



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

April 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.*

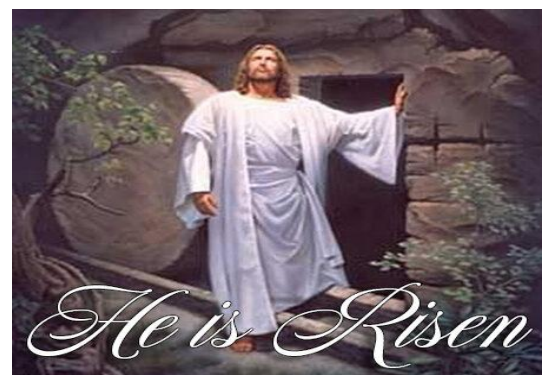
## From the Pastor's Desk....

**“He is Risen” is such a weird sentence when you really think about it.**

**Surely we mean that Christ was Resurrected two thousand years ago, right? And yet, that isn't what we sing on Easter Morning. Instead, we sing “Christ The Lord IS Risen Today!” It's like how, on Christmas Eve, we declare the child being born as if it just happened, as if we were celebrating a BIRTH, rather than a birthday.**

**But we do not celebrate a God who acted thousands of years ago, but is silent today. We do not read dusty scripture that once spoke truth but has been closed for so long as to be irrelevant. The God we worship is active in our lives NOW. The scripture we read speaks new truths to us even today.**

**When Christ was resurrected from the dead, he did not then live ten more years or so and then die again, like Lazarus. He was raised, and then Ascended. He lives for us, watches us, prays for us. Christ our Lord IS Risen. Today!**



**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  
April 22nd  
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.**



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

**Get ready for *Meals for Missions* during the  
village wide rummage sale weekend  
Friday, May 15th from 11:00 AM–2:00 PM**

*Stop by, grab a bite, and support a great cause. We'll be serving up a tasty lunch featuring hot dogs, brats, chip, soda, and bottled water—perfect for a quick and delicious break while you're out and about rummage sailing.*

*We're excited to be included on the Village Rummage Sale map, so make sure to add us to your list of stops for the day! While you're here, check out our plant sale—a great chance to pick up something green for your home or garden.*

*To help make the plant sale a success, we're inviting members of the congregation to donate plants if you have extras to share. Every contribution helps support our mission efforts! Bring a friend, enjoy some good food, and help make a difference. We hope to see you there!*



### ***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

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**

#### **WINN – Updated list March 2026**

Off or Cutters Bug repellent

men's drawstring shorts

men's sleeveless shirts

t-shirts (all clothing larger sizes)

Salvation Army - Underwear (new), socks

comfy pants, t-shirts (all clothing larger sizes)

toiletries (especially shampoo), new pillows

blankets (single bed size)

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.

### **Communion Sunday April 5th**



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



### ***EASTER FLOWERS***

***If you are interested in helping to support the purchase of Easter flowers that are placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday contact Nick Miller or the church office.***

***Contributions can be placed in the offering plate and earmarked "Easter flowers" or given to Nick at church by Palm Sunday.***

***If you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one, let Nick or the church office know that as well.***

***Names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.***

***Thank you!***

**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 April 2026**

Jamie Holt	April 01
Bethany McAlister	April 01
Cindy Bergh	April 01
Jackie Siekert	April 01
Molly Baker	April 01
Evelyn Raymer	April 01
Barry Schimke	April 01
Mary Griffin	April 07
Charles Wehrs	April 07
Coyah Hill	April 08
Logan Oldenburg	April 13
Penny Wherry	April 13
Rick Brown	April 15
Brianna Holt	April 15
Daniel Wolbrink	April 16
Susan Hicks	April 17
David Griffin	April 18
Laura Lusk	April 18
Sara Oldenburg	April 18
Todd Seefeldt	April 20
Pat Meyer	April 21
Erika Crusan	April 23
Adrian Rice	April 23
Kari Schuster	April 23
Lily Oldenburg	April 24
Steve Anderson	April 27
Tim Rogers	April 28
Lydia Sells	April 28
Jamie Mattson	April 29



*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*

## April 2026 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup>

April 12<sup>th</sup>

April 19<sup>th</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Olson

Dan Wolbrink

Helen Harold

Jenni Loging

### Sound Room

Kelly Crusan

Carter Hill

Josiah Wolbrink

Kelly Crusan

Brynn Loging

**Pastor:** Dan McCurdy

**Music:** Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker, Lisa Jones, Caroline Sells, Praise Band,  
Nick Miller, Choir, Handbell Choir

**Head Usher:** Richard Calvetti

**Communion:** Amity Hill, Kelly Crusan, Josiah Wolbrink, Kristjan Sells,  
Becca Bohnsack, Sara Oldenburg

### DEACONS

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

### ELDERS

**Class of 2026** Chris Winther  
Charles Engel  
Jenni Loging  
Nick Miller

**Class of 2027** Kelly Crusan  
Kristjan Sells  
Barbara Hopkins  
Vickie Bain

**Class of 2028** Amity Hill  
Pamela Twining  
Dave Jacobs  
Becca Bohnsack

*Youth Elder – Class of 2026 – Josiah Wolbrink*

### Recent Session Highlights

- Allocated the West Salem Cares monetary donation to the Community Dinner
- Approved a member's request for building use
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- Approved using Brat Fund money for work on HVAC thermostats and motors
- Identified two members to audit and review the church's financial books
- Approved a Spring cleanup event for the church's adopted roadway

**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**

## 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!**



### *It's Time to Clean Up Our Highway!*

Hey everyone! We’ve got an exciting opportunity to make a big difference together. It’s time for our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, and we’d love for YOU to join us!

The more helping hands we have, the quicker (and more fun!) the job will be.

We’ll start with a potluck after church on **Sunday, May 3rd**, so bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy some great food and fellowship before we head out to clean our stretch of road.

#### **What to bring:**

Comfortable clothes, Work gloves

#### **We’ll provide:**

Reflective safety vests, Garbage bags

Let’s work together, have some fun, and make our community shine!  
Have questions? Reach out to the Stewardship and Mission committee  
Barb Hopkins, Becca Bohnsack, Patty Lee or Debbie King Quale

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.

[DanielSMcCurdy@gmail.com](mailto:DanielSMcCurdy@gmail.com) • 330.465.4794

*Church Office* • Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30 am. – 1:30 pm.  
[preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)