

WESTBY UMC
July 5, 2026

** Please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING SONGS

<i>America the Beautiful</i>	#696 UMH
<i>God of Ages</i>	#698 UMH

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When trouble comes and fear is near,

P: We look for the face of God.

L: When the way ahead seems closed,

P: We trust God who opens new paths.

L: We do not gather because life is easy.

P: We gather because God is with us. Let us worship together.

* **OPENING PRAYER**

God of every season, we come before you today as we are — sometimes strong, sometimes afraid, sometimes unsure of the road ahead. Teach us to find your peace even in hard places, and open our eyes to see your presence with us. When we face things we do not understand, remind us that you are near, and that you are never finished making a way forward. Meet us now as we worship.

God, give us courage to dream Your dreams for our church. Please open our minds and hearts and ears, so we can hear Your voice to know what Your purpose is for our church. We pray in Christ's name, Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

#895 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 7:54-8:3

MESSAGE

"Stephen Was Stoned and Saul Began to Destroy the Church"

* HYMN OF INSPIRATION *Grace Alone* #2162 TFWS

* DOXOLOGY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

*** Please place your offering in the offering plate on the table in the narthex by the sanctuary entrance. ***

* OFFERING PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN *To Know You More* #2161 TFWS

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell
Pastor: Paul Lee

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

July 5	10:00 AM – Fellowship
July 6	6:30 PM – Website Review
July 10	6:00 PM – Church Board Meeting
July 12	10:00 AM – Brunch Potluck & Movie

** Sign-up sheets are available for the potluck brunch on July 12 and for the Burgers in the Park Bake Sale on July 16.

*** Please pray the Visioning Prayer at 3:20 PM each day so we can be united in asking God what He wants our church to do for serving Him and others.**

PRAYERS

Ann, VBS, Sunday School students & families, God's Vision for our church, Pastor Paul, Norseland residents, our church family, unnamed concerns, our country, our church in ministry

Mission of the Month – Stuff the Bus

We will be collecting donations for Stuff the Bus. If possible, please provide school supplies and/or monetary donations by Sunday, July 12. Please refer to the newsletter for a list of school supplies needed.

Personal Hygiene Items for Bethel Butikk

Please continue to donate personal hygiene items for Bethel Butikk.

Senior Strength Training

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

Westby Senior Meal Site

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 July 5, 2026



**9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship**

**Westby United Methodist Church
202 East State St., Westby, WI 54667**

*Love God by loving others.
Serve God by serving others.*