



West Denmark Lutheran Church Luck, Wisconsin

UPCOMING EVENTS at WEST DENMARK

May 1-2 Sequoia House Garage Sale May 1: 2-6, May 2: 8-2
Parish Hall

May 2nd Hall and Grounds clean up 8:30am

May 8th Sack and Whack! 9:30-noon (Bag up dry mix, separate eggs, make Fruit soup and Danish Cream, set tables, wrap silverware)

May 9th Æbleskiver Dinner 3:30-7 All hands needed! Please sign up for your favorite job!!

May 24th Pentecost Sunday (wear red)

June 14-18 Fiddle School Instructors' concert June 16th at the church, **Final concert June 18th** behind the parish hall, weather permitting, and will be moved indoors if needed.

July 1-3 Family Camp!

◇ **May Birthdays** ◇
& Anniversaries

Birthdays

Best wishes for the coming year!

- 11 Carrie Petersen
- 13 Pam Petersen
- 14 Karn Hanson
- 20 Daniel Jensen
- 24 Roger Petersen
- 28 Christa Petersen
- 30 Randy Petersen

Anniversaries

Congratulations!

- 7 Nancy & Dave Moe
- 17 Pastor Linda & Mike Rozumalski
- 30 Beth & Terry Lemieux

Saturday, May 9, 2026 3:30-7 p.m.
Parish Hall

All are Welcome! No Reservations Room for Everyone through Timed Seating

Adults - \$12

Children - Ages 6-11: \$8.00; 5 & under: free Pay at the Door with Cash or Check

— Enjoy Danish Delights —

Æbleskiver (Danish pancakes), Medisterpølse (sausage), Sødssuppe (fruit soup), Beverage and Dessert



West Denmark Lutheran Church
Æbleskiver Dinner

Alle er velkommen! Begyndt Maj, 1956

MAY PASTOR'S COLUMN

As we step into the month of May, we celebrate the beautiful season of spring in the North Country. The ice has melted from our lakes, vibrant shades of green are emerging on the forest floor, and buds are forming on tree branches. This season is a profound reminder of new life, mirroring the new beginnings we experience as we live into our baptism as beloved children of God each day.

On May 24, we will gather to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, a significant occasion in the Lutheran tradition. This day marks the culmination of Easter and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them to proclaim the Gospel. As a visible sign of this celebration, we invite everyone to wear red, symbolizing the flames of the Holy Spirit, in honor of this joyous day.

We also look forward to confirming Astrid Johnson on Pentecost Sunday. Let us all come together as a community to support and celebrate Astrid as she takes this important step in her faith journey.

Additionally, this month marks the first anniversary of our Sunday morning meditation group, which meets every Sunday at 8:30 AM. A dedicated group of 8 to 10 participants spends half an hour together, engaging in a reading, followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation, and concluding with a short discussion. This gathering has fostered spiritual growth and community connection, and we invite anyone interested to join us in the upstairs back balcony. This is also a quiet space for silent meditation any time!

Mary Oliver in her poem Spring beautifully captures this season's essence:

"Somewhere a black bear has just risen from sleep and is staring down the mountain. ...
There is only one question: how to love this world."

As we embrace the changing season, let us also embrace our call to love and serve one another, drawing inspiration from the new life around us.

Blessings,
Pastor Shawn Mai

MAY WORSHIP NOTES

SUNDAYS AT WEST DENMARK:

8:30 MEDITATION GROUP

You are invited to join our 8:30 Meditation Group, which meets in the balcony of the church. In a world that can often feel chaotic, this gathering has become a grounding and connected time for all participants. We start with a short reflective reading, follow it with 15 to 20 minutes of silence, and wrap up with a discussion about our experiences. It's a beautiful way to center ourselves and find peace together.

10 AM WORSHIP

Join us for our thriving 10 AM worship service, filled with inspiring music, engaging lay participation, and thoughtful reflections on lectionary texts. Invite neighbors who may be looking for community to experience our eagerness to welcome. Stay afterward for coffee, delicious treats, and meaningful conversations at 11 AM!

Ongoing Activities at West Denmark...

