WESTBY UMC April 28, 2024

* please stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING SONGS

Lord, Be Glorified

#2150 TFWS

Lord, I Need You

* CALL TO WORSHIP

- L. We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.
- P. We come because we seek to abide in Christ.
- L. The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.
- P. We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.
- L. If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.
- P. We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.
- L. We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

All. May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

* OPENING PRAYER

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace.

Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life.

Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,

which flows through us today and all days.

Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

HYMN OF INSPIRATION Hymn of Promise #707 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-8

MESSAGE "Remain in Me"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

** Please place your offering in the plate as you leave, or send your offering by mail, or drop it off in the church mailbox by the south doors. **

* DOXOLOGY #95 UMH Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* OFFERING PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN My Tribute #99 UMH

* SENDING FORTH

May God bless the world in which you move, and bless your home and bless your friends.

May God bless the eyes with which you see, and bless the ears with which you listen.

May God bless the way you use your hands, bless the way you employ your tongues.

As a bonus from the living God in Christ Jesus, grace mercy and peace will be yours, today and always. Amen!

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE He Lives #310 UMH (refrain)

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell

Pastor: Erika Martinez-Flores

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

April 28 10:00 AM – Fellowship, Sunday School & Plant Flowers for Norseland

April 29 6:00 PM – Joint ICD Meeting @ Viroqua UMC

The meeting will begin with a light supper in the Fellowship Hall

May 1 6:00 PM – Growing in Faith Study Group
May 2 9:00 AM – Thursday Morning Prayer Group

May 4 9:00 AM – Church Cleaning

May 6 RSVP Due Date for Flower Pot Decorating Workshop

(RSVP to Verna – Workshop is on May 9 @ 5:00 PM)

PRAYERS

Lee & Lyndsey (Tom's family), Ken (Ann's son), Mallory (Julie's daughter), Pastor Erika and others participating in ICD, Sunday School children & parents, Norseland residents, our church family, Pastor Erika, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry.

Pastor Erika – Westby Office Hours

If you have something you'd like to discuss with Pastor Erika in person, she is available during these times: Sunday mornings before worship (8:30-8:50) and Thursday (10:00-1:00).

Mission of the Month - Random Acts of Kindness

This month we are collecting donations for the Westby School District Random Acts of Kindness project. This project distributes the funds anonymously to families who have various emergency situations. Please make checks out to the church and put Westby School RAOK on the memo line or indicate Westby School RAOK on the envelope for cash donations. Thank you for helping to support this local project.

Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk

Please continue to donate items for the Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk. Items needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, hand soap, hand lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, brushes & combs. They also need packages of feminine hygiene products.

Senior Strength Training

This class is open to everyone, of all ages. This class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-1:15 PM.

Westby Senior Meal Site

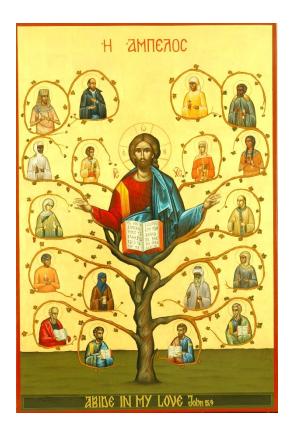
The Westby Senior Meal Site is held at our church. Meals will be served Monday-Thursday, at 11:30 AM. Please call 608-637-5201 by 8:00 AM to reserve and order a meal for that day.

Prayer Request Box

Please write your prayer request on the note card and put it in the box. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group will then pray for these requests when they meet on the 1st Thursday of the month.



WESTBY United Methodist Church April 28, 2024



9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School & Fellowship after Worship

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Our calling is to reach all people with the life-changing power of God's Love and Grace available to all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.