



West Denmark Lutheran Church Luck, Wisconsin

Goings on at West Denmark!

Saturday October 10th

Jen and Norman Hansen
Wedding reception at the hall.



Sunday October 11th,

**4pm in the church: West Denmark Heritage
Council Concert** featuring the Swedish band Jaerv.

Thursday October 15th

8am in the fellowship area: Jeff Kersten on
Fraud and Scams

Friday October 16th

5pm Supper
6pm: All Saints Day Candle Lantern
workshop with Christy Wetzig

◇ **Special Days** ◇ **in October**

Birthdays

- 2 Tony Rolloff**
- 5 Liz Dodge**
- 6 Mary Jensen**
Ramona Tretsven
- 14 Sheri Hacker**
- 16 Lucie Jenssen**
- 24 Steven Jenssen**
- 29 Connie Engblom**
- 30 Lucie Tretsven**

Anniversaries

- 2 Terra & Erica Lumley**

Turn to Page 6 for more information on these events!

OCTOBER PASTOR'S COLUMN

"Life is made of meetings and partings that is the way of it"
Kermit the Frog as Bob Cratchit.

The past month or so has been a flurry of activity of leaving one community and entering another. Thank you for such a warm welcome to West Denmark Lutheran Church. James and I are starting to feel settled in the parsonage and we are enjoying little adventures to learn our new surroundings. With James being a chef we enjoy trying out local food establishments and welcome your recommendations.

The house is filled with the almost constant activity of our cats Pogue, Sprout and kitten Saffron, and our dogs Molly and Chloe. You may also see me out in the mornings on walks with the dogs. While we walk I listen to books and welcome your suggestions from what you are reading.

In our free time we enjoy working in the yard/garden, James has a small workshop for building things, and I enjoy quilting. We look forward to getting to know you as we become more and more settled.

Peace,
Pastor Jason



MEMORIES FROM INSTALLATION SUNDAY



On Sunday, September 20, 2026, the congregation of West Denmark joyfully welcomed a new Pastor, Pastor Jason Clifton-Meller, into the church. Nancy Moe acted as recorder of the event and her photos can be found on the church 's Facebook page and in this issue of the newsletter.

Christy Wetzig and the members of the shared ministry and music team worked with Pastor Randy Olson, to design an installation service that was inspiring and welcoming. Pastor Olson, representing the NW Area Synod of Wisconsin, led the worship service, Pastor Clifton-Meller presided at communion, the church choir and the church musicians provided wonderful music, and the church council and congregation members provided lunch following worship.

Pastor Clifton-Meller and his husband, James Clifton-Meller, are busily getting settled into the parsonage and Pastor Jason began his first week of work at West Denmark on Monday, September 21. He will be available Wednesday through Sunday and will work on a part-time basis of 20 hours per week. Many of the congregation members already know Pastor Jason, but If you haven't yet met him, please reach out to introduce yourself.

THANK YOU

Dear West Denmark Congregation,

Thank you for the beautiful service of release, Henrik's sung thank-you, the lovely potluck wood-fired pizza party, the dancing in Parish Hall, the cake, and all the wonderful, thoughtful verbal and written thank-yous.

It has been a privilege and a delight to serve as interim pastor at West Denmark. You provided such a thoughtful transition back into my place in the pew, and I feel deeply humbled by it all.

I simply want to say a huge thank you. I am grateful for each of you and for this community we share.

With appreciation and love,
Shawn



OCTOBER 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!

COMMUNION IN OCTOBER

will be on the first and third Sundays as usual.

PREACHERS IN OCTOBER

October 4th	Pr. Jason	October 18th	Mike Miles
October 11th	Christy Wetzig	October 25th	Christy Wetzig

COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Church Council is looking for two-three volunteers to serve as a nominating committee to find new Church Council members. At the Church's Annual meeting in December 2026, we will be electing two new Church Council members to replace 2 current members. The nominating committee will be asked to find congregation members to fill these positions. Please let any of the current Council members know of your willingness to serve on the nominating committee.

Ongoing Activities at West Denmark...

Chair Yoga with Connie

Tuesdays 10-11 am at the parish hall. Join the growing group of participants for an excellent hour of stretching, balance, mobility and flexibility exercises led by Connie Wicklund. Bring a mat and yoga block and elastic band if you have one. Donations welcome.



West Denmark Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1 pm in the fellowship area. Wander through the interesting book of Acts with glimpses of the early church! 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!

Just a closer walk:

Theological Walk and Talk

We are on break til evenings get lighter again, and after the snow melts. April?? See Tara Lumely for more information.

West Denmark Book Club

West Denmark Book Club November 11th on zoom at 11 am. The book choice is A.M. Allchin's book, *Grundtvig: An Introduction to His Life and Work*. There are also supplements and/or workarounds to this book as this is a hard book to find. Please contact Mark Hulsether for more information about those options. This is a lively, insightful discussion group with lots of opinions!! Consider joining! The WDLC book discussion group meets via zoom from late fall to late spring at 11 AM on the second Wednesday of every other month. For the Zoom link contact: Mark Hulsether <mhulseth@gmail.com>

Choir practice Wednesdays at 7 pm. Come and sing beautiful music! All voices are needed!

Encore: Conversations About Aging

Thursday October 15th

8 am at the church for Jeff Kersten on **Fraud and Scams, followed by breakfast**. See more info on page 6 We will go back to the 10:30 to noon time in November. Upcoming topics: November 19th: What does pastoral care look like as we age. December: Bring your Creche and share your Christmas traditions, January: Discussion on *Outlive: The science and art of longevity* by Peter Attia Join us!!!