West Denmark Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1pm

In the fellowship area in the church. We are discussing the book of James. This is an excellent time to join an engaging, relevant, low stress study led by Christy Wetzig. No prep necessary! Our motto is: *Not all who wander are lost!* All are welcome!



Encore: Conversations About Aging

Thursday May 28th

10:30- noon in the fellowship area in the church. Mattering: The Secret to a Life of Deep Connection and Purpose based on the book by Jennifer Breheny Wallace. No need to read the book! Come and talk about how important, (or not), it is to feel like you matter to others. It's a trendy topic!!! Join us!!!

West Denmark Book Club

On summer break until September.

Look for the reading selection in the June newsletter. The WDLC book discussion group meets via zoom at 11 AM on the FOURTH Wednesday of every other month. Join us for a lively, insightful discussion. For the Zoom link contact: Mark Hulsether <mhulseth@gmail.com>.

Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Men's Breakfast

Mondays 7:30am

Meets at the Tin Shed in Frederic



Women's Breakfast

Mondays 10 am

Mondays 10 am at the Tin Shed in Frederic except the last week of the month when they meet on Monday at Cafe Wren at 11:40am.

Peanut Butter

is always needed for the backpack program at Luck school. This is the last month of school. Thanks for the great response this year! Either purchase peanut butter and leave at church, or earmark a donation, put it in the offering and I will purchase. Thank you!! Barb Kass

Quilters!

Soon we will be starting to piece quilts with the pieces already cut and accepting fabric for more. We need cutters and people to sew. Then crews to assemble, tie and bind the quilts. Call the church for meeting times. (We often meet on Mondays at 11:30 after the women's breakfast.) All skill levels are welcome!!!

COUNCIL RETREAT REPORT

from Terry Speiker

On Saturday, April 18, the members of the Church Council, Shawn and Christy met for a retreat to think about and discuss topics related to West Denmark. We held the retreat to prepare the Council members for the semi-annual meeting with the congregation, which will be held later this summer or early fall...the date is still to be determined.

Christy helped us open our meeting with prayer and Terry set the stage for our conversation by asking us to imagine the church on July 3rd, 2029, the last day of Family Camp...and visualizing the whole church and the campus buildings and grounds "humming" with energy and activities (like we are now!!).

We imagined what West Denmark's campus, grounds and buildings looked like...what had been done between now and 2029 to maintain and develop these resources, and how did we use them to support the activities of the church and our ministries. We imagined a vibrant intergenerational congregation, its size, (an aspirational size), and what worship and meditation looked like. We talked about ideas for how we would be upholding the congregation, growing our outreach into the community around West Denmark and building on our current connections with the Synod and the church's friends and supporters.

Chuck joined us, as a guest for lunch, and helped us focus on and be thankful for the musical talent, strengths and traditions for which the church is known. We are grateful that he volunteered to share his thoughts and ideas with us.

Throughout our discussions, we reflected on the many skills that are present in the congregation and the friends and supporters of the church and the spirit of hospitality, volunteerism and religious energy that is present. We brainstormed ways to encourage, support and grow this culture during the transition time to selecting and welcoming a new pastor.

Shawn helped us end our retreat by reflecting on thankfulness and the bubbles and hum of energy that is very much alive in West Denmark. Stay tuned to the newsletter for more information about ideas and plans that came out of our discussions at the retreat...we're anxious to share them with you!!

LIZ DODGE ELECTED TO SYNOD COUNCIL

On Saturday, April 25, our Parish Administrator Liz Dodge was elected as the Apple River Conference representative on the Council of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA.



Her election took place during the Synod's annual assembly, which this year was held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake. She attended the assembly with Christy Wetzig, our Parish Associate, and West Denmark lay delegates Nikki and Henrik Strandskov. Congratulations, Liz!

A sea of green "Yes Vote" cards was raised after the ballot was projected on screens at the front of the sanctuary. At right, the successful candidate rejoices in her victory!

FAMILY CAMP IS ALMOST HERE!

