



Westminster Presbyterian Church

On Course Newsletter

August Greetings from the Church Community

Happy August! Can you believe how quickly summer is rolling by? It's a time for sunshine, community gatherings, and making memories. One of the highlights this season is the Nautical Festival, which is kicking into high gear. Our church is excited to partake in the festivities with our annual Strawberry Social on the church lawn. Join us on Saturday and Sunday, August 2nd and 3rd, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, or until we sell out.

Gratitude to Our Deacons and Volunteers

A big shout out to the Deacons for organizing this delightful event and to all the volunteers who help make our Strawberry Social a fun and successful event. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated!

Sharing Your Garden's Bounty

By now, your gardens are likely producing some wonderful, tasty fruits and veggies. If you find yourself with more than you can eat, consider sharing the bounty with a neighbor or friend who doesn't have a garden. There's nothing like fresh produce to brighten someone's day! Additionally, the Sunrise Side Pantry at our church would greatly appreciate any donations. If you're interested in contributing, please call the church for available drop-off days.

Updating Our Membership Rolls

The Membership Committee will soon be sending out letters to update our membership rolls. Please keep an eye out for them in the mail and return them as soon as possible. Thank you !! If you are not yet a member and would like to join our community, don't hesitate to reach out. We'd be thrilled to welcome you aboard.

Looking Forward to Seeing You

We hope to see you at The Strawberry Social and other church activities. Let's make the most of these summer days together. Enjoy the sunshine and the camaraderie of our wonderful community!

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Pastors Message

Greetings in Christ!

Happy August! We're finally enjoying some truly glorious weather as the summer has progressed, and we're certainly hoping that the trend continues through this month. Of course, good weather is always welcome for the annual Nautical Festival, which will take place the first weekend of the month, but there are so many great things to do around Rogers City that a whole month of summery sun and warmth would sure be nice!

Our church will be an active participant in the Nautical Festival again this year, with the Board of Deacons sponsoring their annual sale of strawberry shortcake treats on Saturday and Sunday of the Festival weekend; just because the Deacons are taking the lead on the strawberry shortcake sales, that doesn't mean that everyone isn't welcome (and encouraged!) to lend a hand! So if you're going to be in town for Festival, please consider signing up to take a shift or two in the sales tent; also, if you're available, those delectable shortcakes will be baked on Friday, August 1st, starting at 9:00 in the morning, so again, if you've got some time to help out, remember that many hands make for light work! No matter what, please plan on stopping by the church during the festival and purchase a treat of fresh strawberries, shortcake, and ice cream; to quote Dr. Greg's sainted mother, "ice cream is good food!" and strawberries are healthy!

We mentioned it above, but it bears repeating; there are many great things to do in and around Rogers City in the summer. One of the best things to do is to enjoy the beauty of nature all around us; the beaches, the parks, the Herman Vogler Conservation Area, and the many trails for hiking and biking. We are blessed with an amazing abundance of God's creative gifts, and spending time enjoying those gifts is an excellent way to come closer to the Almighty. We invite you to take as much time as you can, as the month of August rolls along, to sit on a beach, or on a park bench, or to take a walk or a bicycle ride along a trail and get to know your God a little bit better. Trust us, it will be time well spent.

There are still wearable items commemorating our 100th Anniversary available for purchase, as are copies of Mark Thompson's book. And we can take special orders for wearables in different sizes/colors than we have on hand.

We are continuing to post our written worship service via email, to live-stream our services on Facebook at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Rogers City, and to send out our Midweek Update. Please let us know if you aren't receiving these so that we can correct our distribution list. If you aren't able to be with us in the sanctuary, please consider joining us online!

May God bless you and keep you, and all whom you love, and all whom you are called to love, safe and well.

Rev. Karen, Justice, Toby, and Dr. Greg

What's happening in August?

Let's take a look!

Worship- 11 a.m. on Sundays. **Communion**, the first Sunday of the month.

Joint Deacon & Session meeting- August 12th at 5:30 p.m. at The Lighthouse Restaurant.

Sunrise Side Drive Up Pantry- August 16th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church at 989-734-3929.

The Golden Grocery Senior Food Box Giveaway- August 26th at 11 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church at 989-734-3929.

Pounds A Weigh Group – (Formally Tops) Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

AA meetings- Mondays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Westminster Sings!!- Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at The Brook.

Carl D. Bradley, His Stone Church, and the Golden Days of Rogers City Books for sale for \$20. (Profits are being donated to the church.)

Church wearables are also available for sale.

Seeking Liturgists, greeters, and coffee hour hosts. Also, looking for people to lead the children's moment. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Training provided.

The Strawberry Shortcake sales will be during the Nautical Festival on August 2nd and 3rd from 11:30 - 2:30 or until sold out.

YOU ARE INVITED TO "ROAST OR TOAST" BEACH HALL

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2025, 1-4PM

AT UP NORTH 23, 530 N. 3RD ST, ROGERS CITY

Hors d'oeuvres from 1-2pm. Program begins at 2pm.

If possible, we would like at least one member of your organization be prepared to "roast or toast" Beach, with a time limit of 3-5 minutes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If someone can attend and you want a timeslot in the program, please RSVP to Veronica (Beach's daughter) at 937-346-5443 (call or text).



**From the Desk of
TOBY THE CHURCH DOG
August 2025**

Hello dear friends!

