

July 2025



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Our Vision statement:

*Learn God's word, Teach
God's word and
Share God's love*

Our Mission Statement:

*Wesley United Methodist
Church is a community of
Christ's disciples who strive to know, love and serve God
more faithfully through Christ-centered worship,
education, fellowship and true compassion that show
God's love for all people in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Notes from the Pastor

"For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" - Ephesians 2:10

There's a story told in the Hasidic tradition about the beloved Rabbi Zusya. As he lay on his deathbed, his students gathered around him and found him weeping. They were surprised and said "Rabbi, why are you so afraid? You have lived a life of wisdom and kindness. Surely you have no reason to fear meeting God"

Zusya replied "I am not afraid that God will ask me, "Why were you no Moses?" I am afraid God will ask me, "Why were you not Zusya?"

This teaching holds a mirror to the spiritual task we all share: to become who we truly are.

In times of great upheaval, it's tempting to anchor ourselves in comparison-comparing our efforts to the

great prophets, our leadership to those in power, our wisdom to the voices we admire. But the sacred invitation is not to become someone else. It is to fully inhabit the life, the body, the voice we've been given. To become, as Rabbi Zusya feared he might not have, fully ourselves.

That is why we must always rely on the grace of God. As Frederick Buechner said. "The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you."

Spiritual traditions across time and culture whisper the same truth: There is no enlightenment in imitation. There is only awakening in

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, July 9

Missions

1:00 p.m.

Friday, July 11, & Saturday,
July 12

**Church Rummage and Bake
Sale**

8-3 and 8-noon

Wednesday, July 16

Worship

1:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 20

JAARS Speaker

9:30 Worship

Thursday, July 24

MASA Meal

3-8 p.m.

Mon. July 28—Thurs. July 31

VBS

4:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.

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authenticity.

Becoming ourselves is not a passive journey. It takes courage to walk away from the expectations that shaped us. It takes discipline to listen inwardly when the world is houting from every direction. It takes trust to believe that the should knows its shape even when we do not.

Perhaps this is why spiritual practice matters so deeply—not to perfect us, but return us. Not to make us more impressive, but more whole.

So today, may you hear the questions Rabbi Zusya carried in his final breath: “Am I becoming who I truly am?”

And may you live in such a way that when your times comes, you will answer with joy: “Yes, I was fully, faithfully myself.”

And God answer, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

We are in this together.



BIRTHDAYS

6	Ethan Wege	18	Voliet Nesbit
10	Jerry Krueger		Dave Mummelthie
11	Jennifer Wege	19	Rose Brownlea
12	Wally Dies	21	Sally Roe
14	Patty Michur		Janet Stein
	Danielle Marco	23	Scott Colantonio
15	Beth Kline	26	Logan Uecker



ANNIVERSARIES

3	Brian* & Beth Kline
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Online Services still available to view on
Facebook at the site below:
<https://www.facebook.com/wesleyumcoshkosh/>



MASA stands for Mission Aviation Support Association.

Our church has been involved for the last nine years offering a meal for the missionary pilots who attend the EAA Air Venture each summer.

Many of these pilots have been attending EAA Fly In (now called EAA Air Venture) for more than 30 years to make connections with the aviation community. They were fixing their own food and camping on the EAA grounds. A local citizen, also interested in mission aviation, learned of their need for hospitality in the Oshkosh area. A contact was made with local church leaders about the need and the hospitality ministry began.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

MASA

The ministry continued to grow as the Missionary Aviation agencies and training schools learned of the opportunities at EAA Air Venture. Aviation Missionaries were featured in 2009 at the EAA Air Venture. That year hospitality was provided for approximately 400 missionaries including their family members. The current annual number of guests averages around 200.

God has assembled an incredible team of volunteers and local congregations cooperating as Christ's Church to provide finances, transportation, housing, food and public speaking opportunities. The aviation missionaries could not afford to attend EAA Air Venture without the help.

Our church will again be providing an evening meal during the EAA Air Venture. We will collect donations during the month of July so that we are able to purchase the items needed for the EAA Air Venture meal in July.

On Thursday July 24, our congregation will be serving a dinner meal. We will be in need of volunteers to make salads and /or serve people on the EAA grounds.

There is also a need for volunteer housing and providing transportation. Please see Michael Croninger for more information on volunteering.

MASA Meal Sign-Up

This year the MASA Meal we will serve at the EAA will take place on Thursday, July 24th . We need people to make salads, donate money for meal &/or volunteer to serve.

