

May 2026



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*

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Pastor Chuck Emery

Notes from the Pastor

I don't know about you, but I am getting sick and tired of the raging hostility that seems to be the air we are breathing in the world these days. We are embroiled daily in political dispute just for the sake of dispute with no positive outcome in sight. People are killing other they don't even know just to tell us how angry they are. Children are being subjected to senseless bullying by other children who are merely exercising their own anger and sense of powerlessness. Religious bigotry is rising as we seek to find some group to blame for the circumstances of our own lives. And we seem to be senselessly destroying this beautiful planet.

We need peacemakers. People who are willing to reach out, risk the clings and arrows, be available to listen and seek solutions to conflict, make peace. I came across these ten commandments of peacemaking and thought I would share them with you.

1. Learn to respect the "scared" in every person, including ourselves, and all creation.
2. Accept myself, deeply, "who I am" with all my gifts and richness, as well as my limitations, mistakes, errors, failings and weakness, and to recognize that I am loved by God as I am.
3. Recognize that what I resent and perhaps detest in another comes from difficulty in admitting that some it resides in me.
4. Reject "dualism" which creates we-they thinking. It divides us into "good people and bad people" and allows us to demonize the other. It is the basis of authoritarian behavior and exclusivist attitudes. It generates "racism" and leads us to conflicts and wars.
5. To face fear and deal with it not only with courage but with love.

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Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 9

UMW

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12

Education

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Happy Elders

11:30 a.m.

Missions

1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

Recognition Sunday &

Potluck

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 19

Finance

5:30 p.m.

Church Council

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20

Worship

1:30 p.m.

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6. To acknowledge that the New Creation and Beloved Community are never a solo act but are carried forward with others.
7. To see ourselves as part of the whole creation which we respond to with our love, not mastery and that the destruction of our planet is not only a physical problem but a deeply spiritual one.
8. Be prepared to suffer, even with joy, if it serves to liberate the presence of God in others. This means to accept our place in history with its traumas and ambiguities.
9. Be prepared to celebrate when the presence of God is made manifest in others and accepted.
10. Slow down and be patient, planting the seeds of love and forgiveness in our lives and the lives of those around us. Slowly we will grow in love and compassion and the capacity to forgive.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



BIRTHDAYS

1	Donna LaPoint	17	Jeff Adelmeyer
8	Becky* Zimmerman	20	King Monroe
11	Vernita Green	22	Daryl Olmsted
	Vicente Flores	28	Rosemary* LaPoint
13	Mary Jane Andrashko	31	Bill Zimmerman

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Steve & Rose LaPoint	19	Jeff & Tracy Roe
12	Scott & Rose Brownlea	25	Chuck & Janis Emery
15	Bob & Jean Roe	29	Scott & Linda Colantonio
17	Kyle & Brianna Fournier	30	Ehtan & Victoria Rens

Newsletter Sponsorship

Jerry and Kathy Krueger are the sponsors for the May 2026 newsletter. Please consider being a sponsor for June or November 2026 newsletter. Your contribution helps defray part of the cost of the publication and is an extra gift of support to our expenses. Please contact the church office (235-3070) to 'reserve' your chosen month for 2026.

Conference once again is emphasizing two different kits for collection at Ingathering—the Home Care Kit and the Personal Dignity Kit. Complete kits can be made up or individual items can be brought and the Mission Committee will complete the kit prior to taking to Madison

Home Care Kit:

1. 1—5 gallon round bucket with resealable lid. (LaSure's has donated 12—5gallon buckets and lids. No need to buy.)
2. Liquid household cleaners 58-80 oz total. No spray bottles.
3. Dish soaps 46-64 oz total.
4. Liquid laundry detergent 100-150 oz total.
5. 1 scrub brush with or without handle
6. All items new and placed in bucket.

Personal Dignity Kit:

1. 1 hand bath towel (no kitchen towels)
2. 1 bath washcloth (no dish cloths)
3. 1 adult toothbrush (no multipacks)
4. 1 bar soap 3-4 oz
5. 1 shampoo 12-19 oz
6. 1 deodorant 2-3 oz (stick, roll on or pump)
7. 1 lotion 8-10 oz
8. 1 gallon resealable plastic bag
9. All items new and placed in the plastic bag

Tying Quilts for Rooted & Rising

Want to help tie quilts for our June mission. One or two quilts will be set up for you to tie while visiting with the others who are helping. The following dates/times are available for you to help in Koller Hall:

- Monday, May 18 from 1—4 p.m.
- Monday, June 1 from 1—4 p.m.
- Monday June 15 from 1—4 p.m.

You don't need to stay for the full three hours. If you can stop in and help for even 30 minutes, that will be great. Tying quilts is an easy task once the quilts are setup on the tables.

Donations we can use are as follows: cotton fabric that is larger than 11" to cut into squares, clean flat twin—or full-size sheets to use for the backing, and batting that is twin size. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Krueger at 920-303-2274.