There are A LOT more people on my sidewalk, my street, and even on my lawn! I find this distressing! Don't get me wrong; I love people, especially MY people (and that includes you). But all this guarding has made me very tired and cranky.

I generally watch over my kingdom from my bay window, which affords me a view of the front, back, and side of my house. From there, I watch the driveway, so I'm prepared to receive folks at the back door when they arrive—everyone deserves a hearty greeting. I scan the front yard and sidewalks so I can say, "Hi" to any doggies walking their people. And I keep an extra serious eye out for the birdies and squirrels who think it's okay to frolic under the trees in my side yard. That's just not right!

While I take my work protecting my humans very seriously, I will admit to you that occasionally my eyelids can get heavy as I'm stretched out on my cushion with the sun on my back. What a shock it is, then, when I open my eyes to find people actually placing their feet upon my yard! This event requires serious action on my part, which means moving to station number two, the sofa in my front window where I can make eye contact with trespassers by clinging to the sofa back. Don't make any mistakes, my baritone voice gets their attention.

My mom tells me that I'm seeing more people around town because we're celebrating the Nautical Festival. This is a wonderful time, she says, with fun-filled events, joyful visitors, a parade, and even fireworks. If she would listen, I would respond to her that this is all dependent upon your point of view. When those visitors will be on my sidewalks, that parade will go right passed my house, and the sound of those fireworks will travel down my spine and strike every nerve ending in my body, I can't call it "fun-filled!" It is my responsibility to protect my people and my territory, and the festival makes my work very stressful.

Even so, my parents reminded me that I love people and our city, and that this is a treasured time for both. They asked if I could perhaps change my way of viewing this event; seeing it as a chance to be a welcoming host and a time to be happy for those who are experiencing extra joy. As for my fear that my diligence and skill will not be enough to protect my dear ones, my parents suggested that I turn my worries over to God to handle, and then just relax and enjoy the gifts God is giving to me during these special days. Hmmm... letting God handle the tough stuff for me—that sounds pretty good.

I hope you enjoy the Nautical Festival this year!

With love from your church dog,

TObY

Cast all your anxieties on God, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7



Heather Pines August 2nd
Pat Erfurdt August 3rd
Greg Zurakowski August 5th
Yvonne Gleason August 6th
Dusty Knaebe August 6th
Joan Smart August 9th
Scott Grulke August 18th
JaneAnn Geyer August 19th
Thomas Erfurdt August 25th
Maggie Morley August 30th



"Statistics show
 that those who
 have the most
 birthdays live
 the longest.
 Happy Birthday"

Presbytery Monthly Newsletter Link



Those Serving

August 3rd

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist:
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Beth Getzinger

August 10th

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Don McLennan
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Ann Clapp

August 17th

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Beach Hall
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Suzie Mertz

August 24th

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Mary Ann Heidemann
Coffee Hour:
Flowers:

August 31st

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Beth Getzinger
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Myriam Goodwin

Use this in your prayer time for our Westminster family and loved ones. To include someone in the prayer list, or email us at rcwestminster@gmail.com. We normally print names for one month. If you want the prayer changed, added or removed, please let the church office know at 989-734-3929

Westminster prays for:

Bill, Mary Ann Heidemann's brother, who after four years has no more cancer treatment options available.

Mike, Karen Maher's son, who is having extensive back surgery.

Marcia Schleben, who is healing from a fall.

Beach Hall for God's healing after receiving a pacemaker.

Craig, Michelle's life partner, for God's perfect healing following ear surgery. **Jeanette Long**, pray for God's perfect healing.

Brian Brooks, for continued healing following release from the hospital.

Beth Getzinger, for God's answers and complete healing.

Geri Andrzejewski, for healing.

Gary Orr, for healing following heart surgery.

Barb Harris, for continued healing during her rehab following a broken leg.

Roger and Renee Faust (caregiver); it is difficult for him to be without Renee's care.

Nicole Wilson, daughter of Molly and Emil Zielaskowski, would like continued prayers as she undergoes maintenance chemotherapy.

Maggie Hilla, toddler great granddaughter of Dave Storms for continued strength, improved health and growth.

Taylor, granddaughter of the Knaebe's, for God's perfect healing.

Maggie Morley, for continued strength and healing as she rehabs from surgery.

Joan Chappa, Annette Maynard's sister, who has Parkinson's.

Marion Lamb for the healing of her broken wrist.

We celebrate and thank God for:

We congratulate Moya Newman, Myriam Goodwin's granddaughter, who has been named the 2025 Teen Miss Nautical Coast.

We pray for those who mourn:

For the family and friends of Tom Stone, who joined the Church Triumphant on July 21st. We pray especially for his wife, Barb. His funeral service is planned for Monday, September 15th at 1 p.m.

For the family and friends of Joanne, Dave Storm's sister-in-law, who has joined the Church Triumphant.

For the family and friends of Paul Schalk, husband of Mary, who died unexpectedly in a plane crash.

For the family and friends of John, a dear friend of Brian Brooks, who has joined the Church Triumphant.

We pray for those in the Military

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DEACONS

Deacon Class of 2025	Deacon Class of 2026	Deacons Class of 2027
George Smart	Gail Stoutenburg	Shelby Carrier
Joan Smart	Lois Allum	Cliff Fisher
	Kerry Viegelahn	