




May



Westminster Presbyterian Church
On Course Newsletter



A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

*Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.*

Pastors Message

Greetings in Christ!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!! Our celebration of the glorious Easter season will continue through the month of May, until we arrive at the Day of Pentecost on the 24th of May; and so, the happy greeting of the season remains appropriate for almost all of the month! And at long last, it seems as if Mother Nature is cooperating with our preparations for warm-weather fun. It's true that there are still a few piles of snow to be found around the county, but they're getting smaller every day! Our prayers and helping hands are with all who are struggling with wet basements and damaged homes; if you're among those needing aid, please don't hesitate to call the church.

Easter Sunday was a wonderful celebratory time of worship, with outstanding music and great fellowship! It was simply grand to be in worship in our historic sanctuary and with our on-line friends. Only two weeks later, we celebrated the sacrament of Baptism for Andilyn Lou Carrier; the sanctuary was packed with family and well-wishers, the air was filled with the voices of the youngest among us, and a new member of the body of Christ, which is the church, was added to the rolls. What a blessing!!

On April 22nd, we observed Administrative Professional's Day by honoring our outstanding office manager, phone answerer, friendly face greeting visitors, and all-around good person, Michelle Kamyszek. Thank you, Michelle, we couldn't get along without you!

Looking forward to the merry month of May, we will be participating in the Adopt-A-Highway road cleanup with our friends from the Grand Lake Community Chapel on Tuesday, May 12th (rain date Thursday, May 14th). On the 14th, we will observe the Ascension of the Lord, and then, as noted above, we will observe the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 24th; this is the day when the Holy Spirit was given to the people with roaring wind and tongues of flame. Finally, May 25th is Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of the United States. Lots going on in May, and we sincerely invite you to join us whenever you can!

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. Christ is Risen!!

Rev. Karen, Toby, and Dr. Greg



May Happenings

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

Joint GLCC and WPC Adopt-A-Highway Road Clean-up -- Fun together at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12th with a rain date on Thursday, May 14th. We will meet at the corner of 638 and 23 in the parking lot.

Versiti Blood Drive-Tuesday, May 5th from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the church fellowship hall. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway with directions for signing up.

Deacon's- Tuesday, May 5th, 5:30 pm in the library

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

Worship & Music Committee- Tuesday, May 5th, at 10 a.m. in the library.

Session- Tuesday, April 14th, 5:15 p.m. in the library.

Sunrise Side Drive Up Pantry- Saturday, May 16th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Our food pantry needs volunteers. We need help with food pick-ups, packing boxes, putting food on shelves and handing out food. If interested, please let the office know.

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.

Fundraising Success Story!

In just over two months, the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian has achieved the funding goal set for updating the church elevator to meet new state safety standards. Initially we hoped to pay the project price, a whopping \$27,500, half from savings and half from current contributions. During the fundraising drive, two organizations (Food Pantry and Renewed Blessings), along with 24 individuals combined to contribute \$16,247.50; exceeding the \$13,750 fundraising goal by \$2,497.50 Extra funds will be returned to savings to pay for the next project: repairing snowstorm damage to the roof. Thanks to all who chipped in to keep our church building safe and sound. The elevator update work is scheduled for summer or early fall.

-Mary Ann Heidemann for the Building Committee



From the Desk of
TOBY THE CHURCH DOG
May 2026



Hello my dear friends!

I know I've shared this before; I'm pretty good at sensing when the folks around me are feeling down or are facing challenges in their lives. My immediate reaction is a deep longing to make a positive difference. How I wish to make a difference! I sit near the one in need. I share kisses. I gaze into their eyes. I even share my toys, because what can lift a heart better than a game of chase with a saliva covered squeaky toy? But lately, the feels I'm receiving are so much more intense; and it seems that almost every person I meet is covered in them. I'm even noticing strong emotions between the humans that I love, and who love one another.

