

Welcome to worship at West Middleton Lutheran Church!

Psalm 81:1 invites us, “Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.” And so we will. Welcome to worship!

Calendar for the week of February 11:

Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Yoga with Nicole Rawling
	12:00 p.m.	Sledding at Middleton Hills Park
Sunday (2/11/18)	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday		No events
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	WMLC Book Club
	5:45 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 640 Meeting
	7:15 p.m.	Christian Development Committee
Wednesday		Ash Wednesday
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
Friday		Pastor Bonnie’s Day Off
Saturday		No events
Sunday (2/18/18)	9:00 a.m.	Worship; Council Installation
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Olympics

Today's Ministers

People doing God's Work with Our Hands—all of our 458 baptized members!

		This week	Next Week
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Lector	Peggy Haack	Kathy Andersen
	Assisting Minister	Deb Madson	Tom Odgren
	A/V	Margaret Patterson	Carolyn Ridgely
	Ushers	Duane & Nancy Kittleson	John & Bev Hofer
	Greeter	Ann Walser	Eric Kostecki
	Acolytes	Lindsay & Brett Gilge	Noah Schmitt & Nolan Wood
Outreach		Karen Schultz	Bev Hofer
Nursery		Kate Patterson	TBD
Fellowship		Cheryl Gilge	Liz Odgren & Ann Walser
Altar Guild		Lynn Schultz	Lynn Schultz

Altar flowers were donated by Shuanglin Chen & Xiaoya Ding
In celebration of the Chinese New Year!

We keep the following loved ones in our prayers: Those in need of healing: Steve Biedermann, Barb Hanson, Dorothy Volker, Jackie Andersen, Sue Fritz, Ralph (Barb Geurts's brother), Anna Olson (Arlene Krueger's sister), Maureen (Gayla Nichols-Jensen's friend), Sherry and Steve (Peggy & Bryan Haack's friends), Sharon Budd (Dee Lunda's sister), and Kathy Draxler (Sean Draxler's mother). Pray for the homebound: Clara Maurer, Forrest Harms, John Peterson, and Bernie Oilschlager.

Help us minister to those in need! If you know of anyone in need of a call or visit, please contact the church office. It can be a member you haven't seen in services recently, someone who was or is in the hospital, or someone who just needs help. We keep your information confidential.

Vital Signs for February 1 & 4

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Worship	14
<u>Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship</u>	<u>59</u>
Total Weekend Attendance	73

Wednesdays in Lent begin February 14 with Ash Wednesday. Please join us for a time of reflection and repentance as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. All Wednesday services begin at 7 p.m., and after Ash Wednesday are preceded by dinner at 5:45 p.m.

A new year means new chances for our church members to gather in fellowship! West Middleton Lutheran Church is starting the WMLC Supper Club! We plan on organizing four dinner events this year. The “Club” does not mean a long-term commitment; you can sign up to join the fun at one event or all four. **Our first dinner is Saturday, February 24** and is graciously hosted by Warren and Becky Myers at their beautiful home in Mt Horeb. The theme is Italian. All participants are being asked to bring a dish to pass. The host will plan the menu and distribute a list of dishes/food items to fit the theme. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Questions? Call Pauline Kussart at 833-5833 or Sarah Wilde at (773)450-2095.

Mark your calendars for the Sunday School Olympics on Sunday, February 18 during Sunday School (10:15-11a.m.). Come learn and partake in some events showing that we are all part of God's team! Join us for some fun events and special treats! Bring a friend or grandchild(ren)! All are welcome!

Our Thursday worship service now starts at 6 p.m. Come and enjoy an abbreviated version of the Sunday morning service. It is perfect for those who cannot attend worship on the weekend. The message is the same, but the light and energy are different at the end of the day. You are invited to give it a try!

Need a name tag? Maybe you are a newer member or maybe you wore your name tag home and lost it. If you are in need of a name tag, please contact the church office (admin@wmlchurch.org) or note the names on a Welcome card and place it in the offering plate. Thanks for helping our church be a welcoming place!

Help feed our neighborhood kids! The Weekend Food Program at West Middleton Elementary now provides 62 children with a weekend supply of nutritious food every Friday! We still need volunteers to help pack bags of food every Friday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Room 109) in Middleton. We start at 9 a.m. and are usually finished within an hour. Please see Gayla Nichols-Jensen if you are interested in helping during February.

The 2018 altar flower calendar has been posted on the kiosk. Please write your name by the date(s) you would like to donate flowers. The cost is \$30, or you may provide your own. The church office will contact you a few weeks in advance of your donation for your dedication. Thank you for keeping our sanctuary beautiful for worship!

Church Directory: Our current church directory is 4 years old and some of the information in it is outdated. The Outreach Committee is hoping to update our records. Please review the church directory and if you have a new address, telephone number, email address, or a new name, and would like to share this information with congregation members, please fill out the form in the bulletin and turn it into the church office. Please contact Jane Hyer if you have any questions.

Winter is here, which means it's time for Snow Angels... to volunteer for shoveling! Snow angels keep our sidewalks clear of snow. Sign up for a week (Monday through Sunday) on the kiosk. It's God's work, our shovels!

To sing is to pray twice. Have you heard that? Church hymns and praise songs are prayers set to music. Every opportunity to sing offers praise to God, mirroring how the angels offer praise. The Psalms exhort us to sing and play instruments, and when we do so, it brings the message of the song to life. Do you wonder if it's fun? IT IS! Thursday night is music ministry night at WMLC. The choir practices at 6:45 and the praise team rehearses at 7:45. Stop by any Thursday evening and give us a try! There are no auditions, all ages are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Questions? Contact Anne Meyer (music@wmlchurch.org).

Church Staff	
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