



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON COURSE NEWSLETTER

Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You; (cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do; (cleanout the insides)

Open my eyes so your Love I will see; (cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me; (cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so Your word I will hear; (cut ears shaped like the Bible)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're nearby; (cut mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your Light shine in all I say and do! (place a candle and light)

Amen

Pastors Message

Greetings in Christ!

The month of October is upon us, and with it the change of seasons is slowly making itself known. Colors are emerging, some leaves are falling, the days are shorter, the nights are longer, and yes, the Christmas catalogs are beginning to show up in the mail! October also brings us pasty making, sponsored by the Board of Deacons! As mentioned last month, this year's pasty event will be a little different, with veggie chopping happening on Sunday, October 19th after worship along with a pizza lunch, and then baking on Monday and Tuesday. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex, and we encourage all who are able to join in the fun! It really is a lot of fun to share in this project, and many hands make for light work.

We want to acknowledge the hard work of the Membership & Outreach Committee of the Session for the wonderful *Tramp Roast* held on September 21st; what a fun event, and what truly outstanding food! Also, thanks to all who participated in the final Adopt- A-Highway Road cleanup; we gathered 11 bags of trash with our brothers and sisters from the Grand Lake Community Chapel. On a more somber note, our thanks to all who supported the celebration of life for Tom Stone with gifts of food, and gifts of presence. It was a very moving service, much appreciated by Barb and the family.

We may not think of October as a month filled with special events, but looking at the calendar, we'll find World Communion Sunday, Columbus Day (also known as Indigenous People's Day), Reformation Sunday, and of course Halloween to close things out. This year, Westminster will be participating in the "Trunk or Treat" event at Mike Lynch Ford on the 25th; details will be available soon. It's easy to read that list of upcoming events and shrug our shoulders; other than Halloween, which has become almost as big as Christmas when it comes to spending, most of us don't pay a lot of attention to the others. And that's really too bad. World Communion Sunday is the one Sunday of the year that all churches around the world have agreed to celebrate the sacrament, even those denominations that don't normally participate in any ecumenical activities, so it's really a pretty big deal. Columbus Day, much maligned in some circles lately, is a day to celebrate the explorers who opened the doors to a new region and continent. And Reformation Sunday celebrates who we are as Protestant Christians, not denigrating other faith traditions, but honoring our own. Maybe we should make an effort this year to learn more about these celebratory days, because they truly are important.

We still have some 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, Toby, and Dr. Greg

What's happening in October??

Let's take a look!

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

Deacon's- Tuesday, October 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

Choir Practice- Tuesday's at 11 a.m.

Worship & Music Committee- Tuesday, October 7th at 10 a.m. in the library.

Sessions- Tuesday, October 14th at 5:15 p.m. in the library.

Sunrise Side Drive Up Pantry- Saturday, October 18th from 9 a.m. to 10 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.

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 Membership Committee has sent out letters in order to accurately update our membership rolls. If you haven't returned yours, please do ASAP. If you have returned your letter, Thank You!!

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.

The Membership and Outreach Committee is participating in the Annual Trunk or Treat at Mike Lynch Ford on October 25th. We are in need of donations of bags of candies. Please drop off at the church by October 20th. Thank you.

We are looking for people who would be willing to be part of a calling tree, if the church service gets cancelled because of weather. You would be assigned 6 or 8 people to call. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Pasty Days!! We will have a "chop after church" on Sunday Oct 19th and two baking dates on Monday Oct 20th and Tuesday Oct 21st. So, join us for fellowship and fun as we chop veggies and make pasties together. We need plenty of volunteers to make our Church event happen and be a success. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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From the Desk of

TOBY THE CHURCH DOG
October 2025

Hello dear friends!

I hope all is well in your world. Guess what?!! I took my parents on a camping trip in our crate on wheels! It was so much fun to be snuggled close together for a whole week!

Do you enjoy watching the waves out on big water? They fascinate me! On our vacation I had the chance to be near three Great Lakes, but the one I was most captivated by was Lake Superior. It's so vast and mysterious! Sometimes it sparkles like diamonds and sometimes it seems dark and foreboding, but it always pulls my attention. Even the sound of the water meeting the shore is beautiful music to my ears, and I find my body relaxing as I listen to it.

Yes, I LOVE being near the water; but "near" is the operative word. You must understand that loving the lakes does not mean that I want to touch that water in anyway. No, no, no; while I love those big, blue beauties from afar, that wetness must never touch the tips of my pads! Sure, I enjoy a stroll along the shore and taking time to sniff (and perhaps roll in- sue me) what the waves carry in, but that wetness pushing towards me on the shore leaves me frightened, as if I'm being chased by a wily opponent. I just don't like it.



Have you ever loved something so much it fills your entire being, but you fear it too? I've watched other puppy friends throw themselves into the embrace of those splashing mounds of liquid and fairly glow with joy and excitement as they come out onto the shore. How wonderful that must be! I long to have that kind of freedom! I don't want to be ruled by my fears anymore. I want to embrace all of the joys God has planted for me to discover over the course of my life. But, I'm still afraid to try. Does this ever happen to you? Of course we know the answer; to turn ourselves over to God's care and trust the One who loves us to guide and care for us in all that he has created for us to receive. What freedom and joy awaits us when we allow this to happen!

I love you, dear friend!

You church dog,

TobY

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song, I praise him." Psalm 28:7

Memories from the Tramp Roast



Those Serving

October 5th

*Greeters: Sue & John Viegelahn
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Beth Getzinger
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Beth Getzinger*

October 12th

*Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Don McLennan
Coffee Hour: Myriam & Lois
Flowers: Marvelle McCutchen*

October 19th

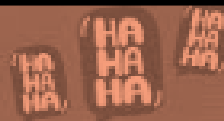
*Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Beach Hall
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Suzie Mertz*

October 26th

*Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Judy Fisher
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Lois Allum*



How do you know
if a donut is bored at
a birthday party?
It looks glazed over.



What's a ghost's favorite
kind of birthday cake?

"I scream" cake.

October Birthdays

Ashley Rhode 10/3
Leonard Lohman 10/5
Scott Kennedy 10/8
Marcia Tuma 10/12
Cindy Cebula 10/14

Chris Chojnacki 10/4
Molly Zielaskowski 10/6
Suzie Mertz 10/12
Michael Erfurdt 10/13
Jill Vieau 10/24

Use this in your prayer time for our Westminster family and loved ones.

If you want the prayer changed, added or removed, please let the church office know at 989-734-3929 or email us at rcwestminster@gmail.com

Westminster prays for:

Mike, Karen Maher's son, who has had extensive back surgery.

Jeanette Long, pray for God's perfect healing.

Geri Andrzejewski, for healing.

Lori Storms Hilla who is having difficulties with her medications

Maci Stowe, a little girl with rare cancer, home from hospital and finished with chemo. Praying for good health moving forward.

Michael, nephew of Jeanette Long, for God's care and healing during and following abdominal 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.

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

Etta Meinecke, Ann Clapp's friend for healing.

Kyle Andrzejewski (son of Shannon & the late Bernie Andrzejewski) for healing following major brain surgery.

We celebrate and thank God for:

The birth of Ardemis, Carol Lyberg's 12th great grandchild!

The 64th wedding anniversary of Jeanette and Richard Long!

Our time of food and fun together at the Tramp Roast last Sunday, with our thanks to the good people who arranged it for us.

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
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	Kerry Viegelahn	