Registration is now open for 2026 West Denmark Family Camp: Three full days of Camp begin on Wednesday, July 1 and continue through Friday, July 3. Before Camp begins, you are invited to a Root-Beer-Float Social on June 30, the evening before the full schedule. Join us at 6 p.m outdoors behind the Hall. Following this, we will move upstairs for singing, announcement of afternoon crafts and other activities, and optional sign-up

How to Register:

For online registration and payment by credit card, go to www.westdenmark.org/camp and pay via PayPal (Family Camp Pays the fee, and we will confirm your registration.)

-OR-

For mailed registration and payment by check, go to the website, print out the paper registration form, fill it out, write a check made payable to WD Family Camp, and mail it to Registrar Judy Grumstrup, 2497 170th Street, Luck, WI 54853. We will confirm your registration.

Important Highlights:

Family Camp is a hybrid event, with some activities indoors and some outdoors. In the event of rain we will adapt and improvise.

Unlike the past 2 years, we are no longer offering individual meal purchases. The Family Camp Committee found that tracking meal numbers for the kitchen was more difficult when we offered this, and moreover, it detracted from our philosophy that all activities, including eating meals together, are an enriching part of the Family Camp experience.

Bring a coffee mug or water bottle to use throughout camp. There will be a cart with hooks for hanging your cups or bottles between uses. You will be able to refill with water outdoors. There will be plenty of tables and chairs outdoors, and you may also want to bring your own lawn chair and blanket. Also bring rainwear and a jacket in the event of wet or cool weather.

Scholarships: If you or someone you know finds the cost prohibitive, we can help. Talk with, text, or email Pastor Shawn Mai (shawnmai64@gmail.com or 952-801-4975) and tell him what level of support you need, and he will register you with complete anonymity.

Looking forward to joining you at Family Camp 2026!

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TRAINING

May 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Our Encore group will be hosting MacKenzie Gustafson, the Aging and Disability Resource Center Dementia Care Specialist on Thursday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m She will talk to us about caring for someone with dementia as well as provide us with the Dementia Friendly Business training that will help us better serve members who have cognitive challenges.

Please join us if you are interested, or share this opportunity with anyone you know who may want to participate. Here is a link to a 20 min. video "Dementia Training for Community Members" which gives an overview of the topic:

https://wss.ccdet.uwosh.edu/stc/dhsdementia/psciis.dll?linkid=339455&mainmenu=DHSDEMENTIA&op_frame=1 .

On the right there is an option to view the 20 min Community Course in English or Spanish.



Woodland School *from Al Zook*



I want to thank everyone who supported my 100-mile walk for the Woodland School. I am happy to do this and I am really supportive of the Woodland School. I think that, as people look back in 100 years from now, the Woodland School will be one of the big memories of the West Denmark Lutheran Church, as well as the beginning of West Denmark as a Danish church and seminary. I am somewhat surprised that I do not hear more excitement from the people here at WD church about the Woodland School. I think as we start teaching young children about the environment, the lake, the trees, the land, we can change the feeling about how we treat the land on a whole new level.

I think, presently, that the beginning of the Woodland School can be the most positive thing that comes out of us here at West Denmark. I know that there are a number of other things that we are doing to help feed those in need, the school backpack program and other things that are happening, but on a long-term basis, I think the Woodland School can be exceptionally positive and move folks in a new direction of environmentally helping the Earth, which belongs to and was made by the Creator.

It is important to acknowledge all of the hard work Mary Jensen, Liz Dodge, Carrie Petersen and others are putting into starting the Woodland School and for our congregation to support and help them in any way we can.

Woodland School Benefits from Philanthropy of Give Big Valleys

The West Denmark Woodland School received \$2,790 from donations made through the annual Give Big Valleys one-day giving campaign of United Way of St. Croix and Red Cedar Valleys. The online event took place for 24 hours on April 28. Eighteen donors gave a total of \$1,790, which was increased by an anonymous matching grant of \$1,000.

In total, this year's Give Big Valleys campaign raised \$278,042 from 718 donors to 87 organizations. Of those, only 16 received more funds than the Woodland school!

"We are heartened and blessed by this generous support of our Woodland School project," said Mary Jensen, interim director. "These funds will be used to help us hire initial staff."

After three years of planning and work, the school is currently in the pre-licensing stage of approval from the State of Wisconsin, with plans to open in the fall of this year.

