

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem March 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....

It's that time of year where I start freaking out my Confirmation class by talking about the Statements of Faith that they will be writing at the end of their two years. It's an intimidating document to write, primarily because they have never written one before; to this point in their lives, they have always been given assignment to write about other people, to summarize things that can be checked. Writing down what THEY believe, and why, in that precise moment, can be a struggle.

It's something I recommend older members of the church to do as well. A statement of faith isn't a lifelong commitment, just a marker of where you are in the moment you write it.

Simultaneously the most profound thing you have written up to that point, and no sooner than it is written, it is out of date.

Faith is an ever-shifting thing, just as we are always developing, always growing. That's the whole point; a known thing will generally stay known; a believed thing will shift as you do.

So... what do you believe? And have you ever considered writing it down?

Pastor Dan



Sunday School 9 am

Sunday Bible Study 9-9:45 am Galilee Room

Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers) 6-7 pm at Church

> Confirmation Classes 9:15 am in Chapel

Nursery

Available for 4K and under only
No staffing available



Presbyterian Church Community Dinner



Wednesday, March 26th 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

In-House



March 31st 11:30 – 4:30 pm Fellowship Hall



Handbell Practices

6:30 pm Thursday Evenings



Choir Practice

7:30 pm Thursday Evenings

Need more information contact Vicki Arndt at 608-790-1210, email Arndt.vicki@gmail.com, or catch me in church!



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)



Ash Wednesday - March 5th at 6:30 pm Lenten Services:

> March 12th at 6:30 pm March 19th at 6:30 pm March 26th at 6:30 pm

April 2nd at 6:30 pm April 9th at 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday April 17th at 6:30 pm Palm Sunday is April 13th

Easter is April 20th

Lenten Soup Suppers will be from 5:30-6:15pm except on March 26th (Community Dinner)



March Meeting

All are welcome to join the PW for a potluck after church on Sunday, March 9th. After our meal we will have a short PW business meeting and then fill goodie bags for shut ins. Please bring a dish to pass and about a dozen items to put into the shut in goodie bags. Questions?

Contact Becca Bohnsack or Becky Auna.

Communion Sunday March 2nd

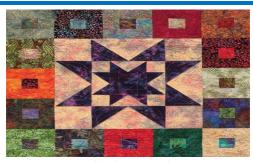


Prayer Chain:

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



Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 am



Tabitha Circle

1st and 3rd Mondays from 11:30-2:30 Bring a Lunch

Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to:

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



Birthdays to Celebrate in March 2025 Shawn McAlister March 02 Nelda Manter March 03 Shirley Beaty March 04 Christian McAlister March 05 Sean Horton March 06 Josie LaJeunesse March 06 Aila Meeuwsen March 06 Angela Molling 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 **Bob Elliott** March 18 Marilee Zalewski March 18 March 20 Jim Leicht Greg Meeuwsen March 20 Heidi Ebert March 22 March 24 Marie Haugen March 24 Isaac Wolbrink Heath Byrnes March 25 Catherine Siekert March 25 Jack Twining March 25 March 26 Sandy Carlson Nancy Koeneke March 27 March 27 David Wolf Jane Foner March 29



Kyle Rogers

March 30

Exercise Group

Tuesdays and Fridays 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall

March 2025 Worship Teams

Sound Room Liturgists

March 2nd **Martha Burdick Gideon Wolbrink**

March 5th **Kelly Crusan**

March 9th **Elsa Wolbrink Kelly Crusan**

March 12th **Kelly Crusan**

March 16th **Jane Foner Lily Oldenburg**

March 19th **Kelly Crusan**

March 23rd **Kevin Arndt Evan Crusan**

March 26th **Kelly Crusan**

March 30th **Jenni Loging Josiah Wolbrink**

Music: Greg Meeuwsen, Caroline Sells, Vicki Arndt, Julie Baker

Head Usher: Fred Miller

Communion: Chris Winther, Charles Engel, Helen Harold, Jenni Loging, Nick Miller,

Val Olson

DEACONS

Class of 2025 Helen Harold Diana Swim

Lois Sanwick Kris Seeger

Diana Engel

Class of 2026 Karen Quackenbush Valerie Olson

Sara Oldenburg

ELDERS

Class of 2025 Mike Siekert Shayna Arndt Shawn McAlister Pamela Twining

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

Class of 2027 **Kelly Crusan** Barbara Hopkins

Kristjan Sells Vickie Bain



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



March 15th 9 am - 3 pm

February 2025 Session Highlights

Approved Village of West Salem's request to use the Fellowship Hall as a polling place for the February and April 2025 elections

The four Special Presbyterian offerings were approved for 2025: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness, and the Christmas Joy Offering.

Special worship services were approved for 2025: Ash Wednesday service, Wednesday Lent services preceded by soup suppers, Maundy Thursday service, Christmas Eve service

Approved purchase of preventative maintenance for the basement boiler heating system including new water filtration and water treatment monitoring.

Agreed to be a recipient of a 2025 fundraising campaign sponsored by the West Salem Area Community Foundation.

Approved a food drive to support the West Salem Food Pantry

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

Towels, Sheets (twin sized, preferred), Pillows, Gloves, Sweatshirts (all sizes, kids thru adult), Sweatpants (all sizes, kids thru adult), New underwear (men and women), Shampoo, Conditioner, Nail clippers, Brushes, Deodorant men's warm, waterproof winter gloves: large and extra large sizes, face masks for cold weather, men's long underwear sets: medium, large and extra large sizes, gently used warm winter jackets are always needed, \$10 Gift cards from McDonald's, Kwik Trip and Subway Cash donations are needed to purchase items in bulk with tax exempt status

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.

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

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Sunday Worship 10:15 am

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Dan McCurdy • Monday through Thursday 8:45 am. - 2:00 pm.

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