellowship Hall for a snack
and then pick up trash along
Jefferson and Elm Streets. No need
to bring anything but a pair of
gloves for picking up trash.***

***Sponsored by
the Stewardship & Mission
Committee***

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

Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to:

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



Birthdays to Celebrate in October 2025

Mark Wolf	October 04
Margie Denson	October 05
Diana Engel	October 05
David Noel	October 06
Pat Brummond	October 07
Trisha Jones	October 07
Helen Harold	October 08
Kristjan Sells	October 08
Clark Burdick	October 10
Gwyn Calvetti	October 10
Randy Griffin	October 10
Vickie Bain	October 11
Pete Hass	October 11
Kennedy Hamilton	October 16
Susan Evans	October 17
Sheryl Lee	October 17
Terry Loring	October 17
Sharon Shaw	October 17
Jessica Steinborn	October 17
Lynda Bahr	October 19
Easton Gerdes	October 19
Evelyn Benzing	October 20
Heidi Horton	October 20
Rachel Winther	October 21
Ava Schuster	October 22
Kim Seeger	October 22
Alec Otto	October 23
Brittany Bjorkman	October 25
Scott Griffin	October 25
Christopher Matthews	October 26
Colin Hass	October 28
Wilbert Steinborn	October 28
Gideon Wolbrink	October 28
Jaycob Brown	October 30
Joyce Garves	October 31
Jonas Hamilton	October 31



Exercise Group

Tuesdays and Fridays

9-10 AM

Fellowship Hall

October 2025 Worship Teams

Liturgists

October 5th Helen Harold
October 12th Helen Harold
October 19th Josiah Wolbrink
October 26th Jane Foner

Sound Room

Brynn Loging
Elsa Wolbrink
Audrey Steinborn
Kelly Crusan

Music: Caroline Sells, Julie Baker
Head Usher: Jenni Loging
Communion: Kristjan Sells, Jenni Loging, Diana Swim, Chris Winther,
Charles Engel, Sara Oldenburg

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

- Reviewed and approved the building insurance policy
- Approved upgrading the Sanctuary audio visual systems
- Approved holding an evening Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at our church
- Updated membership statuses based on the annual rolls review
- Approved Red Cross Blood Drive dates
- Approved participation in the West Salem Trunk or Treat event
- Approved a pumpkin painting event at our church
- Rescheduled the Roadside Cleanup activity date



Annual Pumpkin Painting Event

Sunday, October 26th
Before church starting at 8:45 am
Fellowship Hall

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 AND WINTER NEEDS 2025

WINN – Men's long underwear – both tops and bottoms

Men's warm winter gloves

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!**



West Salem Trunk or Treat

West Salem Village Park

Friday, October 31st

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Free Community Event for Children Ages 12 & Under



Apple Pies for Sale \$10.00 each

Call Diana Engel at (608) 786-1560 or 1 (608) 386-0860



Mulder's Bingo

Tuesday

October 7th

2:30 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



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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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