TRISHAW TRAINING

The Pioneer Home/Lawson Manor is holding a Trishaw (bicycling for residents) Training on Thursday May 14th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone interested or having questions can call Kris Johnson at 715-472-2164.

HOLD ON

from Barb Kass

For some, it seemed that 2026 had two Lenten seasons, the unexpected one in January-February as we witnessed the surge of ICE agents and occupation in Minnesota, and then again with the anticipated liturgical season of Lent in March- April. The first “Lent” evoked strong emotions: anger, despair, helplessness and the constant questions of “how did we get to this point?” and more importantly, “how can we stop this and protect our neighbors?” Being on the streets helped. Seeing the outpouring of community spirit and mutual aid was inspiring and empowering. But most of all, it was the singing. It started with a small group singing in English and Spanish as they walked through the neighborhood after the killing of Renee Good. By the weekend it had grown to hundreds and then thousands, as more were taken into custody and then in response to the killing of Alex Pretti. One song in particular stood out- **Hold On**.

And the music spread. Videos of [Singing Resistance](#), a musical grassroots collective based in Minneapolis, quickly went viral. Now, organizers in dozens of other cities have formed their own chapters after seeing those early examples. Though Singing Resistance is focused on immigrant solidarity and anti-ICE campaigning, there is an expectation – and a hope – that group singing will continue to inspire those working to end injustice.



As part of its ongoing efforts, Singing Resistance shared a [toolkit](#) for organizers throughout the country, including a full songbook with tunes like “**Hold On**” – the song that created the ripple effect seen at that first packed event in New York City’s Middle Church. The song’s simple-yet-fervent melody and slower tempo make it more of a prayer than a rallying cry – and movements need that spirit, too, says Melinda St. Louis of Beheld. “Something I’ve been loving about what is happening in this moment, what is happening in Minneapolis, and what is happening in uprisings all over the country is, it’s not just all wanting to punch something all the time.” “There’s something to group singing that [reminds us] not everything has to be a fist in the air,” she continues. “Sometimes it is the embrace. It’s the wiping of a tear. It is just a human touch.” And, she and several other sources noted, this too is often women’s work: Caring when it’s difficult, loving with bruised hearts, pouring from drained cups. Showing up unsteady, yet ready. Gathering the scared and the tired and transforming that exhausted assembly into a robust [choir](#).

Yet there is joy derived on both sides of that effort, “**Hold On**” composer Heidi Wilson says. Joy, and restoration, and hope for something better on the horizon. “In this moment, collective singing offers us a chance to stand up against rising authoritarianism and violence in a way that is also simultaneously creating the world that we want to inhabit – one rooted in love.”

In another interview, Wilson said this: It is January 2026, and the people of Minneapolis are inspiring the rest of the country with what it looks like to really take care of one another in the face of escalating ICE raids and authoritarian violence. They are walking kids to school, delivering food to neighbors, standing on street corners in rapid response. And they are singing. Singing Hold on. I am humbled and moved that this song is useful to folks right now. People have been asking 'can I sing it in my church? synagogue? school? street choir? The answer is yes, of course, this song has work to do.

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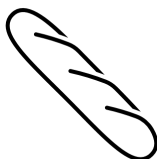
Easter Sunday at West Denmark began with drumming, the reading of John's gospel, with the altar bare and the cross obscured by a black cloth shroud. Then two voices from the choir loft began: "Hold on, hold on. My dear ones, here comes the dawn." As the song repeated, the black cloth was lowered. The light behind the cross looked like the first light of dawn. The two voices filled the church, inviting the hope of Easter to come into each one assembled.

Near the beginning of her sermon, Christy observed: "The Resurrection is such an old story, the entire New Testament would be written to chew on it, to digest its significance, that Jesus, dead, should live again. And here we are still, as we have for two thousand years on this movable feast day, trying to comprehend the depth and breadth of the mystery of the resurrection. And I know in those centuries there have been many dark years when the resurrection felt particularly poignant, but what about this year? Does it feel dark to you? Does hope feel out of reach?" All very good questions in the spring of 2026 at the end of our 2nd Lent.

Hearing **Hold On** echoing through the sanctuary Easter morning was a reminder that our faith asks us to hold on despite the circumstances and believe as God's dear ones, the dawn of resurrection has come.

