



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

May 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....

If Christianity was a Movie, Easter would be the finale. Big orchestral piece, choirs singing, the stars looking on in amazement as Christ again walked among them. Then credits, cathartic music, and everyone walks to the parking lot to go home. (Or, if they were streaming, goes to the kitchen for a snack? The metaphor works better if we assume that the theater industry isn't dying of its own excess right now.)

ANYWAY, that's how the movie would go. But life isn't a movie, with a happy ending. Happy or sad, life continues. Jesus was raised, Jesus was Exalted, and we here on Earth were left with the task of making sure others knew that, to share hope, to share joy, to share food, whatever we had, to share Christ's love.

Easter isn't the end of Christianity. It's the beginning, it's what allows us to do what we do, to be who we are, to love and to hope and to share. So remember, when we gather, when we worship.

The story isn't over. God is writing your chapter, with you as the writing partner. So what story will you tell?

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  
May 27th  
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.**



**June 1st  
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 May 3rd**



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



**To all who have served, continue to serve, and lost their lives...**

*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 May 2026**

Trevor Jones	May 02
Jane Wines	May 02
Dax Pfaff	May 04
Melissa Norman	May 08
Neil Bain	May 09
Grady LaJeunesse	May 09
Jerry Seeger	May 09
Ann Vallier	May 09
Brendan Holt	May 10
Rita Thompson	May 10
Kenny Hauser	May 11
Greg Shaw	May 12
Tanner Dunn	May 17
Lois Sanwick	May 17
Brian Holt	May 18
Brayden McAlister	May 18
Kendall Stephenson	May 18
Mary Tschida	May 19
Jolie Meyers	May 22
Kathy Anderson	May 23
Lindy Meyers	May 23
Jackie Schimke	May 23
Carol Hass	May 25
Jacob Burdick	May 26
Brynn Loging	May 28
Alanna Wuensch	May 28
Nick Miller	May 29
Kyle Schuster	May 30



**Senior Recognition Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Join us for worship on Sunday, May 17th as we  
 celebrate our 2026 church graduates!  
 Please help us in wishing the Class of 2026 Good Luck  
 and Best Wishes as they close this chapter in their  
 lives.*



*We are accepting applications for  
 Summer Camp Scholarships.  
 The application form can be found attached  
 to the weekly PCOWS email.  
 There are also printed copies at the back of the church.  
 All applications are due May 17th.*

## May 2026 Worship Teams

### Liturgists

May 3rd	Avis Evenson
May 10th	Martha Burdick
May 17th	Nick Miller
May 24th	Lily Oldenburg
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Barb Hopkins

### Sound Room

Elsa Wolbrink
Audrey Steinborn
Kelly Crusan
Lily Oldenburg
Carter Hill

Pastor:	Dan McCurdy
Music:	Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker, Caroline Sells, Lisa Jones
Head Usher:	Mike Siekert
Communion:	Jenni Loging, Nick Miller, Kelly Crusan, Charles Engel, Val Olson, Kris Seeger

### 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

- Session received and update on the Community Dinner program
- Approved three new roasters for the kitchen
- Approved a HVAC preventative maintenance contract
- Discussed the elimination of the vegetable garden
- Approved purchase of new music for the choirs
- Approved participation in the Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program

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.

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