I think I manage my emotions pretty well, unless my day includes a visit to my veterinarian, Dr. Chelsea; then I'm all aquiver. I play regularly; I eat healthy meals; I go out in the fresh air; and most importantly, I spend time with God. All of these help me to feel mostly positive and even in my attitude and demeanor. But, all of this emotion around me is taking a toll, because I just want to help my friends to feel better. I've been asking myself, "How can I help?" And then I realized that I can make a meaningful difference when I hold my dear humans in prayer. Actually, it is God who makes a huge difference when I hand him my prayer concerns.

I've learned that when I pray, I am stepping into relationship with God. I am trusting his love and wisdom, and believing that I will receive his best answers. I talk; God listens. I listen; God guides. My prayer time takes so many forms: a quiet walk in nature; sitting contemplatively in a quiet place listening; an ongoing dialogue in which I purge myself of every bit of my pain, handing it over to the one who loves me so. Saying, "Thank you!" as I notice the many blessings around me. If I had thumbs, I'd even consider writing my thoughts to my Lord, for I know he hears me in every way I reach out to him.



And so, while I am saddened and befuddled by the pain those dear to me are carrying, I pray for them and trust that God will provide exactly what is needed, and exactly when it is needed. In this, I AM making a positive difference. In this, I am sharing love. I invite you, my dear friends, to enjoy a rich prayer relationship with God; and I ask you to please hold those in need in your prayers too.

With love from your Church Dog,

TobY

Do not be anxious but pray about everything. Philippians 4:6

Those Serving

May 3rd

Liturgist: Beth Getzinger
Greeters:
Preservice Music Beth Getzinger
Fowers: Linda Knopf
Coffee Hour: J & R Long

May 10th

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

May 17th

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

May 24th

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

May 31st

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



May Birthdays

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| Dawn Simpson | 5/08 |
| Peter Tsangaris | 5/10 |
| Jayson Carrier | 5/13 |
| Sadie Lucas | 5/15 |
| Jef Getzinger | 5/16 |
| Emil Zielaskowski | 5/19 |
| Cole Brege | 5/20 |
| Jyl Getzinger | 5/22 |



*Presbytery Monthly
Newsletter Link*

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:

Beach Hall, who is home from the hospital for healing.

Marion Lamb, for healing from viral pneumonia and fluid on her lungs.

Joan Downs, sister of Jeanette & Richard Long, who is in Hospice care.

Janet Nowak, as she faces medical challenges.

Tim, Gail Stoutenburg's son, for healing.

Marcia Schleben, who has vertigo and back pain.

Lois Allum, for healing.

James Snyder, Gail Stoutenburg's brother, who is hospitalized and not doing well.

Dr. Bob Case, for healing.

Sue Brown, for healing.

Lori Storms Hilla, David Storms' daughter, for healing.

Roger Faust and his caregiver, wife.

We celebrate and thank God for:

For 95 years on this earth! Happy Birthday Beach Hall on April 29th!

For flood waters receding.

We pray for all those mourning.

We pray for those in the Military.

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| Treasurer | Beach Hall | email: bbh827@charter.net |
| Secretary | Michelle Kamyszek | email rcwestminster@gmail.com |
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| | Ann Clapp – Organist | email annb1946@gmail.com |
| | Myriam Goodwin – Choir Director | email dulaquais65@gmail.com |
| Church Historian | Kay Morrill | |
| Pastor Emeritus | Reverend William C. Koch | Honorably Retired |

ELDERS

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| Priscilla Jaeger | Clerk of Session |
| Beach Hall | Treasurer |
| Myriam Goodwin | Music & Worship |
| Don McLennan | Personnel |
| | Christian Education |
| Mary Ann Heidemann | Building & Grounds/Nominations |
| | Membership/Fellowship/Outreach |
| Beach Hall | Missions/ Stewardship/Finance |

DEACONS

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| Deacon Class of 2026 | Deacon Class of 2027 | Deacons Class of 2028 |
| Gail Stoutenburg | Shelby Carrier | Maggie Morley |
| Lois Allum | Cliff Fisher | Gene LaPointe |



*Mother's Day
Word Search*

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| DAY | HUGS | LOVE | SPECIAL |