LOAVES & FISHES MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 2026



Open Tues. & Thurs. 11 – 1:00
Lions Hall, 300 S. 1 st Street Luck, WI
P.O. Box 554 Luck, WI 54853

Households served: 43
Luck: 27; Unity: 16
Adults: 76; Children: 25
New families: 4
Total people: 101
Donations: Money: \$4,400

(Below includes TEFAP, purchased food, donations)

Weight of food coming in: # 2,368
Weight of food going out: # 2,412
Volunteer hours: 65 hours.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federally funded USDA food program, which is administered through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Loaves & Fishes is a recipient agency.

Needs for next month: vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, cake mix, brownie mix, muffins.

We can always use more volunteer workers.

If interested, please contact:

Pam Girtz 320-232-7541

email: girtzp@gmail.com;

or Gena Bugno: nobug115@yahoo.com

DONNA MAE PEDERSEN REMEMBERED

Donna Mae Pedersen, age 95, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2026. She was a remarkable woman. She is survived by her children, Kathy, Ann, David, and Paul and their spouses as well as ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Born on September 15, 1930 in Luck, Wisconsin, just before the peak of the Great Depression, Donna's early life was shaped by extraordinary challenges that cultivated her practical and steadfast character. At the tender age of five, her mother, Sophie, was incapacitated by illness and institutionalized, leaving her father, Sig, to raise three young girls alone. At least one West Denmark family offered to take in the girls and raise them as their own, but with the support of relatives, family, neighbors, and a series of housekeepers, Sig was able to keep his family together.

In 1937, Sig, Norma, and Donna contracted diphtheria, and the household was quarantined for several months. Donna and Norma missed half a year of school due to the disease. Groceries were brought and left out by the road. Neighbor women sewed dresses for the three girls. Every summer, they spent a week or two with their Aunt Clara in the Cities, and she would buy them each a store-bought dress.

Sig had developed a business hauling cattle, and Donna and Norma remembered riding along on trips to South St. Paul. While at the stockyard, watching the cattle come off the truck, the girls had to be careful where they stood and held on to the hammer loops on their dad's overalls.

From a young age, Donna Mae had responsibilities. She prepared breakfast for the hired man on the farm, while Norma, only fifteen months her senior, helped their dad with the early morning chores. The demands of running a cattle-hauling business meant that someone always had to be near the phone to take important messages for Sig. These duties instilled in her a strong work ethic and a deep sense of duty that would remain with her throughout her life.

Donna had a lifelong involvement with the West Denmark church and community. All the holidays and special WD activities for children and young people, including the six-week summer school (though she didn't like Danish classes or the gymnastics), made it a wonderful community in which to grow up.

These experiences—the early responsibilities, the close-knit community, and the trials they faced—molded Donna Mae into a person of strength. Her story is a testament to how adversity can forge character and how human connections sustain us.

Donna loved dancing; going to one of the many dance halls in the area was a favorite activity. Even when Donna and Norma lived and worked in the Twin Cities, they would come home on weekends to go to dances, some of which were at the West Denmark Gym Hall. Donna and Norma lived in the Young People's Home in Minneapolis, which also held dances.

The Young People's Home is where Donna and Ed met and started dating. In 1950 she married Edwin S. Pedersen at the West Denmark Church. Both had many relatives in the West Denmark community.

They lived in Frederic, Wisconsin, where Ed taught English. Together, they created a home centered on family and community, raising four children: Katherine (Kathy), Ann, David, and Paul.



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Donna Mae witnessed both the first and the second West Denmark churches burn. In the summer of 1937, she was six years old, and from the cab of Sig's cattle truck she watched the first church burn as men carried out pews and anything else not nailed down, and put them in the back of his truck. Years later, in 1985, awakened by fire sirens, Ed looked out their west window and said, "It's the church!" Donna Mae and Ed rushed over. When the beautiful, third church was built, they were both involved in the rebuilding, wood carving, and maintenance.

They also were among the founding members of West Denmark Family Camp, a tradition that has now spanned nearly fifty years. Donna worked to make Family Camp a reality, with many years on the Steering Committee, planning activities, planning meals, buying groceries, cleaning—doing whatever was needed. What a gift. What a legacy.