Vacation Bible School 2026



Warmer days are ahead and Vacation Bible School will soon be here! Camp ELM Tree (Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist), an ecumenical partnership started in 2023, hosts VBS at member churches each summer. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will be hosting this year.

When: Monday, July 27—Thursday, July 30

Time: 4:30 p.m. –7:30 p.m. (Dinner Included)

Ages: 3 & potty trained through 5th grade

This year's theme is Spy School! We will have many Special Operations and Covert Ops to find trust, courage, bravery, and belief while investigating God's Word. We are expecting an increase in participation so that means we will need Volunteers. Please let Kathy McAloon (920-279-0683) know if you are interested in volunteering and she can get you signed up. We will also be looking for donations so watch for a list of items needed coming soon.

TOP SECRET Enrolling Now **VBS**
Goes to Spy School
July 27-30
4:30-7:30 pm
'26
Hosted By
Christ Our Savior
1860 Wisconsin St.
Oshkosh, WI 54901
Brought to you by:
Algona Eled. United Methodist, All Saints Lutheran,
Calvary Lutheran, Christ Our Savior Lutheran,
First English Lutheran, First United Methodist,
Peace Lutheran, St. Andrew's Lutheran,
St. John's Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal,
Wesley United Methodist

United Methodist Women

Calling all ladies of Wesley! Is there an interest in reviving a UMW group at Wesley? A breakfast is planned for all ladies on Saturday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to plan food accordingly. Come and see what it's all about. Please contact Betty Croninger with any questions.



UMC Wesley CORNER

Organization of the UMC

The UMC has levels of organization internationally and nationally. Key to the structure is conventionalism which helps the church remain accountable while being flexible enough to engage in ministry effectively at local, regional and global levels. An annual conference is a key part of the structure. Today we are going to focus in Wisconsin. The state of Wisconsin is one annual conference.

The Annual Conference as an organization is the primary body where clergy are ordained, assigned and to which they are accountable. It manages regional mission projects, sets budget and elects delegates to general and jurisdictional conferences. An annual conference is led by a Bishop. The annual conference is divided into smaller divisions which are led by District Superintendents. There are four in the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Wesley-Oshkosh is in the North East District and our District Superintendent is Rev. Park Hunter.

Each Annual Conference has a yearly meeting. This year, ours runs from June 4-7. It is held this year at the Madison Marriott West Convention Center. The theme is "Practicing Hope" using Romans 5:3-5 as the basis of discussion. "Romans 5:3-5 says, "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

The annual conference yearly meetings are not just business meetings; they are spiritual gatherings for worship, fellowship, and renewing shared mission to make disciples. It is our Annual Conference meeting that we take our Ingathering collection each June.

The United Methodist Church organization is taken from John Wesley's model which links every local church to a larger network for shared strength, resources, and mission, allowing the church to do more together than alone.

New Church Directory

We are working on updating our church directory and areas you would be interested in serving. We are asking everyone to complete a church directory form by May 31, 2026. We are well on our way to the forms being completed and returned to the church office. Our next phase will be asking all families to provide a picture via email to church office or provide the church office with a printed picture. Please provide your picture to the church office by June 7, 2026. If you do not have a current picture, we will be working on scheduling dates and times for you to come have your picture taken. We are very excited to be working on this initiative and have updated picture directories for all. Thank you for your assistance in providing all information needed to complete this initiative.



Men Who Like to Smoke (Food)

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

Everyone is invited to attend a special meal after church. We will have some terrific food prepared by our members. This will be in conjunction with Sunday School Recognition Sunday. We are looking for men who like to smoke or even grill different foods. Please sign up in the narthex so we know what we have coming in.

Everyone else, we are asking for you to bring a dish to pass. Again there will be a sign up in the narthex for this as well. Come have a good time and enjoy some great food prepared by some of the members of our parish.

Thank You!

The Sunday School children would like to thank those who donated to the Heifer International mission project. The goal of the children was to purchase one or two flocks of chicks. But with the help of the congregation, they are excited to be purchasing—1 pig, 1 sheep, bees and 2 flock of chicks. Thank you everyone for your generous contributions to this mission.

- The Education Committee



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45-a.m.—noon Lectionary Study	5:30 p.m. MA 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	10 a.m. TOPS 1-3 p.m. Mat Making	10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA 6:30 p.m. MG 7:15 p.m. CC	2:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA		UMW 9:30 a.m.
10—Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45-a.m.—noon Lectionary Study	5:30 p.m. MA 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	10 a.m. TOPS 1-3 p.m. Mat Making 6:30 p.m. Education	10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Happy Elders 1:00 p.m. Missions 5:30 p.m. MA	2:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA		
17—Potluck	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45-a.m.—noon Lectionary Study			MA= Martial Arts TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly	MG= Morning Glory CC = Chancel Choir		

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