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.

Quilters!

Finish your garden work soon! We have started to cut fabric for new quilts and accepting fabric for more, and also bigger pieces or sheets or blankets for backing. (This is a great way to get that out of control fabric stash down to a reasonable amount!) We need people to sew packets of 30 squares together. This can be done at home. Next needed are crews to assemble, tie and bind the quilts. In initial calculations, Margaret, our quilting maven, figures we could reasonably be able to gather 10 to 15 weeks for tying quilts. At 2 to 3 a week, we would need 20 to 30 quilt tops, backs and filler. Wouldn't it be great to meet this goal by next spring?! Figure out where you fit into this great project and come when you can. All skill levels are welcome!!! Call the church for meeting times.

JAERV CONCERT

OCTOBER 11th, 4pm

From their website: The award-winning Swedish quintet Jaerv, present an extroverted, vigorous and heartfelt folk music with influences from both jazz and pop music. Together, the five members have created a homogeneous, vivid sound which has established Jaerv on the folk music scene as well as in many other forums. Rooted in several different musical traditions, Jaerv offers a varied stage performance where vocal, five-voiced tunes blend in with energetic dances and free improvisations. Jaerv is an internationally well known act and has toured the U.S., Japan, Spain, Scotland, Ireland, Finland and Norway among other countries. Come welcome them back to West Denmark!

COMMON SCAMS & FRAUDS

OCTOBER 15th, 8am

The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will discuss the details of common scams, the warning signs of a scam, and what to do if you or someone you know falls victim to a scam or fraud. Helpful factsheets from The Bureau of Consumer Protection will be available. As Wisconsin's lead agency for consumer protection, the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, provides information and education, mediates complaints, investigates cases, and takes enforcement actions to fight fraudulent and deceptive practices that harm consumers and honest businesses.

Jeff is a Specialist for the Bureau of Consumer Protection within the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. As an Outreach Specialist, Jeff travels around the state to educate the public, businesses, and law enforcement on common scams & fraud, privacy protection, data security, identity theft, and other areas of consumer protection. Jeff has over 12 years of experience as a police officer and is a prior Consumer Protection Investigator for the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Breakfast follows the presentation. Invite your neighbors!

ALL SAINTS DAY WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 16th, 6pm

Christy will be teaching a workshop on making All Saints Day lanterns out of clay. Join us Friday, Oct 15, at 5pm for supper at the Hall and making lanterns at 6pm. No experience necessary! We'll make candle lanterns in memory of a departed loved one or admired saint and, if you want, light them in the sanctuary on All Saints Day. Please sign up on the table outside the church office.

LOAVES & FISHES MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2026

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

Households served: 37
Luck: 24; Unity: 11
Adults: 60; Children: 12
New families: 2
Total people: 72

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.

Donations: Money: \$866
(Below includes TEFAP, purchased food, donations)
Weight of food coming in: # 1,732
Weight of food going out: # 1,985
Volunteer hours: 51 hours.

Needs for next month: diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, fruit, green beans, Chinese foods, saltine crackers, tuna without soy, spices, personal needs.

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

LUTHER POINT STAFF CHANGE

from Suzanne Vitale, acting Camp Director

The Luther Point Bible Camp board would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Carissa Ditlefsen for her many years of service to the camp. She started as a camper, then became a summer counselor and finally our program director. Carissa resigned earlier this month. We wish her God's blessings in her future endeavors.

The board has posted a job opening for a director and plans its own retreat Oct. 16 and 17 to focus on strategic planning. On Saturday the 17th, we plan to take out the docks and prepare the camper cabins for winter. We'd love to have volunteers come and help with the dock. The work will start at 10 a.m. Bring your waders!

The camp's annual meeting will be Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. We encourage as many people as possible to join us.





Luck Lutheran Church

Harvest Dinner - Fall Fundraiser

Swedish Meatball Dinner

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Dine In or Take Out - 4:00 until gone or 6:30 p.m.

Dinner includes:

Homemade Swedish Meatballs,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn,
Squash, Rolls, and Apple Crisp

Dine in meals will includes beverage

Free Will Offering!

Enjoy!



Small Theme Baskets - \$1.00 per entry

Hope to see you there!!!

Proceeds will go towards mission projects!



West Denmark Heritage Council

Presents

From Sweden!



Jaerv

JOEL HAGEN: FLUTE, WHISTLES

ANDERS BERGSTEN: DOUBLE BASS

HARALD NILSSON: GUITAR

MARKUS GUSTAVSSON: FIDDLE

TOBIAS HEDLUND: PUMP ORGAN

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Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 pm

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2478 170th Street Luck, WI 54853

Reserved Seating \$25

Open Seating \$20

Tickets available at door

Or online at:

westdenmark.net



The doors will open at 3:30. There will be one 75 minute set.

www.jaerv.com

For more information call: 715-529-0830 westdenmark.net

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Return Service Requested

October 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	

TUESDAY

Chair Yoga with Connie	10am
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WEDNESDAY

Bible Study	1pm
Choir Practice	7pm

THURSDAY

Every Other week:

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

10/11	Jaerve Concert
10/15	Encore: Scams & Fraud!
10/16	Lantern Making with Christy

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West Denmark is a safe place
to worship, study,
and build relationships with God
and others,
regardless of race, creed, sexual
orientation, gender identity, or cultural
background.