That was her way. Quiet. Understated. Content to be behind the scenes. But it is worth remembering all that she gave. Throughout her life, Donna was deeply community-minded. She often was busy at the Church and Hall, keeping things clean, organized, and beautiful. She provided flowers for many occasions year after year, donated quilts, was involved in fundraising for the building of the Luck Museum and Library, and gave her time wherever it was needed.



Donna Mae also was talented and creative. For much of her life, she sewed and hand-stitched quilts, throws, pot holders, table runners—these were extensions of who she was—busy, productive, and practical. She found joy in the simple, beautiful things of nature: birds, flowers, her garden, and the woods. For many years, Donna and Ed went to The Clearing in Door County where she quilted and he carved, while building friendships, which meant so much to her. She was an avid reader, always curious, always learning. Up until the last couple of years, she could not understand how anyone could ever be bored. There was always something to do, something to make, and something to appreciate.

As a mother, her love showed up in the smallest and biggest ways. Holidays were magical. Easter meant (helping the Easter Bunny with) baskets, dresses sewn by hand, meals already in the oven before dawn, and somehow, all of us bathed, dressed, and in church on time. Her quiet perseverance carried it all.

Family trips were much the same. Donna and Ed brought their children to the Montreal World's Fair, camping all the way there and back. Camping meant homemade food, sandwiches, roadside coffee breaks, and children who felt like they were on grand adventures. She loved travel, road trips, music, concerts, and theater—she enjoyed life and provided her children with lifelong, inspiring memories.

As a grandmother, her care and love grew. She was proud of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. When they stopped by after school, fresh bread, cookies, and milk were at the ready. They felt safe, seen, and loved. She was always interested in their latest news and watched over each one carefully.

She has left behind hand-sewn quilts for each family member—a tangible reminder of her love, forever wrapping them in warmth. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.



IN GRATITUDE FOR DONNA MAE

From Barb Kass

Donna Mae Pedersen was the queen bee of Æbleskiver! From assembling the dry mix, separating the eggs so they can be measured more easily, filling the sugars, to the counting out the right bowls for jelly, fruit soup, and extra æbleskiver, foiling the stove tops, and setting up the 2 work spaces upstairs, Donna had the master plan. And that plan is what we use every year! I have a small piece of paper in the æbleskiver folder, written by Donna for the upstairs needs- oil bottles, cake pans to hold baked æbleskiver, spatulas, hot pads, dish towels. She held the whole event in her head and was gracious enough to pass it on to us who continue the tradition.

More than creating the master plan, Donna also set the standard for baking. No football shaped æbleskivers were served on her watch!!! With focus and patience, those perfectly round pancake balls were browned beautifully and not doughy in the middle. Substandard products were not served! (And probably eaten by the bakers) The reputation for a “very good meal”, is a result of all of us next generation and wannabe Danes aspiring to bake as Donna Mae would bake.

The tradition of making Æbleskiver for the United Pioneer Home the week after the church dinner is also a gift of Donna’s. Several from West Denmark bake at all 3 kitchens and serve an æbleskiver lunch with some leftover fruit soup and hopefully a little æblekage for dessert. UPH provides the sausages. Keeping the “tie that binds” with the many residents who in the past attended the dinner is fun for those who eat and for those who cook. In the last few years, we were able to serve that meal to Donna Mae in Lawson Manor.

Beyond the food, were the coveted quilts Donna Mae donated to the raffle each year. Pieced with precision, and then quilted by hand, each one is an heirloom treasure. How amazing to think of a quilt a year for maybe 50 years! If you are lucky enough to have one of Donna Mae’s quilts, please take a picture and we’ll publish a collage in a future newsletter.

Approaching the dinner this year is bittersweet. Now with her passing, there is a palpable absence. There are a few batter pitchers in the kitchen with the initials DMP. They are well worn from decades of use. We will use them this year as we do every year, honoring her memory and grateful for her mentorship, her holding the line of quality, and her love and commitment to the West Denmark community seen so clearly at the annual Æbleskiver dinner.

WEST DENMARK FOLKGRUPPE

This year’s Family Camp will include a performance by West Denmark’s new Folkgruppe. Donna Mae Pedersen loved dancing and was one of the original founders of Family Camp.

