

WESTBY UMC
August 9, 2026

** Please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING SONGS *Goodness of God
Living Hope*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather this morning, called out of our separate lives into this one holy moment.

P: We come with open hearts, ready to meet the One who has been waiting for us.

L: Let us lay down all that we carry and worship God.

P: We worship God in spirit and in truth.

L: This is the day our God has made.

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship together.

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we come before you this morning as we are, tired or hopeful, distracted or ready, carrying questions we cannot answer and gratitude we cannot fully express. Quiet the noise within us. Gather our scattered thoughts into this one purpose, to worship you in spirit and in truth. Open our ears to hear your word, open our hearts to receive your grace, and open our hands to give ourselves back to you in this hour. We do not worship alone. We worship as this community, bound together by your love and sent out together by your call.

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 11:19-26

MESSAGE *"Disciples Were First Called Christians in Antioch"*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

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

* CLOSING HYMN *Grace Alone* #2162 TFWS

* OFFERING PRAYER

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Paul Lee
Pastor: Paul Lee

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

Aug. 9 10:00 AM – Fellowship
Aug. 12 6:00 PM – Church Board Meeting

Aug. 16 4:00-7:00 PM – Vacation Bible School

* 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

SooHo, Ilene (Donna's daughter), 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 – Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat for Humanity of the Greater La Crosse Region serves local communities—including Vernon County—by building affordable housing, repairing existing homes, and operating a discount home improvement store. We can help through financial donations or donating gently used furniture to the ReStore. Please indicate Habitat for Humanity in the memo line for check donations.

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

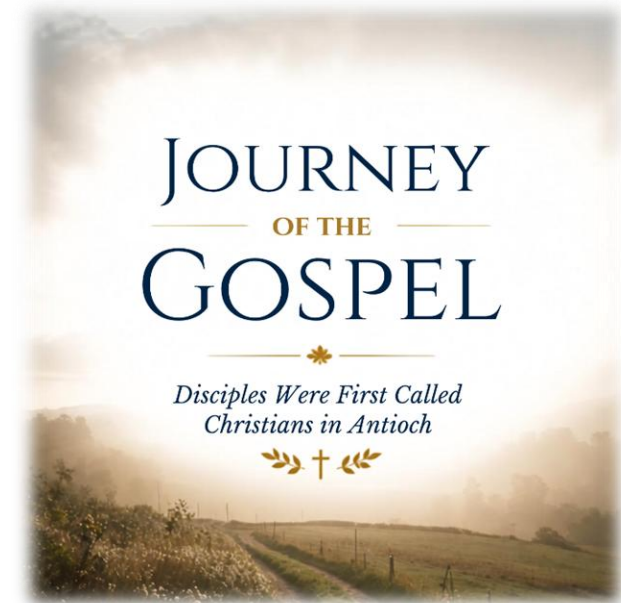
Meals will be served Monday-Thursday, at 11:30 AM. Please call 608-637-5201 by 8:00 AM to reserve and order a meal for that day.

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 August 9, 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.*