



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

March 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 we enter into the Season of Lent, I think it is important to remember who precisely we are supposed to be. We are not perfect. We are not God. We are not the glorious angelic choir sent to dispense perfect justice to the world.

Instead, we are humans. Broken, sinful, hurting humans. Just like the ones who went before. And just like them, we succeed in the tasks given us, not despite that, but almost because of it... God chooses us, in full awareness of our Sin, because it is sinners like us that God has chosen.

We are not righteous because of the deeds we have done. We are righteous because God has chosen us to do them.

So as long as we are willing to look inwards, willing to face our sin, our errors, our mistakes, So long as we are willing to learn from those mistakes and try our best to be better... there will always be a place for us. Because Salvation comes from God. And with that assurance, we also strive to be better.

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  
Every other Sunday**

**Nursery**

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



**Presbyterian Church  
Community Dinner**



**Wednesday  
March 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**

**PCOWS Women – Please join us for the March PW Meeting**

**Date: Saturday March 14  
Time: 10:00-11:30 am**

**Topics: business meeting, fellowship,  
gift bags for homebound members, breakfast**

**Please bring:**

1. Small non-perishable items (about 12) for gift bags
2. Monetary donation for the Birthday Offering
3. A brunch dish to pass

**Questions – contact Jenni Loging, 608-769-1883**



### ***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

Val 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 March 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.



#### ***Lenten Services:***

***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***

***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 March 2026**

Shawn McAlister	March 02
Shirley Beaty	March 04
Christian McAlister	March 05
Josie LaJeunesse	March 06
Aila Meeuwsen	March 06
Becca Bohnsack	March 07
Jim Rogala	March 07
Connor Brown	March 09
Carolyn Lindeman	March 15
Willis Jones	March 16
Tracey Rogers	March 17
Virgil Thompson	March 17
Marilee Zalewski	March 18
Jim Leicht	March 20
Greg Meeuwsen	March 20
Isaac Wolbrink	March 24
Heath Byrnes	March 25
Catherine Siekert	March 25
Jack Twining	March 25
Sandy Carlson	March 26
Nancy Koeneke	March 27
Jane Foner	March 29
Kyle Rogers	March 30



*We will be serving Easter Breakfast  
before church on  
Easter Sunday, April 5th, 8:45-9:45a.m.*

*The menu is egg, sausages,  
fruit and muffins.*

*If anyone can furnish an egg bake, we  
would appreciate it! You can call or tell us  
in church.*

*Vickie Bain, 608.769.3041  
Sherry Bonsall, 608.786.1280  
Pam Twining, 608.498.1190*

## March 2026 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

### Sound Room

March 1st	Martha Burdick	Brynn Loging
March 4 <sup>th</sup>		Kelly Crusan
March 8th	Elsa Wolbrink	Josiah Wolbrink
March 11 <sup>th</sup>		Kelly Crusan
March 15th	Barbara Hopkins	Audrey Steinborn
March 18 <sup>th</sup>		Kelly Crusan
March 22nd	Nick Miller	Josiah Wolbrink
March 25 <sup>th</sup>		Kelly Crusan
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jenni Loging	Lily Oldenburg
<b>Music:</b>	Pastor Dan McCurdy, Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker, Caroline Sells	
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Nick Miller	
<b>Communion:</b>	Kelly Crusan, Barbara Hopkins, Karen Quackenbush, Nick Miller, Vickie Bain, Josiah Wolbrink	

### 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 Charles Engel</i>	<i>Jenni Loging Nick Miller</i>
<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Kelly Crusan Kristjan Sells</i>	<i>Barbara Hopkins Vickie Bain</i>
<i>Class of 2028</i>	<i>Amity Hill Pamela Twining</i>	<i>Dave Jacobs Becca Bohnsack</i>
<i>Youth Elder – Class of 2026 – Josiah Wolbrink</i>		

## Recent Session Highlights

- Approved conducting VBS (Vacation Bible School)
- Approved holding an Easter Breakfast
- Approved the Presbyterian Women's 2026 Event Calendar

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

## ***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!**

## **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!**

Please submit newsletter information  
to the office by the 15th of each month:  
[preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)

### Stay Connected!

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