Sign-up NOW in the Narthex!



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for Camp ELM Tree VBS: Space Camp! A partnership between ELCA, TEC, and UMC neighbors, we will be blasting off into space-themed experience to our kiddos with Bible stories, games, songs, crafts, and dinner. Feel free to invite a friend or grandchild—it's going to be stellar!

Date & Time: July 28-31, 4:30-7:30 PM (dinner provided!)

Location: Wesley United Methodist Church, 761 Florida Ave, Oshkosh

Cost: FREE!

For kids entering 4K through 5th grade (with volunteer opportunities for all ages!)

To register your child, click [here](#).



We LOVE volunteers! Interested in serving? Use this link to sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUVA-ZR-gkTIQQxBMcAJ4YrOOPHlvkILFVOAi_FCDvnHCjag/viewform

We are starting to create specific lists of supplies needed. For now, here is what we know we need:

Ranch Dressing 16 oz bottles Qty Needed 8-10 bottles

Plastic Drinking Cups 9 or 12 oz Qty Needed 600-700

Oreos Regular (not double stuffed) 13.29 oz (not family size) 10 packages

Questions? Need assistance with registration? Contact Kathy McAloon at 920-279-0683

Newsletter Sponsorship

Steve Romberg is the sponsor for the July 2025 newsletter, in honor of his mother, Vivian Romberg. Your contribution helps defray part of the cost of the publication and is an extra gift of support to our expenses. Thank you for your continued support of the church newsletter as all spots for 2025 have been generously covered.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Our annual Rummage Sale will be July 11th—12th. Friday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Start bringing in your gently used items and put them in Koeller Hall. We have table and racks set-up for you to be able to put your items on the designated tables.



BRING your household items, books, clothing, toys, puzzles, furniture, pictures, tools, appliances, bedding, knick-knacks, yard equipment, dishes and more. Place them on designated tables as they are made available. **Bring a little each week to church with you.** Please try to have all clothing items separated into women's, men's and children when you bring them in. All should be clean and in good condition.

BAKE SALE: Plan to bake now. You can put it in the freezer until the day before the sale.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We will also need people to help set up, price, clean up, cashier, and work at the bake sale.

MASA Speaker

We will have a MASA speaker join us for the service on July 20, 2025. The individual speaking at Wesley is . He will be speaking during the service and will have an education time after the service.

1700 Anniversary of the Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is considered to be an outline of the orthodox Christian faith. It is the universal outline of the faith used by Christians everywhere. The approximately 200 bishops that met for that first council were affirming and guarding the church's beliefs against false claims. The major question was "Who is Jesus?" It was Constantine, ruler of the Roman Empire, that had asked the bishops for clarification of the church's message.

The council that put together the first major sections of the creed met in the year 325 in Asia Minor in a town called Nicaea during the months of May and June. In his article "First Word: Nicene Creed", Ryan Danker, who teaches at Wesley Theological Seminary, says that life, death, and resurrection of Jesus changed everything. It had a cosmic effect as no one expected the Messiah to rise from the dead.

The discussion of how Jesus could be wholly human and wholly divine was a major discussion of the meeting in Nicaea. When they met only the bishops could talk and each one had his chance. Many of them brought local creeds but none addressed the fundamental issue that brought them together. The bishops turned to scripture. Eventually they decided that the Greek word homoousian, which means being of one substance, was the best way to describe the reality that Jesus and the Father are the same being, both equally divine.

It was a second council that met in 381 in Constantinople that addressed the Holy Spirit as some had tried to demote the "Third Person of the Trinity"

As we celebrate the 1700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed we are thankful for those who stood firm.

Nicene Creed

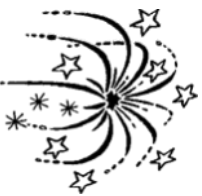
We believe in One God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in our Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made:
Of the same essence as the Father

Through Him all things were made for us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary; and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried.
The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His Kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm on baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and to life in the world to come. Amen.



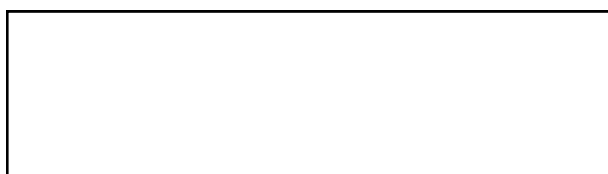
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