In honor of Donna Mae and in the long history of folk dancing at family camp, a group will be meeting several times before Family Camp to learn several new dances to perform and teach. The practices will happen at the Parish Hall on June 1 and June 22. It will be fun and easy. No prior folk dancing experience necessary ☺



If you are interested in participating, contact Shawn Mai at 612-801-4975 or by email shawnmai64@gmail.com.

WOODLAND SCHOOL UPDATE GETTING READY FOR A VISIT

The Woodland School Planning Group is getting ready for a visit on May 6th from a group of state licensing representatives interested in our site and the Forest School concept. This visit will set the stage for our subsequent licensing visits. If all goes well, we plan to open in Fall 2026.

Meanwhile, we've been participating in the regional Give BIG Day (April 28th) and continuing to fine tune our site and administrative readiness. During our monthly meetings and work days, we've been anticipating additional needs and hoping you will donate materials, equipment, or your help as identified for the most part on our May Wish List (included below).

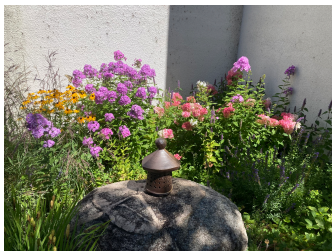
If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Carrie Petersen, Liz Dodge, Nicole LaLond, or Mary Jensen (Woodland School Planning Group).

MAY WISHLIST FOR THE WEST DENMARK WOODLAND SCHOOL (Please Download or Pick Up a Copy at Church)

1. Slicing/chopping (chef's) knife (Carl?)
2. 2 Playscape Outdoor Storage Sheds (2' D x 4'W) with doors that can be padlocked (Lumber donation available and possibly some shingles, if needed) (Might be a group project) Shed will sit on partially buried (8"H) cement blocks and be attached with brackets to fence. Height at or near top of fence line (about 5'-6') so brackets can be attached to fence. (Drawing available.) (Carl H. and Liz D., Others?)
3. Children's picnic table (Jon Wicklund)
4. Collections of seed pods, cones, and natural dried botanicals (for sorting and exploration)
5. Collections of dried seeds (native flowers, veggies, herbs) for planting in Spring (labeled in zip lock bags) (Colleen E., Other?)
6. Child-sized shovels (snow, dirt, or sand)
7. Clear, gallon and/or 2-quart jars with covers (food storage)
8. Knife set and/or sharpener (Parish Hall kitchen)
9. 2 large muffin pans (PH kitchen)
10. 2 mini muffin pans (PH kitchen)
11. Manual can opener
12. Non-anti-bacterial hand soap (refill)
13. Soap & water hand sanitizer (non-alcohol)
14. Wooden Signs: Frog Harbor, Turkey Hill, and Rainbow Tree
15. Fruit Tree (Spring) (Christy W. graft?)
16. Casseroles (possibly with lids)
17. 1 child-sized soup bowl (Nikki?)
18. Volunteers: Listing for "authorized" adult, living nearby in case of emergency
19. Volunteers: Substitute teachers list
20. Package of child underwear (new), 1 pair shoes (clean, good condition) 3T-5T
21. 1 child-sized pitcher (or large creamer)
22. 2 mixing bowls (small and medium)

Please feel free to check with Liz Dodge, Carrie Petersen, Nicole LaLond, or Mary Jensen if you think you might have something to donate but have some questions.

West Denmark Lutheran Church



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Luck, WI 54853
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Return Service Requested

May Weekly Calendar

SUNDAYS

Contemplative Meditation	8:30am
Worship	10am
Fellowship time	11am

MONDAYS

Men's Breakfast - Tin Shed, Frederic	7:30am
Women's Coffee Tin Shed, Frederic	10am
last week of month: MONDAY, 11:40am, usually Cafe Wren	

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal	7pm
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THURSDAY

Every Other week: ENCORE	10:30am
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SATURDAYS

AA -	9-10:30 am
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Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Events

5/1-2	Sequoia Garage Sale
*5/9 <i>New Date!</i>	Æbleskiver Supper
6/14-18	Fiddle School
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