

WESTBY UMC
August 23, 2026

* *Please stand in body or spirit*
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING SONGS

You Are My Hiding Place #2055 TFWS
Open My Eyes #2086 TFWS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather this morning as people who have walked through difficult days.

P: Some of us carry wounds. Some of us carry joy. All of us are here to meet God.

L: Paul was stoned and left for dead, yet he rose up and continued on in faith.

P: We do not know what today will bring, but we trust the One who walks with us through it.

L: Let us worship the God who meets us in every season, drawing us closer.

P: We come to worship. We come to draw near.

* **OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we come before You this morning carrying all that our lives hold. Some of what we carry is hard. Some of it is good. All of it can bring us closer to You, if we let it. Open our hearts this morning to hear Your word. Show us where our lives are drawing us nearer to You, and where they are pulling us away. 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 14:8-20

MESSAGE

"Paul Was Stoned in Lystra"

* HYMN OF INSPIRATION

Cry of My Heart

#2165 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

Jesus, Draw Me Close

#2159 TFWS

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell
Pastor: Paul Lee

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

Aug. 23 10:00 AM – Fellowship
Aug. 24 Newsletter Articles Due

* 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

Ardith and her family, Eileen (Donna's daughter), Mike (Julie's brother), Jean, 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 23, 2026

JOURNEY OF THE GOSPEL

Paul Was Stoned in Lystra.

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.*