



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem February 2026

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....

As I am writing this I am awaiting a cold snap, to hit tonight and tomorrow, which, in all likelihood, will be the coldest the winter gets this year. We've already cancelled choir and handbell practice for tonight, and I'm watching with interest as various things in the community start to shut down as well.

Times like this are interesting for a number of reasons. Certain issues become more paramount; making sure people have shelter, and warmth, becomes more important. Social unrest tends to die down because it's hard to stay out in the elements for either the establishment or those protesting it. Folks pack in, stay home, if they have somewhere safe to do so.

It reminds me somewhat of the flood, or any other time when the weather put a stop to everything and forced humanity to take a look at what we were doing, how we were doing it, just by making us stop... even if only for a moment. Life goes on in our busy world, and by the time you receive this the cold snap will be over and life will have resumed, the good and the bad.

So take advantage of these times when the world around us forces us to stop. Take the time to think. To adjust. To reconsider. And then, when the pause button gets released... be ready to continue doing Justice, loving Kindness, and walking Humbly with our God.

Pastor Dan



Classes start at 9 am

**Sunday School
Sunday Bible Study
Confirmation Classes**

**Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)
After church
Every other Sunday**

Nursery

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



**Presbyterian Church
Community Dinner**



**Wednesday
February 25th
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

West Salem Food Pantry Needs

Donating to the West Salem food pantry can make a world of difference. Many families are facing difficult circumstances, whether due to economic strain, job loss, or unforeseen emergencies. By contributing non-perishable food items, or financial donations, you can help ensure that your neighbors have access to the nourishment they need to get through these uncertain times. Your generosity provides not just food, but hope. We are all connected and together, we can make a difference. At this time the food pantry needs donations of canned meat like spam and chicken, as well as canned soups, other than tomato and chicken noodle. Please place your donations in the shopping carts in the entry ways of the church.



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

Happy Valentine's Day



Hospital Visits 2026

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:

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)
Karen Quackenbush: 608-786-0992
(Home)
Becky Auna: 608-786-0097

Communion Sunday February 1st



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

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 – Updated list November 2025

Very warm men's winter gloves

> Long underwear sets:

small, medium, large and 2x

> Hand warmers

> \$10 Gift Cards for: Subway, Kwik Trip and McDonalds

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.



Ash Wednesday – February 18th at 6:30 pm

Lenten Services:

February 25th at 6:30 pm

March 4th at 6:30 pm

March 11th at 6:30 pm

March 18th at 6:30 pm

March 25th at 6:30 pm

Palm Sunday is March 29th

Maundy Thursday April 2nd at 6:30 pm
No soup supper

Easter is April 5th

Lenten Soup Suppers will be from
5:30-6:15pm except on
February 25th and March 25th
(Community Dinner)

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



10 AM

**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**



Birthdays to Celebrate in February 2026

Ted	Yankee	February 02
Charlotte	Steinborn	February 02
Mason	Gress	February 03
David	Motes	February 05
Kathy	Schedin	February 05
Jim	Cullmann	February 08
Genevieve	Sprain	February 08
Valerie	Olson	February 10
Erick	Sells	February 10
Jocelyn	Heller	February 13
Christine	Siroin	February 14
Maddox	Rogers	February 14
Anne	Zalewski	February 15
Andy	Raymer	February 15
Faith	Holt	February 16
David	Miller	February 19
Laura	Burdick	February 20
Teresa	DeLong	February 20
Janna	Seeger	February 20
Kris	Schwier	February 20
Kayleighanna	Pfaff	February 24
Mary	Winther	February 25
Tiffani	LaJeunesse	February 25
Nicole	Griffin	February 27



Monday, February 16th

February 2026 Worship Teams

February 1st
February 8th
February 15th
February 18th
February 22nd
February 25th

Liturgists

Chris Winther
Diana Engel
Josiah Wolbrink

Nick Miller

Sound Room

Kelly Crusan
Carter Hill
Josiah Wolbrink
Kelly Crusan
Kelly Crusan

Music: Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker, Caroline Sells

Head Usher: Dave Bohnsack

Communion: Chris Winther, Charles Engel, Kris Seeger, Jenni Loging, Kristjan Sells, Lois Sanwick

DEACONS

Class of 2026 Kris Seeger
Karen Quackenbush
Valerie Olson
Sara Oldenburg
Lois Sanwick
Becky Auna

ELDERS

<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>
<i>Class of 2028</i>	<i>Amity Hill</i> <i>Pamela Twining</i>	<i>Dave Jacobs</i> <i>Becca Bohnsack</i>

Youth Elder – Class of 2026 – Josiah Wolbrink



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 the 2026 special worship service schedule
- Approved the 2026 communion schedule
- Approved the 2026 Shared Mission Pledge to Presbytery
- Approved the church to be used as a voting place in 2026
- Approve a building usage request by a community group

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!**

Sanctuary A/V System Upgrades

The church has contracted with Lifeline A/V Systems of Platteville to do some major upgrades to our A/V system. The project was prompted by a few things. Our old mixing board (about 20 years old) is starting to fail, with three dead channels so far. The main video processor system failed completely this year, and we are currently using a loaner. The video streaming box has had intermittent failures, and is expected to be near end of life. You may have noticed that the back video screen has a darker area at the bottom, due to a failed row of LEDs. And then to enhance both our in-person and streaming experience, we wanted to add a second camera and increase the resolution of both cameras. With this upgrade, to save money, we will be retaining the main speakers, front TV screens, and sound room computer, and replacing the back TV screen ourselves. Lifeline will be installing a completely new video processing and streaming system, two new cameras, and a new sound mixer to replace both the old board and a separate mixer that handles only the pastor and pulpit mics. The new system will be much more user friendly as well, with simple touch screens for audio and video control.

We expect the system to be installed some time between Christmas and Easter. The total price for the system is about \$37,000, and we are seeking donations to offset what would need to come from investment funds.

If you would like to help, please just write “AV system” in the memo line of your check. Thank You!

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